

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - AGENDA

October 6, 2026
8:30 AM

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 8, 2026
- **FINANCIAL**
 - Budget 2026
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - None
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Career Center Report
 - Upcoming Medicaid Changes
 - DOL Unemployment System downtime
 - CAC Funding Updates
- **PERSONNEL**
 - Victoria Macbeth was hired as a Caseworker effective 9/8/26
 - Ashley Lavore was hired as Social Services Investigator effective 9/21/26
 - Debra Goodspeed retired from Principal Social Welfare Examiner effective 9/30/26
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 - Amend Resolution No. 359-26; Authorize Contract with A New Hope Center
 - Authorize Contract with Multiple Foster Care Agencies
 - Amend 2026 Budget
 - Approve Funding 2027 Youth Bureau Program Funding
 - Authorize Tioga County Department of Social Services to Solicit & Accept Donations in Excess of \$1000
 - Authorize Out-Of-Title Pay
- **PROCLAMATION**
 - None
- **ADJOURNMENT**



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Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

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ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANSFERS/	REVISED	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
A	General Fund	APPROP	ADJUSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
A6010 Social Services Administration								
A6010 418110	Repayments of SNAP	-1,500	0	-1,500	-3,782.82	.00	2,282.82	252.2%
A6010 436100	State Aid-Social S	-2,160,000	-194,971	-2,354,971	-1,939,456.00	.00	-415,515.00	82.4%*
A6010 446100	Federal Aid-Social	-2,100,000	-433,181	-2,533,181	-2,662,021.00	.00	128,839.74	105.1%
A6010 446110	Federal Aid - SNAP	-615,625	0	-615,625	-514,483.00	.00	-101,140.00	83.6%*
A6010 446150	Federal Aid-Flexib	-1,912,396	0	-1,912,396	-1,535,410.00	.00	-376,986.00	80.3%*
A6010 510010	Full Time	4,932,147	130,859	5,063,006	3,236,560.41	.00	1,826,445.69	63.9%
A6010 510020	Part Time/Temporar	160,013	0	160,013	73,411.48	.00	86,593.36	45.9%
A6010 510030	Overtime Pay Only	100,000	0	100,000	44,599.68	.00	55,400.32	44.6%
A6010 510050	All Other(On Call,	37,600	0	37,600	37,705.73	.00	-105.73	100.3%*
A6010 520070	Chairs	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
A6010 520090	Computer	3,000	0	3,000	588.99	.00	2,411.01	19.6%
A6010 520200	Office Equipment	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A6010 520220	Printer	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
A6010 530100	Data Processing	92,921	0	92,921	118,265.06	.00	-25,344.06	127.3%*
A6010 530300	Legal	13,812	0	13,812	7,996.66	.00	5,815.34	57.9%
A6010 530551	Maintenance in Lie	166,733	0	166,733	46,885.05	.00	119,847.95	28.1%
A6010 530582	Security Services	18,000	0	18,000	15,318.05	.00	2,681.95	85.1%
A6010 540010	Advertising	2,900	0	2,900	1,620.00	.00	1,280.00	74.8%
A6010 540040	Books	3,834	0	3,834	3,023.02	.00	730.00	78.8%
A6010 540070	Car Maintenance	7,000	0	7,000	5,515.93	.00	1,484.07	78.8%
A6010 540140	Contracting Servic	1,063,000	182,871	1,245,871	565,433.95	.00	394,029.57	68.4%
A6010 540180	Dues	6,400	0	6,400	5,508.00	.00	339.45	94.7%
A6010 540190	Education Reimburs	3,270	-1,500	1,770	.00	.00	1,770.00	.0%
A6010 540201	Food Stamps/Client	4,000	0	4,000	3,278.10	.00	721.90	82.0%
A6010 540210	Garbage/Shredding	6,200	0	6,200	4,996.08	.00	1,203.92	80.6%
A6010 540220	Automobile Fuel	20,000	0	20,000	12,342.28	.00	7,657.72	61.7%
A6010 540270	Insurance-Liabilit	59,795	-4,898	54,898	54,897.72	.00	.00	100.0%
A6010 540320	Leased/Service Equ	9,000	0	9,000	2,515.73	.00	6,484.27	28.0%
A6010 540330	Legal Fees	3,000	8,600	11,600	11,158.05	31.75	410.20	96.5%
A6010 540360	Meals/Food	300	0	300	.00	.00	300.00	.0%
A6010 540370	Medical Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A6010 540390	Mileage Expense	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
A6010 540420	Office Supplies	23,000	500	23,500	15,283.24	.00	8,216.76	65.0%
A6010 540441	Paternity Testing	1,500	0	1,500	-148.80	.00	1,648.80	-9.9%
A6010 540480	Postage	30,000	0	30,000	25,508.42	.00	4,491.58	83.0%
A6010 540485	Printing/Paper	10,500	0	10,500	8,307.70	.00	2,192.30	79.1%
A6010 540487	Program Expense	15,500	221,569	237,069	147,254.42	8,474.25	81,340.33	65.7%
A6010 540581	Security Systems &	85,000	0	85,000	62,174.51	3,578.24	19,127.25	77.4%
A6010 540620	Software Expense	94,443	0	94,443	92,935.80	.00	1,507.20	98.4%
A6010 540640	Supplies (Not Offi	2,400	1,000	3,400	2,977.50	.00	422.50	87.6%



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A	General Fund							
A6010	540660 Telephone	19,000	1,540	20,540	11,568.93	.00	8,970.67	56.3%
A6010	540733 Training/all other	32,000	0	32,000	15,581.00	.00	16,328.00	49.0%
A6010	540810 Nyschg-Cseu	0	0	0	396.20	.00	-396.20	100.0%*
A6010	540820 Nyschg-Ebics	40,000	0	40,000	23,318.00	.00	16,682.00	58.3%
A6010	540840 Nyschg-Legal	20,000	0	20,000	10,388.00	.00	9,612.00	51.9%
A6010	540850 Nyschg-Training	5,200	0	5,200	.00	.00	5,200.00	.0%
A6010	581088 State Retirement F	741,877	13,325	755,202	447,250.12	.00	307,951.88	59.2%
A6010	583088 Social Security Fr	398,361	10,063	408,424	242,406.14	.00	166,018.34	59.4%
A6010	584088 Workers Compensation	93,945	3,654	97,599	79,235.13	.00	18,364.31	81.2%
A6010	585088 Unemployment Insur	0	924	924	924.06	.00	.00	100.0%
A6010	585588 Disability Insuran	4,496	188	4,684	3,589.70	.00	1,094.14	76.6%
A6010	586088 Health Insurance F	1,485,469	78,548	1,564,017	1,375,874.98	.00	188,142.34	88.0%
A6010	588988 Eap Fringe	1,205	51	1,256	988.74	.00	267.74	78.7%
TOTAL Social Services Administration		3,031,150	19,144	3,050,294	162,286.94	299,683.52	2,588,323.41	15.1%
A6050 Public Facility For Children								
A6050	436100 Stateaid-Child Adv	-210,362	-132,141	-342,503	-52,044.13	.00	-290,458.66	15.2%*
A6050	436100 CAC26 State Aid-Soc	0	-795,987	-795,987	-58,009.62	.00	-737,977.78	7.3%*
A6050	510010 Fulltime	105,377	0	105,377	1,647.95	.00	103,729.05	1.6%
A6050	510010 CAC26 Fulltime	0	301,470	301,470	40,873.14	.00	260,596.57	13.6%
A6050	510030 CAC26 Overtime Pay	0	0	0	16.82	.00	-16.82	100.0%*
A6050	510050 All other-on call,	45,500	0	45,500	.00	.00	45,500.00	.0%
A6050	520090 Computer	0	650	650	133.54	.00	516.46	20.5%
A6050	520210 Other Furniture	0	2,286	2,286	.00	.00	2,285.60	.0%
A6050	520220 Printer	0	475	475	.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A6050	540010 Advertising	0	1,800	1,800	.00	.00	1,800.00	.0%
A6050	540140 Contracting Servic	0	106,774	106,774	67,117.98	.00	39,655.52	62.9%
A6050	540140 CAC26 Contracting S	0	205,455	205,455	17,877.95	.00	187,577.10	8.7%
A6050	540180 Dues	460	0	460	.00	.00	460.00	.0%
A6050	540180 CAC26 Dues	0	2,440	2,440	544.00	.00	1,896.00	22.3%
A6050	540191 Electric Utility	4,100	-4,100	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
A6050	540191 CAC26 Electric Util	0	23,110	23,110	3,334.65	.00	19,775.67	14.4%
A6050	540420 Office Supplies	500	100	600	.00	.00	600.00	.0%
A6050	540420 CAC26 Office Suppli	0	6,126	6,126	2,439.88	156.99	3,529.13	42.4%
A6050	540485 Printing/Paper	0	100	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A6050	540487 Program Expense	5,000	6,850	11,850	6,905.66	.00	4,944.58	58.3%
A6050	540487 CAC26 Program Expen	0	9,482	9,482	7,443.84	542.59	1,495.32	84.2%
A6050	540550 Rent/Lease	22,800	0	22,800	.00	.00	22,800.00	.0%
A6050	540550 CAC26 Rent/Lease	0	108,300	108,300	19,180.00	.00	89,120.00	17.7%
A6050	540640 Supplies (Not Offi	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%



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A	General Fund	APPROP	ADJUSTMS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
A6101	436010 State Aid-Medical	0	0	0	31,569.00	.00	-31,569.00	100.0%*
A6101	446010 Federal Aid-Medica	0	0	0	28,742.00	.00	-28,742.00	100.0%*
A6101	540487 Medical Program E	20,000	0	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.0%
TOTAL Medical Assistance		0	0	0	-9,489.05	.00	9,489.05	100.0%
A6102 Medical Assistance - Mmis								
A6102	540487 Mmis Program Expen	8,323,885	0	8,323,885	6,272,487.00	.00	2,051,398.00	75.4%
TOTAL Medical Assistance - Mmis		8,323,885	0	8,323,885	6,272,487.00	.00	2,051,398.00	75.4%
A6109 Family Assistance								
A6109	418090 Repayments Family	-250,000	0	-250,000	-123,801.93	.00	-126,198.07	49.5%*
A6109	446090 Federal Aid-Family	-1,030,000	0	-1,030,000	-422,114.00	.00	-602,886.00	41.5%*
A6109	540487 Family Assist Prog	1,800,000	0	1,800,000	725,773.08	17,916.69	1,056,310.23	41.3%
TOTAL Family Assistance		520,000	0	520,000	174,857.15	17,916.69	327,226.16	37.1%
A6119 Child Care								
A6119	418190 Repayments Of Chil	-295,000	0	-295,000	-277,676.37	.00	-17,323.63	94.1%*
A6119	436190 State Aid-Child Ca	-1,490,000	0	-1,490,000	-1,074,779.00	.00	-415,221.00	72.1%*
A6119	446190 Federal Aid-Child	-700,000	0	-700,000	-650,798.00	.00	-49,202.00	93.0%*
A6119	540487 Foster Care Progra	3,640,885	0	3,640,885	2,764,964.52	.00	875,920.48	75.9%
TOTAL Child Care		1,155,885	0	1,155,885	761,711.15	.00	394,173.85	65.9%
A6123 Juvenile Delinquent Care								
A6123	418230 Repayments Of Juve	-5,000	0	-5,000	-299,53	.00	-4,700.47	6.0%*
A6123	436230 State Aid-Juvenile	-105,000	0	-105,000	-29,333.03	.00	-75,666.97	27.9%*
A6123	436230 RTA State Aid-Juven	-700,000	0	-700,000	-880.00	.00	-699,120.00	.1%*
A6123	540487 JD Program Expense	675,000	0	675,000	383,623.96	577.00	290,799.04	56.9%
A6123	540487 RTA JD Program -RTA	700,000	0	700,000	26,764.91	.00	673,235.09	3.8%



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A	General Fund	APPROP	ADJUSTMENTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET	USE//COL
TOTAL Juvenile Delinquent Care								
		565,000	0	565,000	379,876.31	577.00	184,546.69	67.3%
A6129 State Training Schools								
A6129	540487 OCFS Local Program	490,000	0	490,000	337,560.00	.00	152,440.00	68.9%
TOTAL State Training Schools		490,000	0	490,000	337,560.00	.00	152,440.00	68.9%
A6140 Safety Net								
A6140	418400 Repayments of Safe	-100,000	0	-100,000	-96,105.46	.00	-3,894.54	96.1%*
A6140	427010 Refunds of Prior Y	0	0	0	-406.50	.00	406.50	100.0%
A6140	436400 State Aid-Safety N	-203,000	0	-203,000	-130,774.00	.00	-72,226.00	64.4%*
A6140	446400 Federal Aid-Safety	-20,000	0	-20,000	-3,308.00	.00	-16,692.00	16.5%*
A6140	540487 Safety Net Program	900,000	0	900,000	591,401.01	.00	308,598.99	65.7%
TOTAL Safety Net		577,000	0	577,000	360,807.05	.00	216,192.95	62.5%
A6141 Energy Crisis Assistance Progr								
A6141	418410 Repayments of Home	-150,000	0	-150,000	-67,460.35	.00	-82,539.65	45.0%*
A6141	446410 Federal Aid-Home E	130,000	0	130,000	55,906.00	.00	74,094.00	43.0%
A6141	540487 HEAP Program Expen	20,000	0	20,000	8,030.52	.00	11,969.48	40.2%
TOTAL Energy Crisis Assistance Progr		0	0	0	-3,523.83	.00	3,523.83	100.0%
A6142 Emergency Assistance To Adults								
A6142	436420 State Aid-Emergenc	-15,000	0	-15,000	-19,043.00	.00	4,043.00	127.0%
A6142	540487 EAA Program Expens	30,000	0	30,000	29,546.96	.00	453.04	98.5%
TOTAL Emergency Assistance To Adults		15,000	0	15,000	10,503.96	.00	4,496.04	70.0%
TOTAL General Fund		14,694,253	19,144	14,713,397	8,615,934.57	319,352.24	5,778,110.06	60.7%
TOTAL REVENUES		-14,672,765	-1,556,280	-16,229,045	-11,484,558.59	.00	-4,744,486.86	
TOTAL EXPENSES		29,367,018	1,575,424	30,942,442	20,100,493.16	319,352.24	10,522,596.92	



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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	14,694,253	19,144	14,713,397	8,615,934.57	319,352.24	5,778,110.06	60.7%

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A	General Fund	APPROP	ADJUSTMts	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
A5630 Public Transportation								
A5630 430900	State Aid -Transpo	0	-80,026	-80,026	-11,653.96	.00	-68,372.04	14.6%*
A5630 440900	Federal Aid-Transp	0	-640,204	-640,204	-93,231.62	.00	-546,972.38	14.6%*
A5630 540140	Contracting Servic	0	720,230	720,230	225,331.16	.00	494,898.84	31.3%
TOTAL Public Transportation		0	0	0	120,445.58	.00	-120,445.58	100.0%
TOTAL General Fund		0	0	0	120,445.58	.00	-120,445.58	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES		0	-720,230	-720,230	-104,885.58	.00	-615,344.42	
TOTAL EXPENSES		0	720,230	720,230	225,331.16	.00	494,898.84	



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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	120,445.58	.00	-120,445.58	100.0%

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CD	Federal	APPROP	ADJUSTMENTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
CD6293 Federal Employment Programs								
CD6293	424010	Interest And Earn	0	0	-1,326.65	.00	1,326.65	100.0%
CD6293	447910	Federal Aid-Feder	-279,783	-279,783	-109,466.24	.00	-170,316.76	39.1%*
CD6293	510010	Full Time	173,687	173,687	117,786.55	.00	55,900.45	67.8%
CD6293	530551	Maintenance in Li	0	0	4,218.32	.00	-4,218.32	100.0%*
CD6293	540010	Advertising	250	250	.00	.00	250.00	.0%
CD6293	540130	Contracts	12,000	12,000	.00	.00	12,000.00	.0%
CD6293	540420	Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
CD6293	540480	Postage	260	260	67.93	.00	192.07	26.1%
CD6293	540733	Training/All Othe	800	800	.00	.00	800.00	.0%
CD6293	581088	State Retirement	24,849	24,849	23,774.85	.00	1,074.15	95.7%
CD6293	583088	Social Security F	13,343	13,343	8,788.71	.00	4,554.29	65.9%
CD6293	584088	Workers Compensat	3,147	3,147	2,606.45	.00	540.55	82.8%
CD6293	585588	Disability Insura	151	151	122.10	.00	28.90	80.9%
CD6293	586088	Health Insurance	49,756	49,756	41,041.70	.00	8,714.30	82.5%
CD6293	588988	Eap Fringe	40	40	32.45	.00	7.55	81.1%
TOTAL Federal Employment Programs		0	0	0	87,646.17	.00	-87,646.17	100.0%
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TOTAL REVENUES		-279,783	0	-279,783	-110,792.89	.00	-168,990.11	
TOTAL EXPENSES		279,783	0	279,783	198,439.06	.00	81,343.94	



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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	87,646.17	.00	-87,646.17	100.0%

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A7310 Youth Programs								
A7310 438200	State Aid-Youth Pr	0	-104,017	-104,017	.00		-104,017.00	.0%*
A7310 540180	Dues	100	0	100	100.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A7310 541540	Reimbursements	0	104,017	104,017	77,750.45	.00	26,266.55	74.7%
TOTAL Youth Programs		100	0	100	77,850.45	.00	-77,750.45*****%	
TOTAL General Fund		100	0	100	77,850.45	.00	-77,750.45*****%	
TOTAL REVENUES		0	-104,017	-104,017	.00		-104,017.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		100	104,017	104,117	77,850.45	.00	26,266.55	



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GRAND TOTAL	100	0	100	77,850.45	.00	-77,750.45*****%	

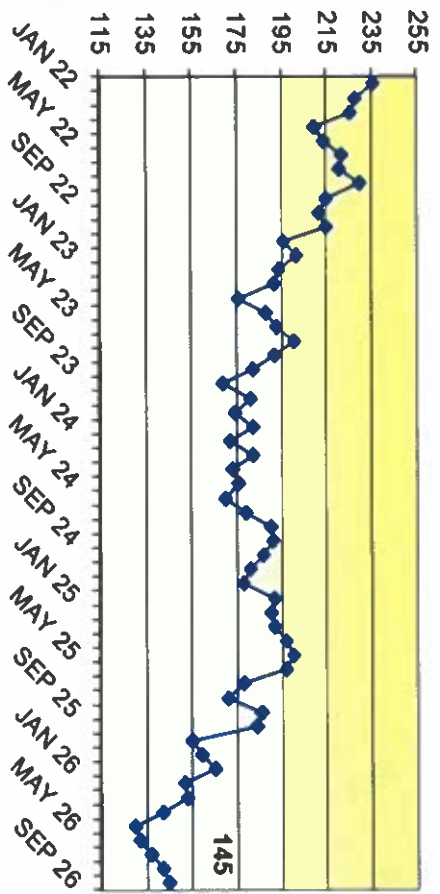
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CASELOAD CHANGES - 2026

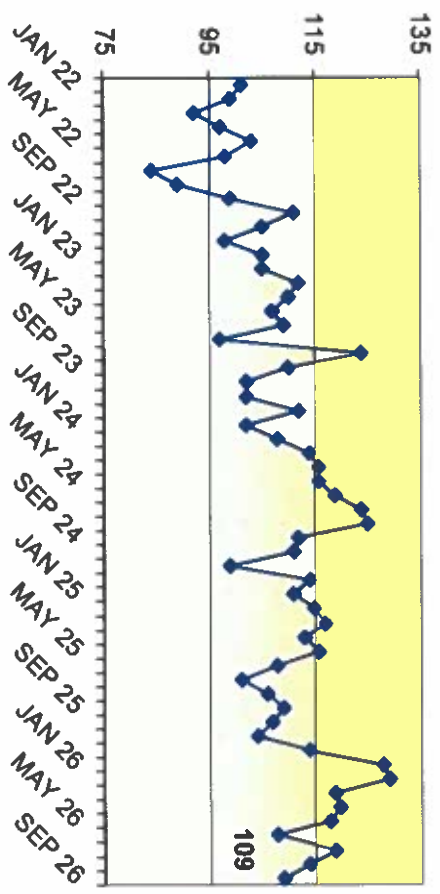
TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Cases			
	12/31/2025	9/30/26	% Change
FA	86	78	9%
SNA Singles	86	70	19%
SNA Families	8	9	-13%
Total TA	180	157	13%
MA-Only	1,997	1823	9%
MA-SSI	1,049	1018	9%
Total MA	3,046	2841	7%
SNAP	2,563	2456	4%
Day Care	208	207	0%
Services	434	436	0%
Individuals			
	12/31/2025	9/30/2026	% Change
FA	159	145	9%
SNA Singles	86	70	19%
SNA Families	28	39	-39%
Total TA	273	254	7%
MA-Only	2,142	1,940	9%
MA-SSI	1,049	1,018	3%
Total MA	3,191	2,958	7%
SNAP	4,549	4,212	7%
Services	1,138	1,174	-3%
Individuals On Medicaid			
	12/31/2025	9/30/2026	% Change
TA	273	254	-7%
MA	3,191	2,958	-7%
ADC-FC	0	0	0%
TOTAL	3,464	3,212	-7%

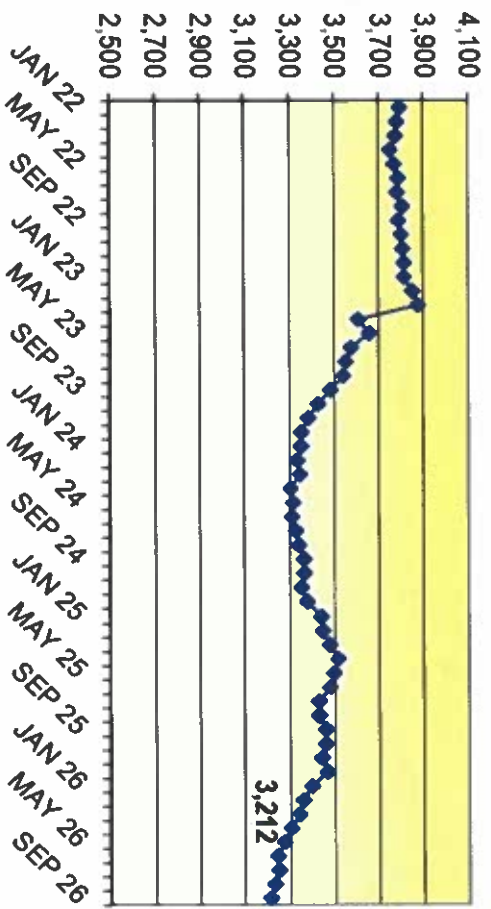
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Jan. 2022 - Sept. 2026



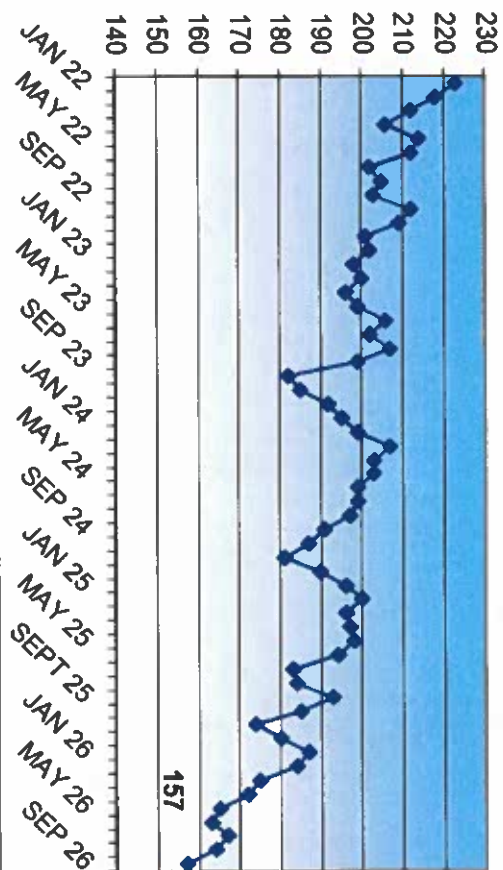
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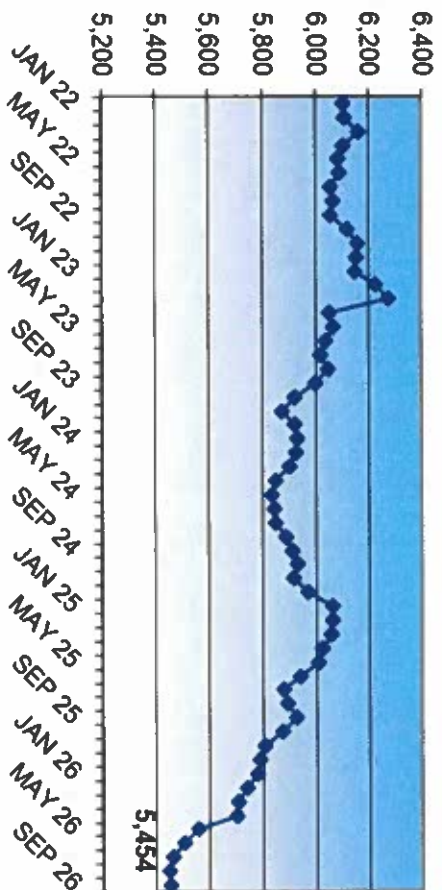
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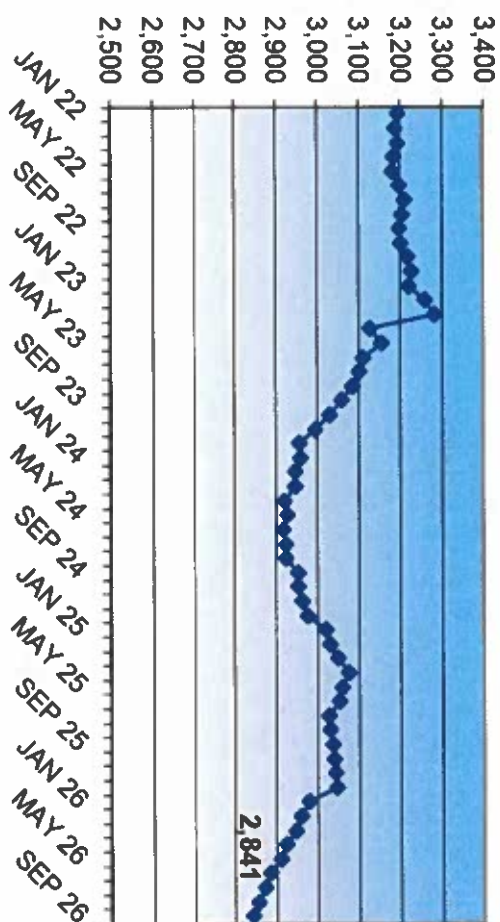
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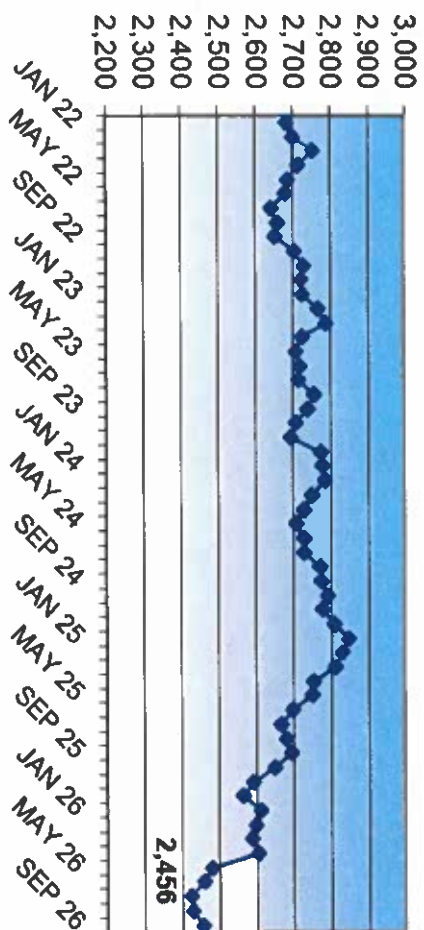
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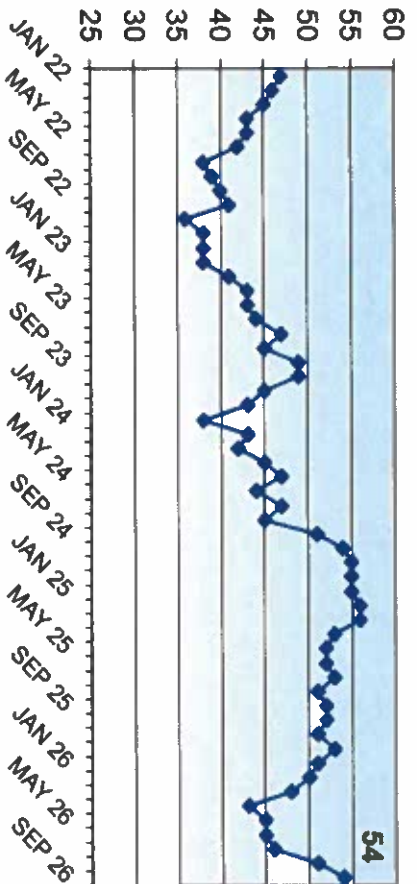
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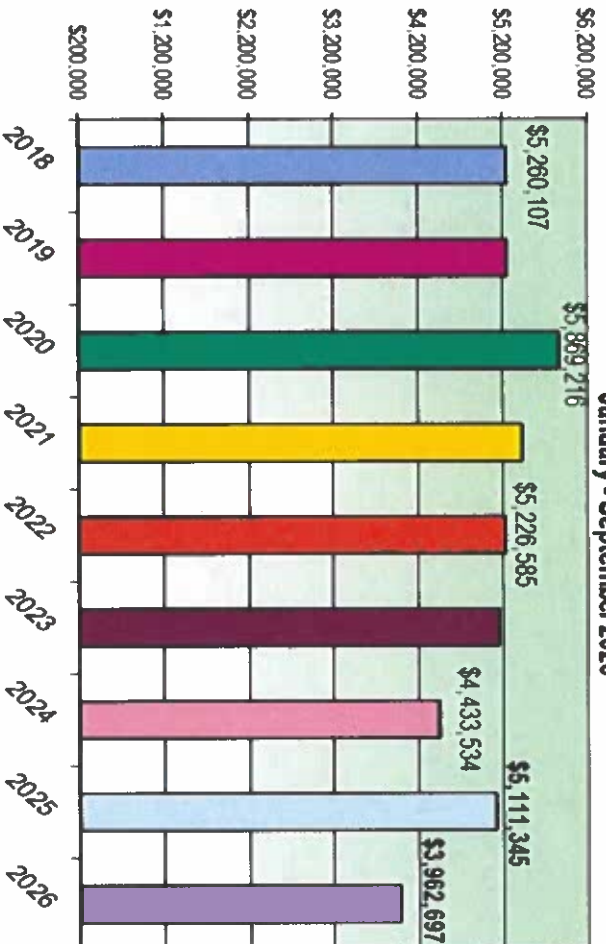
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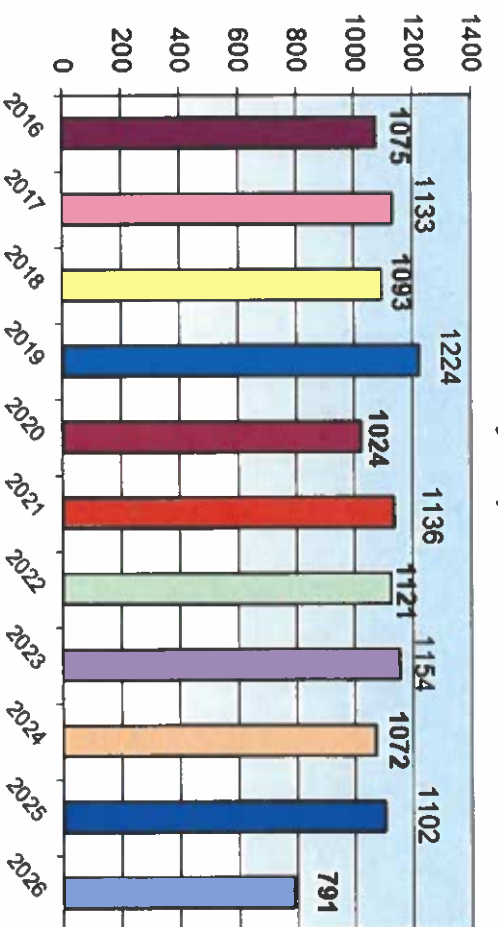
Children in Foster Care at End of Month Jan. 2022 - Sept. 2026



Child Support Collections 2018-2025 January - September 2026



Child Protective Services State Central Register Reports (Hotline) 2015 - 2025 Annual Totals January - September 2026





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COMMITTEE MEETING

October 6th, 2026

Current open job postings in Tioga = 157

56 new Unemployment claims opened in September, 52 had effective claim dates in September, there were 2 seasonal claims, and 2 were older claims that just opened.

Unemployment Rates: "NYSDOL will soon announce the updated dates for our press releases concerning the monthly employment reports for August. We are currently obtaining the necessary data from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). We are committed to delivering this information as promptly as possible and appreciate your patience during this time."

	Aug '26	July '26	Sept. '25
TIOGA	3.7	3.6	3.4
NYS	4.6	4.2	4.7
US	4.3	4.4	4.3

The Tioga County Career Center has launched a targeted rapid response initiative to support local workers navigating an influx of unemployment claims earlier this year. This month, the center hosted a dedicated job fair in partnership with Best Buy to connect displaced workers directly with hiring managers. Additionally, staff members are intensively preparing current and future Unemployment Insurance Benefit recipients for the upcoming state system shutdown after November 2nd, ensuring they understand how the transition will impact their payment timelines and claims processing.

At the same time, the center continues to drive local employment through its dedicated Department of Social Services client programs. Out of 20 DSS clients receiving intensive career readiness assistance this month, 2 individuals have already successfully secured work and transitioned back into stable employment. To better serve the community through these heavy volume shifts and program updates, the center is also pleased to report that it is back to being fully staffed.

Changes to Medicaid Coverage Starting January 2027

What's New?

Starting January 1, 2027, some people who have Medicaid coverage will need to show they are working, going to school, helping out in the community, or participating in job training to keep their health coverage. This is a new federal rule from the government called Work Requirements for Medicaid Coverage.

If this rule affects you, you'll need to do **80 hours of approved activities** each month.

You can do these things to meet the requirements:

Earn income of \$580 per month

OR

- A) Work at least 80 hours per month at a job where you get paid
- B) Go to school at least half-time
- C) Join a job training or work program
- D) Volunteer or help out in your community
- A combination of any of the above activities (A-D)

Will the Work Requirements for Medicaid Coverage Rule Affect Me?

This rule is for adults who have Medicaid coverage. But many people **do not** have to follow this rule, including people who are:

- 18 years old or younger
- 65 years old or older
- Pregnant, or were pregnant in the last 12 months
- Enrolled in Medicaid with a disability
- Diagnosed with a physical or mental health condition that makes it hard to work
- Entitled to, or enrolled in Medicare Part A or enrolled in Part B
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- A parent, guardian, or caregiver to a disabled individual
- A parent, guardian, or caretaker to a child under 14
- In a SNAP household, and subject to SNAP work requirements
- Enrolled in TANF and meeting TANF work requirements
- In a program to help with drug or alcohol use
- Currently in jail or prison, or released in the last 90 days
- Currently in foster care
- If you were formerly in foster care and discharged between the ages of 18-21, you are exempt until age 26
- A veteran with a total disability

IMPORTANT NOTE: *You may need to meet certain conditions or show proof that you fit one of these exceptions from the list above when you renew your Medicaid coverage.*

What Should I Do Now?

Before anything changes, we will tell you exactly what you need to do to keep your Medicaid coverage.

Please make sure we have your correct phone number, email address, and home address so we can send you important information.

If you enrolled in Medicaid through NY State of Health, you can update your contact information in these ways:



- ✓ Go to your NY State of Health account at nystateofhealth.ny.gov.
- ✓ Meet with an [enrollment assistor](#) who can help you update your account.
- ✓ Call the [NY State of Health Customer Service Center](#) at 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220).

You can learn more about how to update your contact information with NY State of Health here: [Reporting Changes](#).

Some New Yorkers enroll in Medicaid through their county's Local Department of Social Services. A small number of these people will also need to follow new federal rules. If you enrolled in Medicaid with your county's [Local Department of Social Services](#), contact that office to update your information.



SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE, OR:

Visit: info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/stay-covered

Call: 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220)

REFERRED TO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26

AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 359-26;
AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH
A NEW HOPE CENTER
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature previously adopted Resolution No. 359-26 on August 11, 2026 authorizing the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer to execute the contract with A New Hope Center to provide two advocates for the contract term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services received additional funding through the New York State Office of Victim Services contracts; and

WHEREAS: A New Hope Center is to provide three Advocates to assist the Child Advocacy Center in their mission; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$202,229.62; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the contract with A New Hope Center not to exceed \$202,229.62 for the contract term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original \$202,229.62 will be carried forward into the New Year.

REFERRED TO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH
MULTIPLE FOSTER CARE AGENCIES
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services of Tioga County is charged with the responsibility of the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Tioga pursuant to section 395 et seq. of Social Services law; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with multiple foster care agencies to provide these services at Maximum State-Aid Rates; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with the agencies listed below for the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, for the contract term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Children's Home PKPS
Children's Home of Jeff County
Children's Home of Wyoming Conf.
Elmcrest Children's Center
Glove House-Group Home
Hillside Children's Center
Homespace Corp
House of the Good Shepherd
Lincoln Hall Boys Haven
New Directions Youth & Family Svcs
Northeast Parent and Child Society
Parsons Parent & Children Center
Pathways, Inc.
St. Anne Institute
St. Catherine's Center
The LaSalle School
The William George Agency
Together for Youth
Vanderhayden

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 26 AMEND 2026 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services will exceed the budgeted amounts for A6142 540487 EAA Program Expense due to a DV placement and A6070 540487 Title XX Program Expense due to aftercare services; and

WHEREAS: Funds are available for transfer from expense account A6109 540487 Family Assistance Program Expense; and

WHEREAS: Transfer of funds between these accounts requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be transferred as follows:

From: A6109 540487	Family Assistance Program Expense	\$50,000.00
To: A6070 540487	Title XX Program Expense	\$35,000.00
To: A6142 540487	EAA Program Expense	\$15,000.00

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26 APPROVE FUNDING
2027 YOUTH BUREAU PROGRAM FUNDING
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature approves Youth Bureau program funding which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Board has reviewed 2027 applications for funding which are consistent with guidelines previously presented to the Legislative Committee; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the following programs recommended by the Tioga County Youth Board for program year October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 be approved by the Tioga County Legislature in the amounts indicated:

Candor PTSA	\$ 7,000
Catholic Charities YESS	\$ 6,000
Cornell Cooperate Extension – FRC	\$ 1,500
Cornell Cooperative Extension – 4H	\$ 5,373
Kali's Klub House 7 Keys to Success	\$ 4,000
Lions Camp Badger	\$ 1,700
Spencer-VanEtten PAVE	\$ 2,475
Ti-Ahwaga Community Players	\$ 3,000
Tioga County Council on the Arts	\$ 3,000
Tioga Central School Summer Recreation	\$ 8,000
Tioga County Child Advocacy Center	\$ 1,500
Town of Owego Summer Recreation	\$ 6,000
Tioga County Youth Bureau dues (required)	\$ 100
Total Youth Development Program Funds	\$49,648
Lions Camp Badger	\$ 8,291
Northern Tioga Summer Recreation	\$ 8,291
Tioga Central Field Hockey Club	\$ 8,291
Waverly Recreation	\$ 5,000
Total Youth Sports & Education Opportunity Funds	\$29,873
Candor PTSA	\$12,948
Spencer-VanEtten Youth Association	\$10,000
Skyline Corral	\$ 1,000
Total Youth Team Sports Funds	\$23,948
GRAND TOTAL	\$103,469

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26

AUTHORIZE TIOGA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SOLICIT
AND ACCEPT DONATIONS IN EXCESS OF \$1000

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for the solicitation and for the receipt of any donation in excess of \$1000 per County Policy – Gifts and Donations; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services works with community agencies to provide holiday gifts to children who have involvement with Child Protective and Preventive Services and the Department will be soliciting for holiday gifts for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS: The Department will soliciting and accepting gifts from the following agencies, Catholic Charities, The Punisher's Motorcycle Club, Owego VFW, Best Buy and other agencies and individuals; and

WHEREAS: By partnering with the community, we can ensure that all children in Tioga County have a happy holiday season; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Department of Social Services is authorized to accept in-kind donations of holiday gifts with an anticipated value equal to or greater than \$1000, for distribution to children served by the Department during the 2026 holiday season, in accordance with the Tioga County Gifts and Donations Policy.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26

AUTHORIZE OUT-OF-TITLE PAY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Article 4 Section E of the current collective bargaining agreement allows for out-of-title pay if an employee performs the duties of a higher pay grade for more than 20 calendar days; and

WHEREAS: Due to the reinstatement of Case Supervisor, Grade A effective close of business on August 21, 2026, there is a need for someone to provide continuity of coverage, and fill those responsibilities for our adult services community; and

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to authorize the payment of out-of-title salary at the acceptable higher pay grade; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Amber Johnson assumed the duties of the Case Supervisor, Grade B effective August 22, 2026, through October 2, 2026, and is being reinstated to Caseworker effective October 5, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes out-of-title pay for Amber Johnson reflective of a retroactive annual increase of \$8204.00 for the duration from August 22, 2026, through October 2, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 8:30AM.

Present: Mr. Bill Standinger	Chair of the Committee (Arrived 8:38 AM)
Mr. Andrew Aronstam	Legislator
Mr. Ray Bunce	Legislator
Ms. Jo Ellen Rose	Legislator
Ms. Sarah Begeal	Director of Community Services
Ms. Liz Myers	Commissioner of Social Services
Ms. Heather Vroman	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services (PH)
Guests: Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislative Chair

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann reported that August was a large revenue month, receiving over \$1.6 million dollars. Fee-for-Service Revenues for 2026 are ahead of budget. They continue to see savings in the Preschool Services and Transportation lines and the Early Intervention escrow is down.

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business – Agency Report for August:

- Measles – One confirmed case in Tioga County that required 42 contacts; 20 Tioga residents. They held an impromptu vaccination clinic for unvaccinated individuals. To date 43 adults & children vaccinated with one individual quarantined. PH is continuing with continued education and outreach for the community. Surrounding counties have had 23 confirmed cases of measles. The population with confirmed cases are mostly unvaccinated. Legislator Standinger appreciated the efforts of Public Health to jump into action with the measles outbreak.
- Tick borne illness continues to trend on the high side. There are two spreadsheets in the packet that show animal bite investigations are high compared to previous years at 227 currently, compared to 237 for all of 2025. 42 individuals have received post-exposure treatment so far this year, compared to 39 for all of 2025. This is likely attributed to education of what to do when exposed for both public and providers. For post exposure county is responsible. The bills for these come later and PH tries to get reduced to the Medicaid rates if there is no insurance. PH will try to cover other areas but may need a resolution to transfer funding by the end of the year to cover. The first shot in the series averages \$3,000-\$20,000. There is a significant amount of follow-up required.

- The application for Project Public Health Ready (accreditation for Public Health Emergency Preparedness) was submitted at the end of August. Expect to be accredited in March. The National Review Team stated their application was one of the best applications ever submitted.

4. Personnel

- Jodi Inderwies, Office Specialist II, new hire effective 8/10/26

5. Resolutions

- Recognition of Rani Kapur-Pado's 26 Years of Dedicated Services to Tioga County Board of Health

Legislators approved resolution to move forward

6. Proclamations

- None

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Ms. Sarah Begeal reported that the 2026 budget is tracking as expected. They are continuing to monitor the Court Ordered Criminal Psychiatric line. The line is over budget exceeding the \$198,000 budgeted. They had been transferring money from unused Salary line but that surplus due to vacancies has been depleted. They are bringing a resolution to transfer money from contingency to cover July's invoice of \$42,284.37.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – see above
- DMH Training – This was completed. Most MH staff are now Certified Disaster Responders.

3. New Business

- AOT (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) Program Update – They are looking at 2014-2025 cases. Currently monitoring 6 clients.

4. Personnel

- Riley Lenetsky, Clinical Social Worker starting 9/21/26
- Brean Schaffer, promotion to Sr. Clinical Social Worker – transferring to the CAC effective 9/8/26
- Janeille Williams, Supervising Clinical Social Worker resigned effective 9/29/26.

5. Resolutions

- Create One (1) Full-Time AOT Coordinator Position (100% State Aid Funding)
- Resolution to Change the Composition of the Community Services Board from Fifteen (15) to Nine (9) Members
- Amend 2026 Budget Contingency Transfer Request (Criminal Psych)

Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

6. Proclamations

- None

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the August 4, 2026 minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Bunce, seconded by Legislator Anronstam. Motion Carried

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

- 2026 – Commissioner Myers reported that there is some payroll savings. Foster Care continues to run over budget by \$600,000. Will bring a resolution next month to move funds from the Admin line to cover FC expenses. EAA has an unexpected payment – will bring a resolution next month to cover the overage. The Detention allocation for 2027 was raised by \$26,000-\$27,000.

2. Old Business

- Stone Building – The estimate of \$1.2 million dollars has come in to make the building useable.
- Career Center – Commissioner Myers asked Jackie Burdick to outline the value of the Career Center.

3. New Business

- CAC Funding – Was awarded another increase award of \$259,000. Other counties had their funding cut. Commissioner Myers is looking to add a Senior Caseworker to conduct forensic interviews and an additional advocate at the CAC to have three advocates at the CAC.
- Foster Care Numbers – There were 5 new placements in August. We have 8 children in residential placement. One child has specialized placement that is currently \$1,000/day.
- Caseloads – See Caseload Summary
During August, Cash Assistance decreased 3 cases, with Family Assistance increasing 1 case and Safety Net decreasing 4 cases.
MA-Only decreased 20 cases
MA-SSI increased 4 cases
Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 20 to 3,228
SNAP increased 4 cases
Day Care remained flat

4. Personnel Changes

- Lorine Heveland was promoted to Social Welfare Examiner effective 8/8/26
- Joy MacNaughton was reinstated to Case Supervisor Grade B effective 8/22/26
- Amber Johnson was reinstated to Caseworker effective 8/22/26

5. Resolutions

- Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2026 Budget
- Appropriation of Code Blue 26-27 Funds and Amend 2026 Budget
- Authorization to Create and Fill One (1) Temporary Part-Time Principal Social Welfare Examiner Position (Assist with Chronic Care cases)
- Recognize Debra A. Goodspeed 22 Years of Dedicated Service

Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

6. Proclamations

- None

Commissioner Myers shared that she recently held a staff picnic where she grilled hot dogs & hamburgers and everyone brought a dish to pass. She presented several Commissioner's Awards of Excellence.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services

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