

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

February 4, 2025
8:30 AM

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 7, 2025
- **FINANCIAL**
 - January 2025 Budget
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Caseloads
 - Tioga Career Center Report
- **PERSONNEL**
 - Corrine Whitmore, P/T Social Services Investigator, resigned effective 1/7/25
 - Ashton Lewis, Caseworker, resigned effective 1/24/25
 - Chase Bullock, Office Specialist II, hired effective 1/27/25
- **RESOLUTIONS**
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (SAFE)
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (NR DV)
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (Code Blue)
 - Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2025 Budget (APS III)
 - Authorize Chair of Legislature to Sign Application for Grant Funds (Mobility Management)
 - Advocating for Reform and Increased Funding for NYS's Code Blue Program
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
 - None
- **ADJOURNMENT**



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Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 01

ACCOUNTS FOR:
General Fund

ORIGINAL
APPROP

TRANSFRS/
ADJUSTM'S

REVISED
BUDGET

YTD ACTUAL

ENCUMBRANCES

AVAILABLE
BUDGET

PCT
USE/COL

A6010 Social Services Administration

Account	Description	Original	Transfers/Adjustm's	Revised Budget	YTD Actual	Encumbrances	Available Budget	Pct Use/COL
A6010 418110	Repayments of SNAP	-1,000	0	-1,000	.00	.00	-1,000.00	.0%
A6010 436100	State Aid-Social S	-2,145,000	0	-2,145,000	.00	.00	-2,145,000.00	.0%
A6010 446100	Federal Aid-Social	-2,000,000	0	-2,000,000	.00	.00	-2,000,000.00	.0%
A6010 446110	Federal Aid - SNAP	-700,000	0	-700,000	.00	.00	-700,000.00	.0%
A6010 446150	Federal Aid-Flexib	-1,900,000	0	-1,900,000	.00	.00	-1,900,000.00	.0%
A6010 510010	Full Time	4,532,006	0	4,532,006	.00	.00	4,233,253.39	6.6%
A6010 510020	Part Time/Temporar	217,182	0	217,182	12,046.95	.00	205,134.65	5.5%
A6010 510030	Overtime Pay Only	100,000	0	100,000	7,423.98	.00	92,576.02	7.4%
A6010 510050	All other(On Call,	37,600	0	37,600	8,736.44	.00	28,863.56	23.2%
A6010 520070	Chairs	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
A6010 520090	Computer	3,000	0	3,000	90.12	.00	2,909.88	3.0%
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	.00	.00	92,921.00	.0%
A6010 530300	Legal	13,812	0	13,812	.00	.00	13,812.00	.0%
A6010 530551	Maintenance in Lie	166,733	0	166,733	.00	.00	166,733.00	.0%
A6010 530582	Security Services	18,000	0	18,000	.00	.00	18,000.00	.0%
A6010 540040	Advertising	6,700	0	6,700	.00	.00	6,700.00	.0%
A6010 540090	Books	3,834	0	3,834	673.71	.00	3,160.29	17.6%
A6010 540140	Car Maintenance	7,000	0	7,000	.00	.00	7,000.00	.0%
A6010 540180	Contracting Servic	1,003,365	-1,635	1,003,365	8,179.55	.00	995,185.45	85.5%
A6010 540190	Dues	6,257	0	6,257	5,348.00	.00	909.00	85.5%
A6010 540201	Education Reimburs	0	1,635	1,635	1,635.00	.00	0.00	100.0%
A6010 540210	Food Stamps/Client	4,000	0	4,000	.00	.00	4,000.00	.0%
A6010 540220	Garbage Disposat	6,100	0	6,100	.00	.00	6,100.00	.0%
A6010 540270	Automobile Fuel	20,000	0	20,000	73.64	.00	19,926.36	.4%
A6010 540320	Insurance-Liabilit	50,000	0	50,000	.00	.00	50,000.00	.0%
A6010 540330	Leased/Service Equ	14,500	0	14,500	.00	.00	14,500.00	.0%
A6010 540360	Legal Fees	3,000	0	3,000	322.05	.00	2,677.95	10.7%
A6010 540370	Meals/Food	300	0	300	28.99	.00	271.01	9.7%
A6010 540390	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	0	23,000	1,199.18	.00	21,800.82	5.2%
A6010 540441	Paternity Testing	1,500	0	1,500	1,121.54	.00	378.46	8.1%
A6010 540480	Postage	30,000	0	30,000	29,482.00	.00	518.00	98.3%
A6010 540485	Printing/Paper	4,000	0	4,000	481.70	.00	3,518.30	12.0%
A6010 540487	Program Expense	15,500	0	15,500	11,395.47	528.00	3,576.53	76.9%
A6010 540581	Security Systems &	80,000	0	80,000	3,256.01	.00	76,743.99	4.1%
A6010 540620	Software Expense	94,443	0	94,443	.00	.00	94,443.00	.0%
A6010 540640	Supplies (Not Offi	2,400	0	2,400	87.50	.00	2,312.50	3.6%



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ACCOUNTS FOR:	GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ADJUSTMS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A6010 540660	Telephone	25,500	0	25,500	.00	.00	25,500.00	.0%
A6010 540733	Training/All other	32,000	0	32,000	365.00	85.00	31,550.00	1.4%
A6010 540810	Nyschg-Cseu	0	0	0	-1,708.78	.00	1,708.78	100.0%
A6010 540820	Nyschg-Ethics	40,000	0	40,000	.00	.00	40,000.00	.0%
A6010 540840	Nyschg-Legal	20,000	0	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.0%
A6010 540850	Nyschg-Training	5,200	0	5,200	.00	.00	5,200.00	.0%
A6010 581088	State Retirement F	563,796	0	563,796	57,320.54	.00	506,475.46	10.2%
A6010 583088	Social Security Fr	378,837	0	378,837	37,441.69	.00	341,395.31	9.9%
A6010 584088	Workers Compensati	100,380	0	100,380	12,168.04	.00	88,211.96	12.1%
A6010 585088	Unemployment Insur	0	0	0	7,419.39	.00	-7,419.39	100.0%
A6010 585588	Disability Insuran	5,576	0	5,576	558.97	.00	5,017.03	10.0%
A6010 586088	Health Insurance F	1,606,473	0	1,606,473	201,151.21	.00	1,405,321.79	12.5%
A6010 588988	Eap Fringe	1,392	0	1,392	156.82	.00	1,235.18	11.3%
TOTAL Social Services Administration		2,595,792	0	2,595,792	704,207.32	613.00	1,890,971.28	27.2%
A6050 Public Facility For Children								
A6050 436100	State-Child Advoca	-100,000	0	-100,000	.00	.00	-100,000.00	.0%
A6050 510010	Fulltime	59,365	0	59,365	3,206.89	.00	56,158.11	5.4%
A6050 510050	All Other-on Call,	45,500	0	45,500	.00	.00	45,500.00	.0%
A6050 540180	Dues	412	0	412	400.00	.00	12.00	97.1%
A6050 540191	Electric utility	1,800	0	1,800	797.27	.00	1,002.73	44.3%
A6050 540390	Mileage Expense	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A6050 540420	Office Supplies	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
A6050 540487	Program Expense	5,000	0	5,000	.00	.00	5,000.00	.0%
A6050 540550	Rent/Lease	10,800	0	10,800	3,846.31	.00	1,153.69	76.9%
A6050 540640	Supplies (Not Offi	200	0	200	1,900.00	.00	8,900.00	17.6%
A6050 540660	Telephone	1,800	0	1,800	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A6050 540733	Training/All other	2,200	0	2,200	70.00	.00	1,730.00	3.9%
A6050 581088	State Retirement F	6,698	0	6,698	.00	.00	2,200.00	.0%
A6050 583088	Social Security Fr	7,813	0	7,813	309.94	.00	6,388.06	4.6%
A6050 584088	Workers Compensati	1,195	0	1,195	365.35	.00	7,447.65	4.7%
A6050 585588	Disability Insuran	68	0	68	98.94	.00	1,096.06	8.3%
A6050 586088	Health Insurance F	12,074	0	12,074	4.91	.00	63.09	7.2%
A6050 588988	EAP Fringe	16	0	16	1,077.80	.00	10,996.20	8.9%
TOTAL Public Facility For Children		55,641	0	55,641	12,078.71	.00	43,562.29	21.7%
A6055 Day Care								
A6055 418550	Repayments of Day	0	0	0	-50.00	.00	50.00	100.0%



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A6055 436550 State Aid-Day Care	-2,596,455	0	-2,596,455	174,512.76	.00	-2,596,455.00	7.0%
A6055 540487 Day Care Program E	2,478,504	0	2,478,504	174,512.76	.00	2,303,991.24	7.0%
TOTAL Day Care	-117,951	0	-117,951	174,462.76	.00	-292,413.76	-147.9%
A6070 Services For Recipients							
A6070 436700 RTA State Aid-Servi	-37,960	0	-37,960	.00	.00	-37,960.00	.0%
A6070 446700 Federal Aid-Servic	-74,000	0	-74,000	.00	.00	-74,000.00	.0%
A6070 540487 Title XX Program E	157,000	0	157,000	9,302.50	.00	147,697.50	5.9%
A6070 540487 RTA Program Expense	37,960	0	37,960	.00	.00	37,960.00	.0%
TOTAL Services For Recipients	83,000	0	83,000	9,302.50	.00	73,697.50	11.2%
A6101 Medical Assistance							
A6101 418010 Repayments Of Medi	-80,000	0	-80,000	-1,344.76	.00	-78,655.24	1.7%
A6101 436010 State Aid-Medical	32,000	0	32,000	.00	.00	32,000.00	.0%
A6101 446010 Federal Aid-Medica	28,000	0	28,000	.00	.00	28,000.00	.0%
A6101 540487 Medicaid Program E	20,000	0	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.0%
TOTAL Medical Assistance	0	0	0	-1,344.76	.00	1,344.76	100.0%
A6102 Medical Assistance - Mmis							
A6102 540487 Mmis Program Expen	8,284,704	0	8,284,704	462,846.00	.00	7,821,858.00	5.6%
TOTAL Medical Assistance - Mmis	8,284,704	0	8,284,704	462,846.00	.00	7,821,858.00	5.6%
A6109 Family Assistance							
A6109 418090 Repayments Family	-290,000	0	-290,000	-13,017.74	.00	-276,982.26	4.5%
A6109 446090 Federal Aid-Family	-1,100,000	0	-1,100,000	.00	.00	-1,100,000.00	.0%
A6109 540487 Family Assst Prog	1,800,000	0	1,800,000	122,698.04	.00	1,677,301.96	6.8%
TOTAL Family Assistance	410,000	0	410,000	109,680.30	.00	300,319.70	26.8%
A6119 Child Care							



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A6119 418190	Repayments Of Chld		-290,000	-24,440.01	.00	-265,559.99	8.4%
A6119 436190	State Aid-Child Ca	0	-1,465,893	.00	.00	-1,465,893.00	.0%
A6119 446190	Federal Aid-Child	0	-495,000	.00	.00	-495,000.00	.0%
A6119 540487	Foster Care Progra	0	2,840,884	243,647.53	.00	2,597,236.47	8.6%
TOTAL Child Care		0	589,991	219,207.52	.00	370,783.48	37.2%
A6123 Juvenile Delinquent Care							
A6123 418230	Repayments Of Juve	0	-5,000	-94.22	.00	-4,905.78	1.9%
A6123 436230	State Aid-Juvenile	0	-101,438	.00	.00	-101,438.00	.0%
A6123 436230	RTA State Aid-Juven	0	-700,000	.00	.00	-700,000.00	.0%
A6123 540487	JD Program Expense	0	750,000	23,790.12	.00	726,209.88	3.2%
A6123 540487	RTA JD Program -RTA	0	700,000	.00	.00	700,000.00	.0%
TOTAL Juvenile Delinquent Care		0	643,562	23,695.90	.00	619,866.10	3.7%
A6129 State Training Schools							
A6129 540487	OCFS Local Program	0	700,500	.00	.00	700,500.00	.0%
TOTAL State Training Schools		0	700,500	.00	.00	700,500.00	.0%
A6140 Safety Net							
A6140 418400	Repayments Of Safe	0	-100,000	-2,453.17	.00	-97,546.83	2.5%
A6140 436400	State Aid-Safety N	0	-197,200	.00	.00	-197,200.00	.0%
A6140 446400	Federal Aid-Safety	0	-20,000	.00	.00	-20,000.00	.0%
A6140 540487	Safety Net Program	0	900,000	58,775.60	.00	841,224.40	6.5%
TOTAL Safety Net		0	582,800	56,322.43	.00	526,477.57	9.7%
A6141 Energy Crisis Assistance Progr							
A6141 418410	Repayments Of Home	0	-135,000	-21,255.88	.00	-113,744.12	15.7%



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A6141 446410	Federal Aid-Home E	115,000	0	115,000	105.00	.00	115,000.00	.0%
A6141 540487	HEAP Program Expen	20,000	0	20,000	105.00	.00	19,895.00	.5%
	TOTAL Energy Crisis Assistance Progr	0	0	0	-21,150.88	.00	21,150.88	100.0%
A6142 Emergency Assistance To Adults								
A6142 436420	State Aid-Emergenc	-15,000	0	-15,000	.00	.00	-15,000.00	.0%
A6142 540487	EAA Program Expens	30,000	0	30,000	.00	.00	30,000.00	.0%
	TOTAL Emergency Assistance To Adults	15,000	0	15,000	.00	.00	15,000.00	.0%
	TOTAL General Fund	13,843,039	0	13,843,039	1,749,307.80	613.00	12,093,117.80	12.6%
	TOTAL REVENUES	-14,373,946	0	-14,373,946	-62,655.78	.00	-14,311,290.22	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	28,216,985	0	28,216,985	1,811,963.58	613.00	26,404,408.02	



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GRAND TOTAL	13,843,039	0	13,843,039	1,749,307.80	613.00	12,093,117.80	12.6%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: ORIGINAL TRANSFRS/ REVISSED YTD ACTUAL ENCUMBRANCES AVAILABLE PCT
CD Federal Employment Programs APPROP ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET BUDGET BUDGET USE/COL

CD6293 Federal Employment Programs

CD6293 447910	Federal Aid-Feder	-277,890	0	-277,890	10,944.48	.00	-277,890.00	.0%
CD6293 510010	Full Time	159,188	0	159,188	.00	.00	148,243.52	6.9%
CD6293 530551	Maintenance in Li	13,922	0	13,922	.00	.00	13,922.00	.0%
CD6293 540010	Advertising	250	0	250	.00	.00	250.00	.0%
CD6293 540130	Contracts	12,000	0	12,000	.00	.00	12,000.00	.0%
CD6293 540420	Office Supplies	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
CD6293 540480	Postage	260	0	260	.00	.00	260.00	.0%
CD6293 540733	Training/All Othe	800	0	800	.00	.00	800.00	.0%
CD6293 581088	State Retirement	21,860	0	21,860	2,888.82	.00	18,971.18	13.2%
CD6293 583088	Social Security F	11,555	0	11,555	1,314.86	.00	10,240.14	11.4%
CD6293 584088	Workers Compensat	3,585	0	3,585	402.93	.00	3,182.07	11.2%
CD6293 585588	Disability Insura	204	0	204	19.98	.00	184.02	9.8%
CD6293 586088	Health Insurance	52,718	0	52,718	6,393.30	.00	46,324.70	12.1%
CD6293 588988	Eap Fringe	48	0	48	5.31	.00	42.69	11.1%
TOTAL Federal Employment Programs		0	0	0	21,969.68	.00	-21,969.68	100.0%
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TOTAL REVENUES		-277,890	0	-277,890	21,969.00	.00	-277,890.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		277,890	0	277,890	21,969.68	.00	255,920.32	



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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	21,969.68	.00	-21,969.68	100.0%

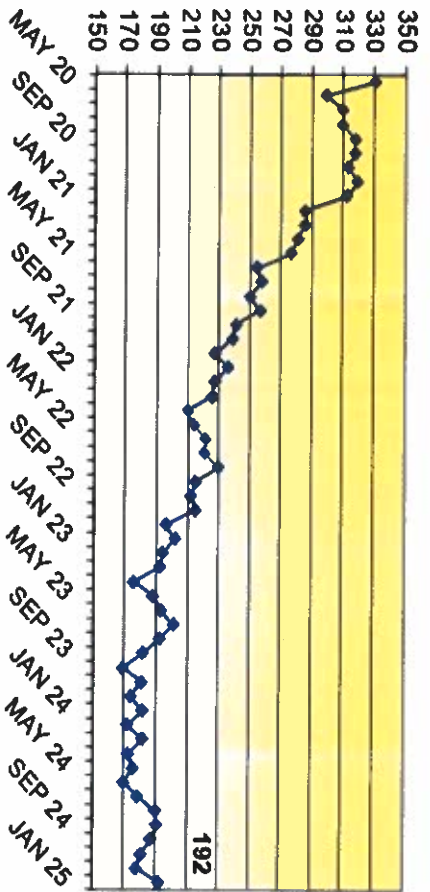
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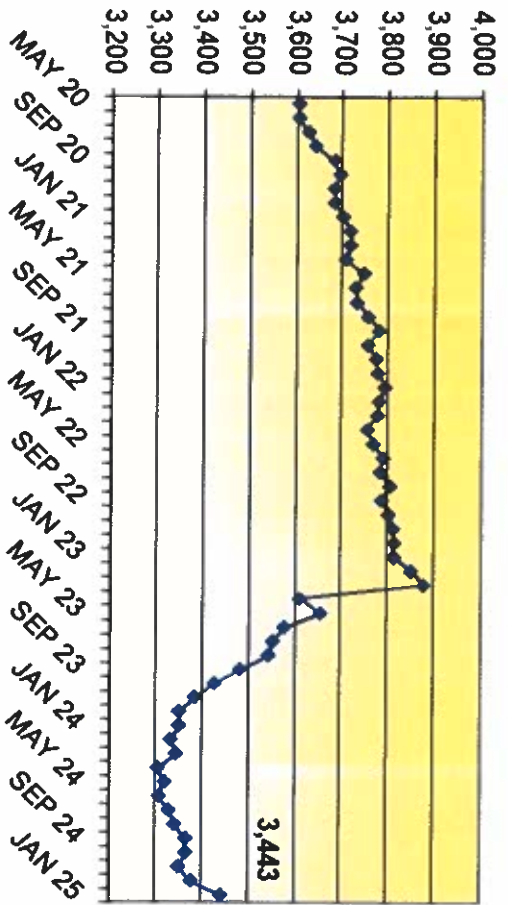
**TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Cases			
	12/31/2024	1/31/2025	% Change
FA	99	106	7%
SNA Singles	82	82	0%
SNA Families	9	8	-11%
Total TA	190	196	3%
MA-Only	1,896	1,948	3%
MA-SSI	1,079	1,072	-1%
Total MA	2,975	3,020	2%
SNAP	2,808	2,846	1%
Day Care	190	190	0%
Services	394	388	-2%
Individuals			
	12/31/2024	1/31/2025	% Change
FA	178	192	8%
SNA Singles	82	82	0%
SNA Families	32	29	-9%
Total TA	292	303	4%
MA-Only	2,008	2,068	3%
MA-SSI	1,079	1,072	-1%
Total MA	3,087	3,140	2%
SNAP	5,153	5,262	2%
Services	1,030	1,011	-2%
Individuals On Medicaid			
	12/31/2024	1/31/2025	% Change
TA	292	303	4%
MA	3,087	3,140	2%
ADC-FC	0	0	0%
TOTAL	3,379	3,443	2%

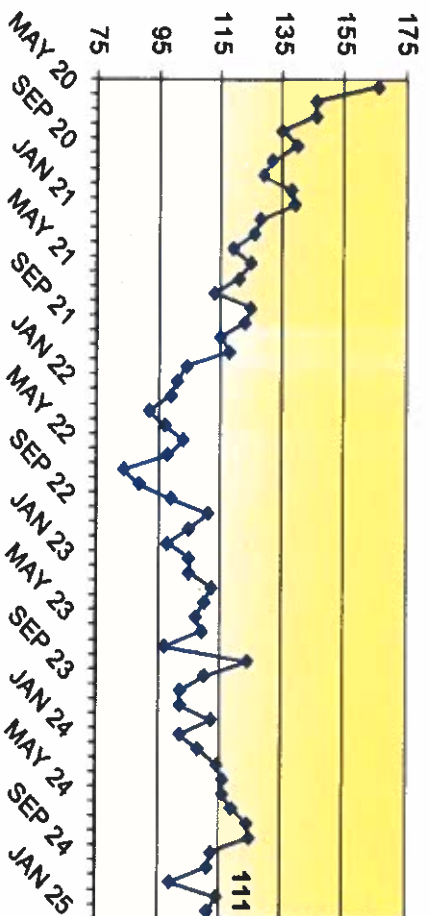
Total Family Assistance Recipients
May 2020 - Jan. 2025



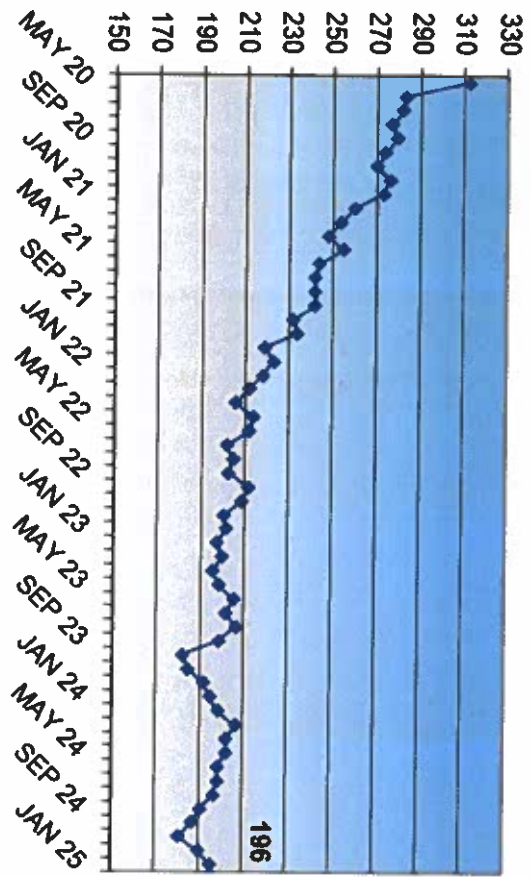
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May 2020 - Jan. 2025



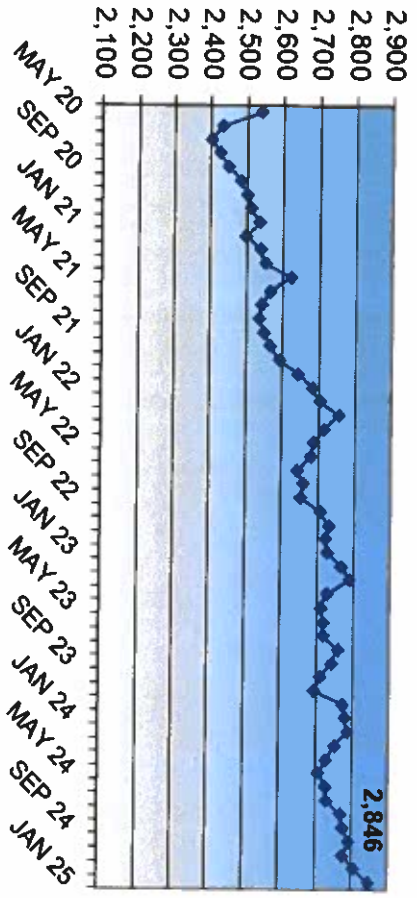
Total Safety Net Recipients
May 2020 - Jan. 2025



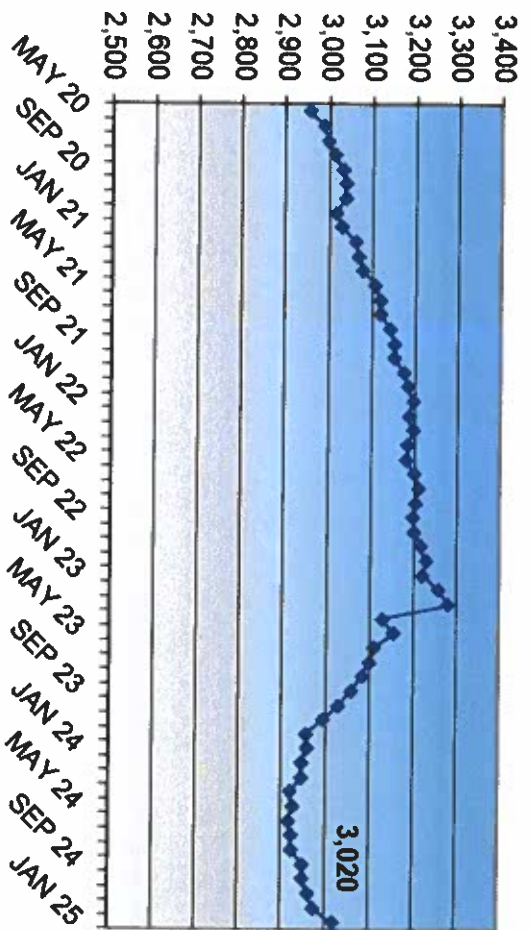
Temporary Assistance Caseload
May 2020 - Jan. 2025



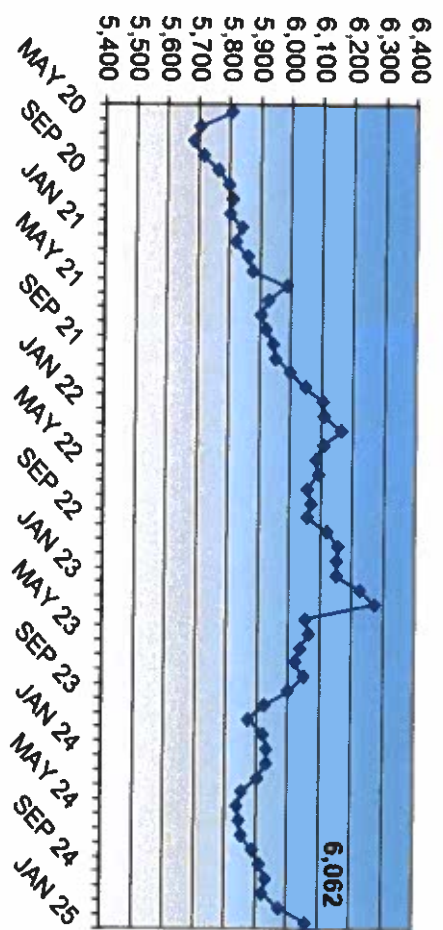
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May 2020 - Jan. 2025



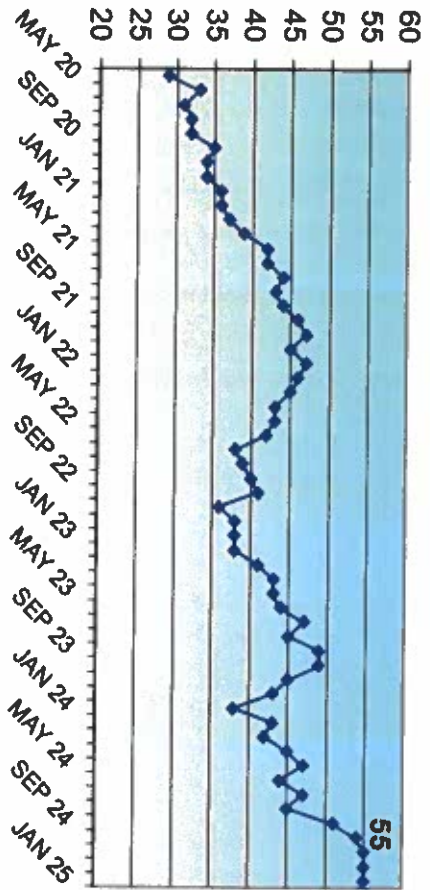
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May 2020 - Jan. 2025



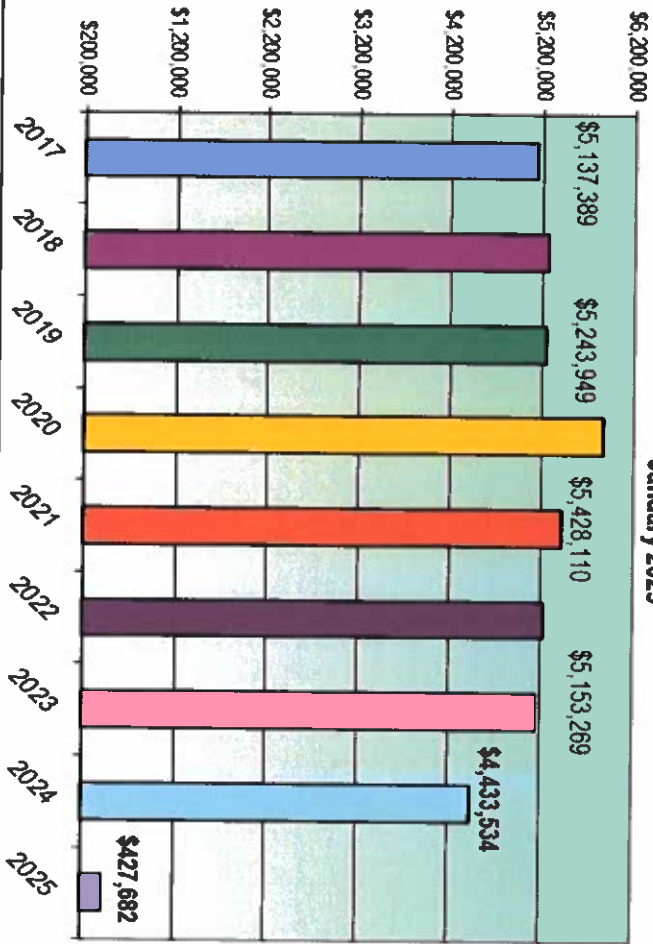
Total Transitional Supports Caseload
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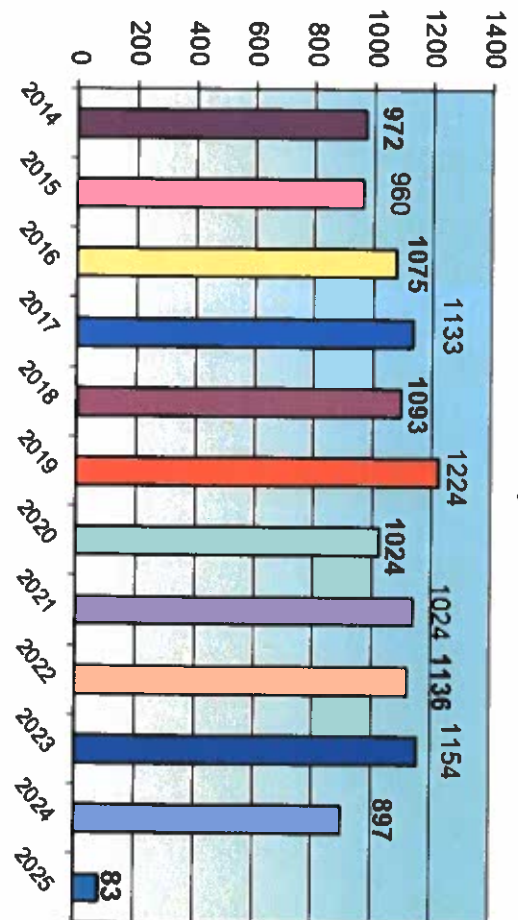
**Children in Foster Care
at End of Month
May 2020 - Jan. 2025**



**Child Support Collections
2017 - 2024
January 2025**



**Child Protective Services
State Central Register Reports (Hotline)
2014 - 2024 Annual Totals
January 2025**





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COMMITTEE MEETING

2/4/2025

Current open job postings in Tioga =166

146 new Unemployment claims opened in December, 137 had effective claim dates in January, there were 69 seasonal claims, and 9 were older claims that just opened.

Unemployment Rates:

	Jan '25	Dec '24	Jan'24
Tioga	4.4	3.9	3.4
NYS	4.5	4.2	4.3
US	3.5	4.0	4.4

January was a very busy month at the Career Center, with a significant increase in the number of UI customers seeking our services. We handled a high volume of inquiries and provided a range of support, including job search assistance and career counseling. Additionally, we served 12 DSS customers, helping them with job applications, resume writing, and interview preparation. One of these customers successfully found a job through our services.

Looking ahead, we've been invited to attend the Waverly School job fair on March 25th. We'll be offering resume writing support to the public, helping individuals improve their job prospects and making them familiar with some of the services we provide.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 25

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2025 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a Shelter Arrears Eviction Foreclosure (SAFE) Program allocation to provide services and expenses related to the payment of shelter arrears necessary to retain housing for certain households that are in receipt of or eligible for ongoing emergency Public Assistance; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.436100 State Aid: Social Services Admin \$ 16,784

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 16,784

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$16,784 will be carried forward into the New Year.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2025 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Additional funding has been awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services from the Office of Children and Family Services for Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services; and

WHEREAS: A New Hope Center is the approved Non-Residential Domestic Violence Program in Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Administration \$ 43,276

To: A6010.540140 Contracting Services \$ 43,276

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2025 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a Code Blue allocation to implement emergency measures for the homeless during inclement winter weather; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.436100 State Aid: Social Services Admin	\$ 5,000
To: A6010.540487 Program Expense	\$ 5,000

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 25 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND
AMEND 2025 BUDGET
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: Grants To Enhance Adult Protective Services administered by the Administration of Community Living (ACL); and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modification requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Administration	\$ 5,979
To: A6010.540487 Program Expense	\$ 5,979

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$5,979 will be carried forward into the New Year.

REFERRED TO:

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF LEGISLATURE
TO SIGN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County is submitting a request for a grant of funds to the NYSDOT, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, for a project to provide Mobility Management Services for Tioga, Broome, Chenango, Delaware and Otsego Counties through an agreement with Rural Health Network of South Central New York for the 2024-2025 fiscal years and has committed the local share; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County and the State of New York have entered a continuing agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the project(s) and reimbursement of the Federal and applicable State Shares; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County is contracting with a third-party subcontractor for the project(s) described above; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to sign any contracts or agreements between Tioga County and any third-party subcontractor necessary to complete the public transportation project(s), subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25 ADVOCATING FOR REFORM AND
INCREASED FUNDING FOR NEW YORK STATE'S
CODE BLUE PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The New York State Code Blue policy was established as an emergency Executive Order on December 16, 2016, with a commitment of reimbursement for additional costs to counties that are directly related to the requirements of the Code Blue regulation; and

WHEREAS: The current Code Blue policy is no longer adequate or effective given the significant changes in affordable housing availability and evolving human needs since that time; and

WHEREAS: The requirement for Departments of Social Services to simply provide space to keep people warm during extreme weather conditions is no longer sufficient to meet the growing and complex needs of unhoused individuals; and

WHEREAS: New York State leaders must recognize that any policy aimed at providing warm spaces for the most vulnerable individuals in our community must be comprehensive and involve the collaboration of all relevant human services agencies beyond the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA); and

WHEREAS: The expertise and resources of agencies such as the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Addiction and Substance Abuse Services, and the Office for people with Developmental Disabilities are essential to address the multifaceted needs of unhoused individuals; and

WHEREAS: County Departments of Social Services (DSS) are trained and equipped to deliver mandated income-based programs under the oversight of the NYS OTDA, but Code Blue services extend beyond these requirements and necessitate the involvement of additional state agencies and local service providers; and

WHEREAS: The cost of delivering Code Blue services continues to escalate due to increasing numbers of individuals in need, rising behavioral challenges stemming from untreated mental health conditions, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, and the rising costs of staffing, utilities, and essential supplies; and

WHEREAS: New York State has capped the amount of funding allocated to counties for the operation of Code Blue programs, which does not account for the annual increase in operational costs or the growing demand for services; and

WHEREAS: The current level of funding is inadequate to cover the increased staffing and resources necessary to provide services to the homeless population in Tioga County thus the County seeks to avoid planning the burden of these rising costs on local taxpayers; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature strongly urges New York State to increase their funding commitment to adequately support the continued operation of Code Blue programs and ensure the safety and well-being of vulnerable individuals during cold weather conditions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature calls for the establishment of true partnerships between County DSS and other service systems, starting at the State level, that have both the expertise and shared accountability to design the services and space to keep our most vulnerable individuals safe; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Assemblymember Christopher S. Friend, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), and all others deemed necessary and proper.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Hubbard Auditorium, Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Mr. Tracy Monell	Legislator {arrived 8:37 AM}
Mr. Dennis Mullen	Legislator
Mr. Jake Brown	Legislator {arrived 8:34 AM}
Mr. Ray Bunce	Legislator
Ms. Lori Morgan	Director of Community Services
Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services (MH)
Mr. Shawn Yetter	Commissioner of Social Services
Ms. Mickelle Andrews	Director of Administrative Services (DSS)
Ms. Heather Vroman	Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services (PH)

Guests: Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
Ms. Elizabeth Myers	Deputy Commissioner (DSS)
Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Ms. Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of Legislature
Mr. Peter DeWind	County Attorney

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

- Mr. Chris Korba noted that the 2024 budget report indicates a return of local share at \$237,000. There are additional expenses that have not yet been encumbered, such as Court Ordered Criminal Care. . There is also some 2024 Fee for Service Revenue that has yet to be collected and will go back to 2024. The main reason for the return is due to salary savings in vacancies, and strong Fee for Service Revenue.

2. Old Business

- Criminal Psych – Invoices for Criminal Psych are expected.

3. New Business

- Remote Work Usage – 4th Quarter of 2024 – There were 13 people that worked remote from October – December.
- Waverly Office – The office is very nice and came in under budget. Legislator Mullen gave credit to Legislator Dale Weston who was the driving force for many years advocating for that office. Legislator Mullen also thanked Lori, Chris & Marte for their work on planning & implementation of the office. Lori & Chris thanked everyone involved in the Waverly office.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the December 3, 2024 HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Brown. Seconded by Legislator Mullen. Motion Carried.

4. Personnel

- Catherine Healy, Clinical Program Director, resigned on 1/3/25. There is a resolution to promote Danielle Fabregas to this position.
- Jessica Murphy, Sr. CSW, not retained as of 1/9/25
- Kari Smith, Sr. CSW, Spencer Van Etten Middle School, starting 1/27/25
- Newark Valley school contract changed to Full-Time from Part-Time, and they will be paying \$25,000 instead of \$5,000.
- The clinic has been extremely busy.

5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Re-Establish Prior Year 2024 Capital Equipment Funds and Amend 2025 Budget
- Authorize Appointment of Clinical Program Director.

6. Proclamations

- None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial

- Mr. Denis McCann reported that the 2024 budget Munis report currently shows Public Health 8% over in local share. However, there are still large revenues coming including the 4th quarters State Aid and grant claims. Will still receive Fee revenue into February & March. He noted that fee revenues have been strong and that State Aid reimbursements are higher than they have ever been. He expects to have a return to the local share.

2. Old Business

- Strategic Plan Quarterly Update – 16 out of 24 goals have been completed. Goal on Partnerships is totally completed. They are now able to accept on-line payments for most programs and are making all forms accessible on-line.
- Remote Work – PH has 22 employees eligible to work remote but only about 12-13 work remote regularly. Only some work two days. It continues to be going well and is managed through an internal process.

3. New Business

- Agency Report for December 2024 forwarded to committee. Ms. Vroman shared that their PH nurse has been busy following up with schools & providers on Pertussis cases in the county. It is now considered an outbreak in Tioga County. Pertussis has increased nationwide.
- The Appalachian Regional Commission did conduct an evaluation visit for the mobile dental van. A case study to highlight the success of the dental program will be done.

4. Personnel
 - None
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
 - Recognition of Albert Knapp's 18 Years of Dedicated Service to Tioga County Public Health
 - Authorize Salary Reallocation Within CSEA Salary Schedule for Public Health Technician
 - Amend Budget & Appropriate Funds, Public Health Infrastructure Grant
 - Amend Employee Handbook: Section IV. Personnel Rules; Subsection j. Management/Confidential Benefits; Paragraph II.A. Leave Accruals, Vacation (Part-Time Dentist to receive 5 days of Personal Time)
6. Proclamations
 - None

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial
 - Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that Foster Care continues to run over budget. However, there is Admin savings from payroll. Safety Net and rest of program lines are on target or below. It is too soon for return projections.
 - There was discussion on the reasons Foster Care is over budget. Most cases are from substance abuse in the home. There were 2 recent Juvenile Delinquent placements. One will be a high-cost placement. The Foster Care line in the 2025 budget was increased.
2. Old Business
 - Strategic Plan Update – The items in progress are still being worked on.
 - Remote Work Update – There are 19 employees approved for remote work. Most are in the Children's Service area and a lot are 1 day a week. Several in Mickelle's unit are 2 days a week.
3. New Business
 - Caseloads – See Caseload Summary
 - During December, Cash Assistance increased 9 cases, with Family Assistance remaining flat and Safety Net increasing 9 cases.
 - MA-Only increased 16 cases.
 - MA-SSI decreased 3 cases.
 - Total Individuals on Medicaid increased 27 to 3,379
 - SNAP increased 31 cases.
 - Day Care remained flat
 - Tioga Career Center report is attached. Unemployment rates continue to remain below the State & Federal levels but did tick up slightly in December due to seasonal jobs ending as expected.

- Homeless discussion. The OMH SOS plan covers 3 counties. They have been successful with getting several homeless individuals into rehab. They also provide warm meals several times a week. DSS has added 2 new positions to assist with outreach working with the homeless population. Commissioner Yetter is also working with Economic Development on affordable housing in the County.
4. Personnel Changes
- Cassandra Forrest, Office Specialist II, hired effective 12/2/24
 - Katrina Blinn promoted to Social Services Employment Specialist effective 12/2/24
 - Angela Rodriguez, Social Welfare Examiner, hired effective 12/16/24
 - Jeniene Rathke-Berube, Accounting Associate III, hired effective 12/30/24
5. Resolutions – Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
- Amend Resolution 437-24 Authorization to Sign Contract (Rate Change)
 - Execute Lease Extension with C&M Real Estate Holdings, LLC for CAC
6. Proclamations
- None

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:57 AM.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session with Mental Hygiene to discuss a Personnel matter at 8:58 AM. Legislator Mullen motioned, seconded by Legislator Monell to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:04 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services