

# **2018 Annual Report**

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## ***OUR VISION***

Healthy People in Healthy Communities

## ***OUR MISSION***

To ensure the optimal health of the community through promoting physical and mental health, and to prevent disease, injury and disability through on-going surveillance and dedication to excellence and value in the provision of community-based services.

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# COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In 2018, the Health Department continued providing high quality public health services in an efficient, professional manner. The majority of goals established for 2018 were accomplished and are outlined in the specific program reports. Highlights of the year's accomplishments include:

- Continue seeking means to improve efficiency within HD and among other departments and community agencies: Ongoing
- Deepen relationship with Weights and Measures, to assure County responsibilities are met during LOA of Director of Weights & Measures: Ongoing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Care Coordination Summit on Substance Use Disorder topics
- Continue onboarding new HD staff members:
  - Reconfiguration of Fiscal Officer (Public Health) job description due to difficulty recruiting at qualifications/salary. Successful hiring of J. Merrill
  - Recruited Public Health Technician, training in process (Basic EH class complete, FSIO certification expected 1Q2019)
- Ongoing work with Genesee-Orleans-Wyoming County Opioid Task Force, L. Paolucci is co-Chair; membership 325+ as of January, 2019. Initiatives in process: Peer program for ED; MAT in the Jail; grant administration for GRHF; grant seeking for housing solutions.
- Worked with mental health and UBMD to initiate Buprenorphine in ED setting: Implemented and first patients enrolled
- Wrapped NYSDOH contract for the Livingston-Wyoming Cancer Services Program; initiated a new partnership with Genesee-Orleans-Niagara-Wyoming CSP, Healthy Living Partnership as the lead agency (WCHD as a contractor).
- Filed \$1MM grant application to NYSDOH for continuation of successful Navigator Program
- Narcan trainings: ongoing
- Bi-Annual Coroners meetings: Improved coordination among Coroners, successful transition to EDRS (electronic death records), streamlining response to hospice deaths (ongoing)
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- Participating in dialogue surrounding potential impact of Legalized Adult-Use Recreational Marijuana in NYS.

A major focus for 2018 was continued emphasis on fiscal responsibility as we negotiated the ever-changing and ongoing budgetary challenges presented by New York State. We anticipate continued fiscal challenges for 2019 as State and Local budgets continue to shrink and will continue to identify areas for shared services, consolidation and improved efficiency. Additionally, we continue to work on succession planning as there are several retirements anticipated in the next few years

# FISCAL REPORT

The Wyoming County Health Department sources of funding include grants, fees for service and taxpayer levy. Note the following for 2018:

The Wyoming County Health Department was able to continue the lease of a portion of the facility on Mungers Mill Road to the Visiting Nursing Association of Western New York Inc. through 3/31/2018. This resulted in revenue of approximately \$5,000. Unfortunately, this relationship terminated effective March 31, 2018 as the VNA consolidated their regional operations to a central location outside of Wyoming County. The County made the decision to re-locate Veterans Services and Weights & Measures to the Mungers Mill site. This impacted the HD budget.

The MOU with the Department of Social Services to have Health Department nursing staff conduct in-home Social Work assessments utilizing the UAS-NY system is ongoing. The revenue stream related to this service has been consistent and amounted to approximately \$6,700 in 2018.

The MOU with the Fire and Building Codes for inspections at permitted establishments was renewed for 2018. This revenue stream increased for 2018 amounting to approximately \$1,200. Although the revenue from this MOU is small, it is cost-saving in terms of efficiency (Health Department Environmental personnel can now conduct fire inspections for permitted establishments, so it isn't necessary to have a Building Code Enforcement Officer do a separate inspection).

The Wyoming County Health Department deepened its relationship with Wyoming County Weights & Measures, continuing to bill establishments for device inspections and working cooperatively with Livingston-Steuben Weights & Measures to complete inspections during the absence of the Director of Weights & Measures.

A large percentage of the Wyoming County Department of Health's funding is received through NYS and Federal funding. In 2018, the Wyoming County Department of Health maintained the following grants:

Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention	NYSDOH Navigator
NYSDOH Cancer Services (expired 9/30/18)	GTSC Child Safety Seat
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	NYSDOH Early Intervention Admin
NYSDOH Children with Special Health Care Needs	NYSDOH Immunization Program (IAP)
Drinking Water Enhancement Program	PHC IMPACT grant (expired 9/30/18)
Title X Family Planning Program	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Zoonosis Program (Rabies)	

Each of these grants funds programs that serve the residents of Wyoming County. Coupled with NYSDOH Article 6 State Aid, the grants provide a very important component of the Wyoming County Department of Health's overall funding stream. The RFA for the Cancer Services Program was awarded to the Healthy Living Partnership, and Wyoming County is now operating as a subcontractor (effective 10/1/18). There continues to be potential threats to funding in 2019, based on changes at the NYS and Federal levels and related to provisions of the Affordable Care Act. There could be regulatory and funding impacts to the Title X Family Planning and the Navigator Program. Financial impact will be monitored and communicated proactively to the Board of Supervisors and Budget Office.

Program decisions are made at the Wyoming County Health Department with every intention of minimizing county taxpayer levy. Maintaining the Wyoming County Department of Health budget continued to be a challenge in 2018 due to additional unforeseen circumstances. In 2018 the Health Department total tax payer levy was approximately \$195,000 under the revised budget, which was prepared in August 2017. After the budget was submitted and approved there were some significant changes that occurred. Due to retirements and staff resignations we were short up to four employees, decreasing overall salary and fringe expense. The Cancer Services program revised the award for Clinical Service, our budgeted expenditures were reflective of the original award. In 2018 rabies treatment cases were down compared to 2017. The HD also benefited from updated County contracted savings associated with utility expense.

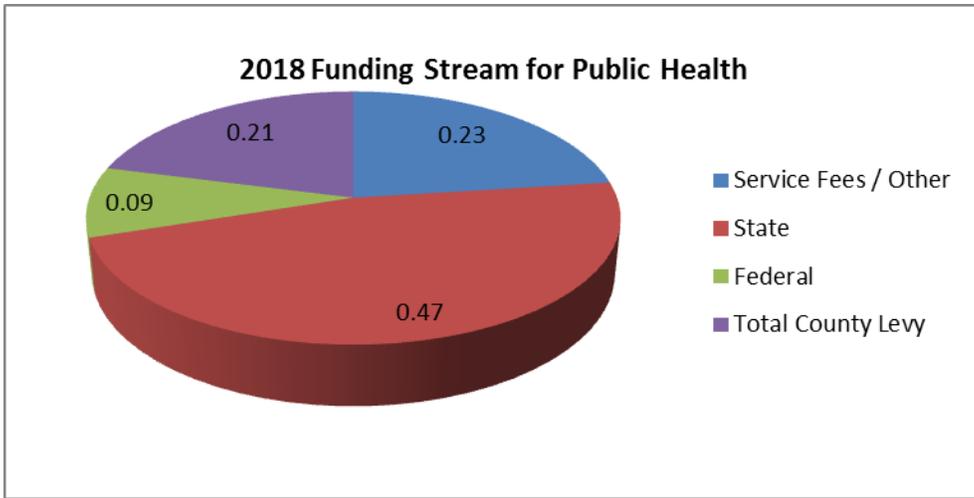
The Health Department, which has had a long run of stability and consistency, has experienced a tremendous amount of change in the past two years. Staffing was brought back to capacity by September 2018 and at this time all positions are filled. The current status of the Health Department appears to be strong. We continue to embrace this unprecedented change and look for opportunities to implement efficiencies and improvement during these times. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors and Public Health Committee for supporting the HD efforts to recruit qualified team players. Special thanks to Lauri Witkowski, Senior Account Clerk for her willingness and strong support during the period of transition with the Fiscal Officer position.

## Wyoming County Department of Public Health (Including Early Intervention)

	2018 Budget Revised	2018 Actual Figures	
Service Fees / Other	631,159	668,426	
State	1,324,485	1,343,759	
Federal	280,872	268,271	
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>2,236,515</b>	<b>2,280,456</b>	
Personal Svc	1,223,503	1,214,455	
Capital	42,771	42,771	
Contractual	1,028,581	908,108	
Fringes	739,504	717,304	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>3,034,359</b>	<b>2,882,638</b>	

<b>Total County Levy</b>	<b>797,844</b>	<b>602,183</b>	<b>195,661</b>
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\*\*\*Under  
Budgeted  
Levy



### Ten Year Comparison

Year	County Levy	Health Dept Budget	Percent of Levy
2008	341,554	3,994,138	9%
2009	479,527	4,265,974	11%
2010	423,121	4,432,711	10%
2011	552,662	4,210,959	13%
2012	803,998	4,494,544	18%
2013	383,118	3,560,512	11%
2014	513,875	2,863,036	18%
2015	675,322	2,866,543	24%
2016	587,633	2,833,437	21%
2017	484,665	2,720,575	18%
2018	602,183	2,882,638	21%

# Public Health Nursing Report

The Public Health Nursing Staff is responsible for disease surveillance, and follow up, disease and injury prevention, health education, evidenced based programing, and some direct services such as immunization, lead testing, and well-baby visits to the residents of Wyoming County. The activities support our mission for optimal health for our community. In 2018 we replaced a retired Public Health Nurse with a new Public Health Nurse and hired a Public Health Educator replacing our Cancer Service Program Coordinator. The Cancer Services program looked much different in our county with outreach being the primary focus. This change has been helpful in realigning some of the duties of the Public Health Nursing Staff to more direct programing and having the Public Health Educator focus on outreach and education and evidenced based programing.

The following is a list of program areas that our Public Health Department is involved in. A comparison of numbers for 2016, 2017 and 2018 is provided.

<b>Maternal Child Health</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Home visits	16	16	16
Child Safety Seats Fitted	89	67	34
Child Safety Seats Distributed and Fitted	161	94	21
Lead Tests	13	13	3
Lead Home Visits	5	4	5
Lead Case Management	4	2	7
Denver Developmental Screenings	45	40	45

## **Immunization**

Immunization Clinic Attendance	460	278	527
Vaccines Administered	532	228	518
Flu Vaccinations	300	320	251
TB Tests	70	64	95
AFIX Visits	2	2	2

## **Communicable Disease**

Communicable Disease Reports	207	175	157
Communicable Disease Visits	2	14	6
Latent TB Case Management	4	4	0
Active TB Management	0	0	0
Direct Observation TB Therapy Visits	0	12	7
HIV Tests	1	4	2
Hepatitis C Tests	1	2	

## **Chronic Disease**

Diabetes Prevention Clients	51	231	72
Diabetes Prevention Classes	86	66	82
Nutrition Counseling Encounters/Non duplicated	15	11	32
Cancer Services Enrollees	68	61	9
Screenings	87	57	18
Cancer Diagnosis	2	2	0

### **Navigator Services**

Navigator Applications	573	673	1,378
Individual Enrollments (Estimated)	1,166	1,264	2,442
Small Businesses Enrolled	4	0	0
Employees Enrolled	119	14	58

### **Jail Services**

Inmates Receiving Health Services	442	518	463
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### **Other Visits**

Licensed Home Care Service Agency Visits	24	35	39
UAS Visits (Contracted DSS Personal Care Program)	68	77	64

### **Narcan/Opioid Prevention Program**

Reported Kits Used		4	5
Kits Replaced		106	81
Number of Individuals Trained		32	128

## **Public Health Program Highlights**

- Promoting good Maternal Child Health outcomes is an initiative supported by NYSDOH. The Health Department continues home visits to high risk mothers and infants. There is a regional effort to increase breastfeeding among new mothers and educate primary care providers and pediatricians. This year Wyoming County hosted one of the regional meetings and had a local pediatrician and the midwifery practice speak. It was well attended by regional staff.
- The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program continues to monitor children with elevated leads in collaboration with their primary physician. Joint visits with health department nursing and environmental staff occur when indicated. Education, developmental testing, identifying risk factors and potential lead sources in the home are the focus of these visits. GIS mapping of elevated lead levels was initiated in 2018 to help identify education efforts based on where children with elevated leads are located within the county.
- In 2017 the GTSC issued a new RFA in May more suitable for our community. The Health Department secured funding and continues to fit, educate and distribute child safety seats to those who attest to a financial need. This supports our injury prevention program.
- Communicable Disease investigation and follow up are the responsibility of our local health department. A monetary incentive award was given to health departments for timely follow up and reporting of Gonorrhea and Syphilis again in 2017, but combined it with an environmental incentive. Our health department was at 100% and received this incentive. Communicable disease numbers remained fairly consistent. The incidence of Hepatitis C is expected to climb due to the opioid epidemic. The health department nursing staff was trained in rapid testing for Hepatitis C for clients who present with risk factors. Referral sources are in place for clients to seek treatment.

- The immunization program continues to participate in the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program for underinsured children and Vaccine for Adult (VFA) programs which is vaccine for high risk adults. Other vaccines are available and are billed using are Electronic Medical Records software. Our immunization program is linked with the Immunization Registry (NYSIIS) and supports physicians through the AFIX (Assessment Feedback Incentive Exchange) program to increase vaccination rates. The Office of the Aging flu clinics were discontinued in 2015 due to trending decreases in numbers and the wide spread availability of flu vaccinations through pharmacies and providers. The Health Department continued to offer on-site flu clinics. . Immunization efforts increased over 2018 with the addition of the Adult Vaccine Program last year, offering Shingrix for a fee and increasing efforts to accommodate individuals at their convenience. The addition of a new Public Health Nurse has revitalized this program - welcome Erin Herman!
- Denver Developmental Testing is done by Public Health Nursing Staff for the pre-school programs in the area. The health department is reimbursed by the school district for this service.
- The Health Department continues to offer the Diabetes Prevention Program. The program is an evidenced based program based on a low fat diet and exercise resulting in a 5% weight reduction which is proven to reduce pre - diabetes and prevent or delay the onset of Type II Diabetes.
- The Navigator Program continues to grow and decrease the population of uninsured throughout the county in partnership with many entities in the county. Individuals are enrolled at WCCH, behavioral health, the local jail, GCC and other locations as needed. The Health Department partners with Community Action, Office of the Aging, and the Chamber of Commerce to meet the needs of county residents. A new RFA was issued for NYSDOH for the period 2019-2024; the WCHD applied, leveraging the strengths of the current program.
- The Wyoming County Health Department provides the medical services at the jail contractually. This relationship continues to improve efficiency and reduce cost. Many of our programs (Reproductive Health Education, Navigator, HIV, TB, Hep C, VFA, and Narcan/Opioid Prevention) overlap making this a good fit.
- The Licensed Home Care Service Agency (LHCSA) was created after the closing of the Certified Home Health Agency, to allow home visiting for MCH, Communicable Disease, TB, Lead etc. It is a required licensure in order for a nurse to cross the threshold of a home. There are regulatory requirements such as Policies and Procedures, Quality Improvement, and Chart reviews etc.
- The Health Department contracts with the local DSS to provide the social work assessments for the Uniform Assessment System (UAS). This has been done smoothly and is a revenue source for the Health Department and a cost savings for the local DSS.
- The Health Department is a training agency for the Opioid Prevention Program. Program staff train individuals in the use of narcan, distributes narcan kits, replace kits and collect usage data. This fits with our Community Health Improvement Plan and helps to address the growing epidemic. Members of the Health Department Staff participate in the tri-county task force and are active in subcommittees to address the many complicated issues associated with opioid addiction.
- Public Health Detailing was highlighted as a best practice. The staff initiated a project using detailing to increase HPV vaccination rates in the county.

- The Public Health Educator is looking at the future and the possibility of accreditation. All meeting minutes are recorded using a standard format to meet PHAB requirements.

## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

The Men's and Women's Reproductive Health Services Clinic continues to provide vital services to residents of Wyoming County, with particular focus on adolescents and residents that are un-insured / under-insured. MWHS receives partial funding for operations from the New York State Department of Health Title X Competitive grant. In 2018, NYSDOH announced an additional extension period through 12/31/2019 from the prior five-year grant cycle that originally ended 12/31/2015. There is uncertainty to the Title X funding formula in the next competitive grant cycle beginning in 2020, due to the provisions of the Federal Affordable Care Act, as well as a challenge to reproductive healthcare funding at the Federal level. MWHS Performance Measures remain consistent with statewide averages among other Title X program; volume is declining.

Reproductive health care at MWHS is delivered through health assessment, physical examination, counseling and education on health / social risk factors, the clients' Reproductive Life Plan (desire for and timing of children), contraceptive options and prevention / treatment of STD's, as well as Hep C testing in cooperation with Public Health Nursing. Clients at risk for substance use disorder receive an SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment). MWHS staff provide referrals to Wyoming County clinical providers and community-based organizations for needed services. Narcan training and kits are provided to clients at risk of opioid use.

Charges are cost based; there is a sliding fee scale, Medicaid and most private insurances are accepted. Due to increasing complexity of credentialing, billing, posting and denials management (as well as fiscal staff attrition), in 2018, MWHS entered into an agreement with Integra for billing and revenue cycle management. Kim Standish has done excellent work improving the HD position and effectively managing the MWHS fiscal position to be levy neutral. See below for annual AHLER'S TITLE X client volume comparison\*\*:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Unduplicated Clients</b>					
Warsaw	913	921	905	888	
Attica	57	56	59	57	
Male	40	43	42	35	
Female	930	934	922	910	
<b>Total Unduplicated Clients</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>876</b>
<b>Client Visits</b>					
Warsaw	1,792	1,761	1,669	1,606	
Attica	98	97	98	86	
<b>Total Client Visits</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>1,570</b>

\*\*NOTE: ABOVE ARE TITLE X ELIGIBLE CLIENTS ONLY  
(TOTAL VISITS IN 2018 WERE 2,052)

**WYOMING COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Environmental Health Division is obligated to educate, guide, review and enforce the regulations as outlined in the New York State Sanitary Code and the Sanitary Code of Wyoming County.

➤ **Staff of 6 - Director, (4) Field Staff, (1) Clerical**

➤ **Assists other State Agencies**

- NYS Department of Conservation

(Public Water Supplies, Air Quality, Ground & Surface Water Contamination, Spills)

- NYS Agriculture and Markets

(Initial Retail Store Complaints/Investigations, Facility Water Supply Protection)

➤ **Assists other County Departments**

- WC Building & Fire Codes

(Water/Sewage System Requirements, Complaints, Fire & Safety Inspections)

- WC Soil & Water and WC Water Resource Agency

- WC Emergency Services

**2018 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS**

This office assisted WC Emergency Management and NYS DEC with environmental concerns after a train derailment in the (T) Attica. Water sampling and other environmental cleanup activities will continue through 2018.

Joint inspections of inactive landfills in the V. Wyoming, T. Perry and T. Pike were conducted on March 1<sup>st</sup> with NYS DEC and their contractor. This is part of a new DEC effort to determine potential ground water contamination from these old landfills. Additional inspections will occur at other locations in the county through 2018.

On March 6<sup>th</sup> this office held the annual Children's Camp workshop. This workshop is a joint effort with NYSDOH and is meant to update the operators of children's camps within Wyoming County. These updates include any potential code changes and/or operational issues that may affect them over the upcoming camping season. The workshop was attended by 14 people representing 10 of our 21 permitted children's camps.

This office held the annual Certified Water Operators Training Course on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Wyoming County Agricultural Center. This course benefits the certified water operators, representing most of the community water systems within Wyoming County, by providing them with information that will support them with the operation of their respective systems. In addition, 5 contact training credits are issued to assist the operators with their required renewal training credits. This year's training was well attended with 52 operators in attendance. Evaluations were positive with the location being well received.

On March 26<sup>th</sup> the Environmental Health Director attended the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) summit in Rochester. As directed by Governor Cuomo, NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation, Health and Agricultural & Markets convened four regional summits to discuss and come up with potential solutions to combat HAB's in an effort to protect vulnerable waterbodies throughout NYS. National, state and local experts were part of the discussion panel with input from attendees.

This office is part of a committee looking at the possibility of dredging the north end of Silver Lake, including the inlet and outlet. Also on this committee are the Towns of Castile & Perry, the Villages of Perry and Mt. Morris, WC

Economic Development and IDA, Clark Patterson Lee Engineering, WC Highway and WC Soil & Water. The dredging project would help to improve the overall lake and drinking water quality.

Andrew Meyer of this department is continuing to assist 23 of our Public Community Water Systems with their required Annual Water Quality Reports. The Annual Quality Report is designed to provide consumers with information on the quality of the water delivered by their public water system. These reports must be completed and posted for public review before the end of May.

Our department assisted Wyoming County Soil & Water with the Public Water Taste Test held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Letchworth State Park as part of the Envirothon Program. This year six of Wyoming County's Public Water systems (Arcade, Attica, Castile, Silver Springs, Perry and Warsaw) competed. This year's first place winner was the (V) Arcade who now is eligible to compete at the regional level being held in Rochester.

Multiple water quality samples were collected at regulated bathing beaches within the county during the month of June. Several sample results were high in e-coli resulting in repeat samples being collected and the temporary closing of the effected beaches.

A raccoon from the Jellystone campground, (T) Java, tested positive for the rabies virus. NYS DEC contacted us, after they received a call from the campground manager. After results came back from the lab, we required camp staff to contact all the campers who had been at the campground within the previous two weeks to determine if there were any potential exposure concerns with people or pets that was not previously reported. Departmental staff spoke to a number of individuals. It was determined there were no potential exposure concerns.

Inspections were conducted by this department prior to and during the Jam in the Valley, (T) Sheldon, concert event that ran from July 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. The temporary campground and food vendors were generally operating within the guidelines issued by this department as part of the Public Assembly Permit.

For three weeks in August, this office, at the request of NYS DOH, sampled raw and finished water at Silver Lake and the Village of Perry's water supply for microcystin toxin from HAB, blue green algae bloom. The bloom was smaller this year as compared to last year. Varying levels of toxin were found in the raw water, but was not detected in the finished water after treatment.

Wyoming County Fair was held during the week of August 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. There were no major incidents to report and it operated within the guidelines issued by this department as part of the WC Public Assembly Permit and Health Department issued Agricultural Fairgrounds Permit.

A cat from the Town of Covington tested positive for the rabies virus. The homeowner involved received post-exposure treatment as well as the Vet and Vet tech that prepped the cat without proper personal protection. In addition, a second cat tested positive for the rabies virus this year in Wyoming County. This cat was from the Town of Perry and the individuals involved received post exposure treatment.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, members of this department attended the NYSAC Conference's Agricultural Committee meeting in Rochester. There were many important topics of discussion including the concern of chemical pollutants in our water supplies and the possible application of municipal/industrial and bio-gas generation plant waste being applied to agricultural land.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> a water/wastewater lab course was held by NY Rural Water at the WC Ag. Center. This course was facilitated by our department in an effort to have more local training opportunities at our WNY centrally located Ag. Center. The training was well attended by 22 operators from Wyoming County and WNY with the training venue being well received.

The Apple Umpkin Festival was held September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. There were no incidents to report and it operated within the guidelines required by this department as part of the Public Assembly Permit issued by Wyoming County.

Rob Jines (PH Sanitarian) started providing Weights and Measures program oversight during the Director's Leave of Absence and along with Danni Hutson (PH Technician) assisting with site inspections as needed.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the fifth and final 2018 rabies vaccination clinic was held by this department. 2018 clinic vaccination numbers were down slightly from the previous year with a total of 959 vaccinations (663 dogs, 296 cats) being given. New this year was an online early registration form developed by this department that received positive feedback by those that used it. This office received \$1,496.00 in donations and out of county resident fees during the five clinics.

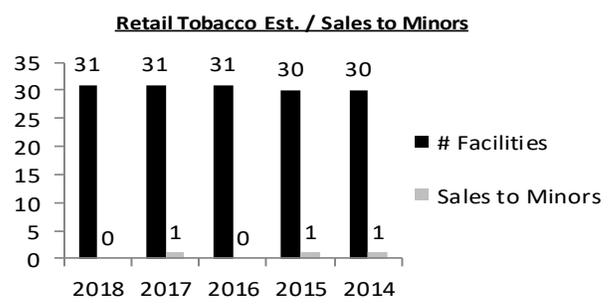
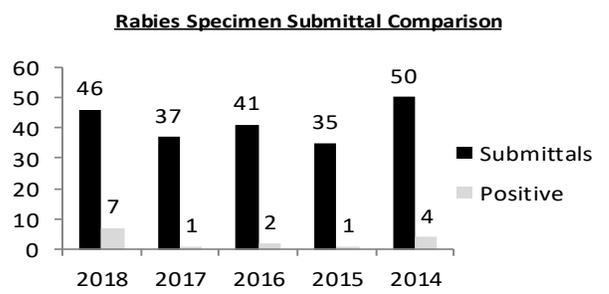
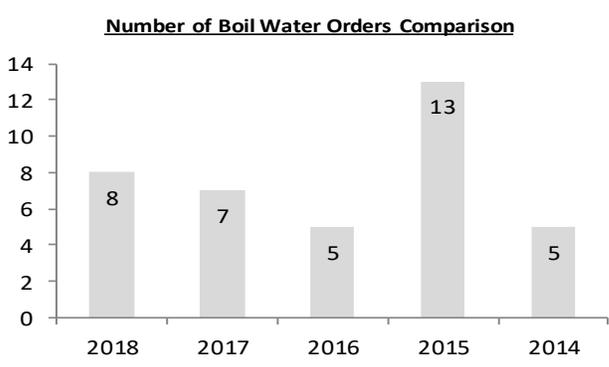
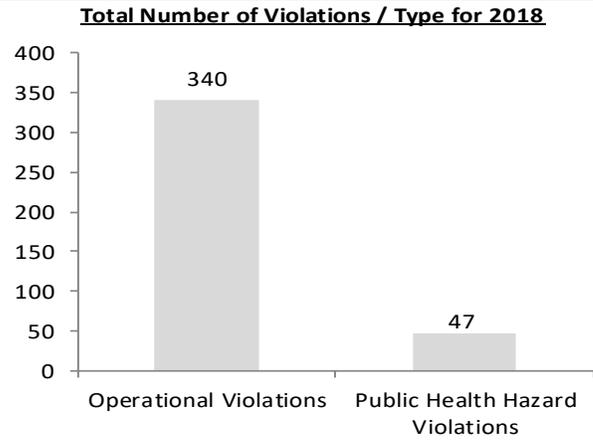
This office conducted a Certified Tobacco Sales Training Program for Retail Tobacco Establishments on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Warsaw at the WC Ag & Business Center. There were three individuals in attendance. Attending the training sessions will reduce the number of points assigned to an establishment if a tobacco product is sold to a minor during a compliance check by a clerk that has attended and satisfactorily completed the training.

A horse tested positive for rabies on a farm in the (T) Eagle. The farmer and another farm worker had administered oral medication to the horse during the late illness phases. These two received post exposure shots. The veterinarian who treated and prepared the brain for testing also received a booster shot.

During 2018 two retail tobacco sales compliance checks and re-inspections, with a minor, were completed at our retail tobacco establishments. A total of thirty-two establishments were visited with no facilities selling cigarettes to a minor.

## 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM STATISTICS & COMPARISONS

(Number compared to previous year)	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b><u>Community Environmental Health &amp; Food Protection Program</u></b>		
Food Service Establishment	267	<b>274</b>
Community Dinner Events	233	<b>220</b>
Recreational Campground	18	<b>18</b>
Temporary Residence	19	<b>20</b>
Swimming Pool	33	<b>32</b>
Bathing Beaches	8	<b>9</b>
Mobile Home Park	16	<b>16</b>
Children's Camps	22	<b>20</b>
Tanning Facility	9	<b>10</b>
Agricultural Fairground	1	<b>1</b>
Tattoo/Baody Piercing Establishment	3	<b>3</b>
Operational & Fire/Safety Inspections	658	<b>696</b>
<b><u>Water Supply Program</u></b>		
Community	28	<b>29</b>
Non-Transient Non-Community	6	<b>6</b>
Non-Community	77	<b>75</b>
Individual Water Supply (Public)	2	<b>2</b>
Public Water Samples Collected	561	<b>526</b>
WCWRA Water Samples Submitted	1,039	<b>1,074</b>
Private Water Samples Collected	484	<b>477</b>
Surface Water Quality Samples Collected	32	<b>39</b>
Water System Plans Approved	4	<b>4</b>
Onsite Wastewater System Permits	69	<b>101</b>
Property Transfer Inspections	205	<b>234</b>
Water Operators Training Course	1	<b>1</b>
<b><u>Rabies Program</u></b>		
Animal Bite Investigations	99	<b>106</b>
Specimens Submitted for Testing	37	<b>46</b>
Positive Rabies Confirmations	1	<b>7</b>
Human Post Exposure Treatment	8	<b>18</b>
Rabies Vaccination Clinics	5	<b>5</b>
Total Number of Animals Vaccinated	1062	<b>959</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Program Areas</u></b>		
Nuisance Complaints	40	<b>26</b>
Mass Gatherings	3	<b>3</b>
Retail Tobacco Establishments	31	<b>31</b>
Lead Program Investigations	1	<b>3</b>
<b><u>Enforcement Proceedings Initiated</u></b>		
	7	<b>3</b>



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## 2018 Program Goals

- Completion of Budget Period 1 grant deliverables
- Participation in regional Coalition Surge and Evacuation exercise
  - Regional surge plan exercise which tests the capabilities of healthcare facilities in WNY to receive an influx of patients from an event by establishing overflow areas within the health system
- Completion of Medical Countermeasure Distribution Point of Distribution exercise
  - Point of distribution exercise to test the ability of the department to provide medical countermeasures to the general population during a medical emergency event

## 2018 Program Highlights

- In conjunction with the point of distribution exercise, the WCCHS point of distribution plan was also evaluated and revised. This plan details how the department will work with WCCHS to provide prophylaxis to health system employees and families members during an event.
- The Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming County CHEMPACK plan was revised and tested during an exercise based of a pesticide exposure scenario. CHEMPACK is a stockpile of emergency medications located at United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia and serves the three counties, along with WCCHS and Orleans Community Health in Medina. This plan involves the coordination of multiple agencies from the three counties, including local Health Departments, hospitals, Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS agencies. Training on CHEMPACK was also provide to first responders within the three counties on medications available, indicators for requesting assets and the request procedures.
- The county Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Assessment was updated this past summer. This assessment, conducted every three years by the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, combines county agencies along with their state representatives, to evaluate capabilities, identify threats and assess vulnerabilities faced within the county. Results of this assessment are used to steer preparedness planning efforts across the county.
- A water main break in the Village of Warsaw once again resulted in a loss of water to the WCCHS. This event, which was similar to existing events, once again prompted the department to work with WCCHS the Village of Warsaw, and New York State Department of Health to ensure patient safety within the health system. As with the previous event, the incident was handled with minimal issues due to the planning and preparedness between the health system, this department and NYSDOH. Following the event, the water outage plan was again updated with additional measures to ensure a safe and efficient response for a future event.

## 2019 Program Goals and Objectives

- Completion of the Budget Period 1X grant deliverables
- Revise the departments Medical Countermeasures Distribution Plan and test as part of a regional exercise
- In conjunction with Emergency Management, work with an outside vendor to finalize the county Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Support Functions annexes

# CORONERS

Wyoming County has four Coroners, elected for four-year terms; they are:

- Michael Smith (2018 - 2021), Wyoming
- Renee Hill (2016-2019), Attica
- Neil Williams (2016-2019), Arcade
- Dr. Jennifer Prutsman-Pfeiffer (2019-2021, corrected term), Darien Center

In 2018, Coroners were paid \$100 per case, plus mileage. Note the case volume below:

M. Smith	92	J. Prutsman-Pfeiffer	19
R. Hill	25	N. Williams	10

Arcade: 10	Attica: 17	Bennington: 7
Castile: 8	Covington: 6	Eagle: 3
Gainesville: 5	Genesee Falls: 4	Java: 2
Middlebury: 5	Orangeville: 6	Perry: 26
Sheldon: 6	Silver Springs: 3	Warsaw: 33
Wethersfield: 5	Wyoming: 0	

When a death occurs, a Coroner is dispatched by the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department to the scene, to conduct an investigation for determination of the cause and manner of death. Coroners are assigned a geographic quadrant of Wyoming County for response purposes, however, the vast majority of cases are responded to by M. Smith. If cause and manner can be reasonably determined, and a physician will sign the death certificate, the decedent is released to a Funeral Home and required paperwork is completed by the Coroner to file a death certificate. If cause and manner of death cannot be determined, the case is referred to the Medical Examiner for autopsy. Wyoming County contracts with the Monroe County Medical Examiner (MCME) for these services. When a case is referred to the MCME, the decedent is transported by a contracted Wyoming County Funeral Home at a cost of \$200 per transport. The Wyoming County Funeral Homes that provide this service are: Robinson Hackimer (Warsaw), WS Davis (Arcade), Marley (Attica) and Eaton-Watson (Perry). Certain cases must be referred to the MCME, including: MVA, suicide, suspected overdoses, pediatric and inmates. In 2018, the Coroners began working through a change to Hospice case response, this is ongoing in 2019. Also in 2018, NYS rolled out the Electronic Death Record System, replacing the paper death certificate process.

MCME requires an annual contract for Medical Examiner Services, wherein an estimate of volume must be provided to obtain contracted services at a contracted rate (\$2,100 for full/partial autopsies and \$1,600 for B&D). Annual cost is determined based on this estimate: if the County overestimates volume, the full contracted cost is due and payable. Similarly, if the County underestimates volume, additional cases beyond the contracted numbers are payable at a higher rate (\$2,500 and \$1,800 respectively). This contract format has been unfavorable in recent years due to increased volume of cases being referred to MCME as a result of overdose deaths and suicides among Wyoming County residents, which cannot be predicted. Attempts to negotiate a more favorable format have been unsuccessful to date. Because concerns about the timeliness of MCME services continues to be an issue (some cases pending for more than a year), WCHD entered into an Agreement with NMS for post mortem lab testing; this has improved timeliness of lab results. In 2018, there were 157 Coroner attended deaths with 33 Cases referred to MCMC: 24 Full / Partial and 9 Blood & Description. The only revenue offset to Coroner-related expenses is a chargeback to DOCCS and SCOC for inmate deaths (which must be referred to MCME).