



## TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Members of the Board of Health

FROM: D. McCann

DATE: July 8, 2025

RE: Board of Health Meeting - Thursday, July 17, 2025,  
7:30 a.m., **Conference Room B**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Health and Human Services  
Building at 1062 St. Rt. 38, Owego, NY 13827.

### AGENDA

#### Introduction of Guests

- None

#### Presentation

- None

#### Old Business

- Meeting Minutes (June)
- Enforcements

#### New Business

- None

#### Director's Report

- Agency Updates – June
- Mid-Year Summary & Status

#### Additional Items

- None

#### Next Meeting Information

- Next Meeting: September 18, 2025

# TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## MEETING MINUTES June 19, 2025

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Attended In Person):**

T. Nytech, DVM, President  
W. Simmons, Vice President  
T. Leary, FNP  
W. Standinger III, Legislator  
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP

### **ABSENT:**

R. Kapur-Pado, DO  
T. Hills, DVM

### **OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

H. Vroman, Public Health Director  
D. McCann, Director of Administrative Services  
K. Holochak, Public Health Project Coordinator  
K. Russell, Public Health Educator  
J. Zevan, DO, Public Health Medical Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 7:30 a.m. by Dr. Nytech.

### **PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Holochak and Ms. Russell presented on the Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition:

- Shared origin of Coalition (started in 2016) coordinated by CASA Trinity and transition to Public Health in 2024.
- Funding through three grants held by Mental Hygiene which are then passed through to coordinating agency of the Coalition (initially CASA Trinity and now Tioga County Public Health).
- Shared about ASAP community partners, program evaluation process, surveys and a number of successes and activities by the ASAP Coalition.
- Schools are increasingly more interested in Substance Abuse prevention education.
- Waiting to develop questions for the CLYDE survey (of 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students). Data will be available as a county.
- Dr. Raftis asked about outcomes from survey and response was that data helps determine programming and outreach.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Meeting Minutes (May 2025): Motion to approve prior minutes made by Mr. Simmons; seconded by B. Standinger, all were in favor, none opposed, motion approved.
- Dr. Nytech asked about Well Head Program funding update. Ms. Vroman shared still on hold.
- Enforcements: Brief discussion of establishment and reason for enforcement.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. John Zevan the Public Health Medical Consultant was introduced. Dr. Zevan held a 'meet and greet' with a questions and answers session.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Vroman distributed and shared her Director's Report for May.

### **Public Health Information:**

Ms. Vroman shared the following:

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- Funding update: not aware of any new programs at risk since last month's update to BOH.
- Avian Flu: no new human cases reported, and no bird cases reported in Tioga County. We continue to monitor and follow NYSDOH guidance.
- Tick-borne illnesses increasing, 130 total with 106 of them Lyme. Question about reporting status, Ms. Vroman shared that she will do that monthly.

### Staffing Updates:

- Four new employees started in June. These were for the following positions: Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Public Health Educator, Public Health Sanitarian and a seasonal Public Health Educator to assist us with our Community Health Assessment.

### Accomplished Activities:

- New York State Department of Health conducted an onsite audit on Vaccines for Children, with no issues or findings.
- Family Health & Chronic Disease team met with the new NYSDOH Program staff, who liked our outreach efforts.
- Narcan trainings continue (J. Simmons mentioned Berkshire Fire was interested in training).
- Rabies Clinic in Candor had 256 animals vaccinated, the largest amount recorded at that site.
- Presentations on Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis at hospitals and primary care offices.
- Community Health Assessment surveys, Ms. Vroman stated that BOH could assist us in getting the word out and promotion. Mr. Standinger recommended food pantries to leave handouts.
- Online applications for Environmental Health food permits continue to increase, especially temporary permits.
- Mission Statement, Vision and Values were shared and Ms. Vroman stated that we are working these into our regular activities to promote them internally.
- Management Retreat was held for second year, an opportunity to get offsite together and discuss budget, budget wish lists and this year we had a presentation from Cortland County about their experience with developing a formal strategic plan and accreditation.
- Received a NYS Dental Award in the amount of \$50,000 per year for five years for the school-based clinic.
- Received compliments from several outside agencies and local businesses for our department and staff.

### Other Information:

None

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Adjournment of meeting called at 9:29 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Denis McCann

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Thomas Nyth, DVM, President

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Denis McCann; Acting Secretary

Minutes approved June 19, 2025



### June 2025 Enforcements

<u>Business</u>	<u>Type of Violation</u>	<u>Fine Paid/Date</u>	<u>Repeat Violation(s) within 12 Month Period</u>
Brooke Grant Dandy Mini Mart 814 West Nichols Rd Nichols, NY 13812	ATUPA (Tobacco Sale to Minor)	\$350 6/9/2025	No
Sukhwinder Singh Harry's Expressway St. Route 38 Owego, NY 13827	Water	\$100 6/27/2025	No



## **Tioga County Public Health**

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Heather Vroman, MPH, MEd., Public Health Director



## **AGENCY REPORT**

**May 22-June 25**

### **Highlights**

- Welcome Danielle, Cristin, Mackenzie, and Vandya! Four new staff members joined Tioga County Public Health this month. Danielle Gregrow, our new Public Health Sanitarian, will work in the rabies control and lead poisoning prevention programs. Cristin Hickey, Public Health Educator, will focus on our Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), along with traffic safety. Mackenzie Squair, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator will focus on public health emergency planning, capacity building, and training. Vandya Kamagere, Seasonal Public Health Educator, will assist with CHA-related work and survey collection.
- Great news, we now have a birth report capturing the Tioga County births at Robert Packer Hospital! We have been missing these births and have not been able to mail "Welcome Baby" packets to parents because PA births are not included in the report we receive from NYSDOH. In working with HealtheConnections, they created a report we can access through their portal.
- Every year, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) offers "incentive" activities for local health departments to do special projects. This is the thirteenth year of the incentive program, which was focused on extreme weather preparedness. Our Senior Public Health Educator took the lead on this project, which included attending webinars, updating the cooling center list, and educating the public.
- Tioga County ASAP coalition partnered with the Tioga County Sheriff's Office to conduct alcohol compliance checks in Tioga County. Compliance checks were conducted at 12 businesses, and no underage sales were made.
- Tioga County ASAP sponsored its first free community movie day at Tioga Theater! The plan is to offer family-friendly, substance-free events while also offering a cool place for families during the summer months.
- We worked with a representative of the Broome County Food Council to host a Tioga County Food Access Meeting with leaders from across the county to discuss creating a Food Council in Tioga County to address the needs of our community.
- Staff participated in the Strawberry Fest 5K, providing and manning the water stations for the runners. This year, nine staff members ran and walked during the race.

### **Health Education**

- Staff worked with Tioga Opportunities Family Clinic, Tioga County Probation, and Tioga County Veterans' Services to distribute Deterra Drug Deactivation bags at their clinic.

- Tioga County Public Health installed a large Public Access Narcan (PAN) box in their waiting area for people to take Narcan kits.
- The Tioga ASAP Coalition has been working to finalize the supplemental questions to be added to the upcoming CLYDE survey. We collaborated with TST BOCES (Candor CSD) to align several of our supplemental questions with theirs.
- Staff attended a community-level meeting in Candor, where leadership from food pantries around the county came together to discuss the needs they are seeing and experiencing and the next steps.
- Tick removal kits have been distributed throughout the county at the municipal offices for the public to access.

### **Environmental Health**

- We hosted a continuing education course for water operators, engineers, and wastewater operators on "Protection from Chlorine & Biohazards," along with basic laboratory skills.
- We sponsored an American Water Works Association (AWWA) water meeting about basic lab skills. This class helped water and wastewater operators achieve the continuing educational credits needed for their license.
- The Director of Environmental Health attended a three-day lead inspector training course in Rochester. Daniel Scherrer is now a certified EPA lead inspector

### **Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)**

- Tioga Smiles Dental Mobile finished another fantastic school year serving the dental needs of our students and community members. After maintenance work at the garage, the dental unit will be at the Health and Human Services building for the summer months.
- Early Intervention Services Coordinators and our popular sensory bins traveled to the Family Resource Center in Berkshire. This has been proven to be an excellent opportunity to educate families about child development and the Early Intervention Program.
- Our Early Intervention Service Coordinators continue to do intakes and then put children needing services on a waitlist sent to providers. While the list continues to grow, our service coordinators offer support and try to get providers in place.
- Nursing staff met with leadership at the UHS Emergency Department to discuss rabies post-exposure prophylaxis and our department's various programs and services.
- Our Public Health Nurse and two Health Educators did outreach at Tioga Opportunities' Family Health and WIC staff to discuss immunizations, lead testing, and our various programs.

### **Administrative Services**

- Both the Public Health Director and Deputy Director attended the Women's Foundation breakfast in Binghamton. The keynote speaker discussed the "50% Rule," which is based on approaching things with the idea of 50% normal and 50% new.
- Senior Leadership participated in a budget kick-off meeting to strategize the 2026 budget based on the guidance, department needs, and program planning. Additionally, we welcomed the Public Health Director and Epidemiologist from Cortland County Health Department, who outlined the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation process and their experience in becoming accredited.

### **Ongoing Support/Partnerships**

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| - Advocacy, Support & Prevention (ASAP) Coalition                 | - Safe Harbor Committee                                  |
| - Child Fatality Review Team                                      | - S2AY Pivotal Partners Finger Lakes                     |
| - Family Enrichment Network (Head Start)                          | - Team Tioga   |
| - Lourdes PACT Advisory Board                                     | - Tioga County Board of Health                           |
| - Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network                            | - Tioga County Commissioner's Advisory Council           |
| - New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) | - Tioga County Council of Governments                    |
| - New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH)            | - Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) |
| - New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC)                  | - Tioga County Mental Health Sub-Committee               |
| - Racker Center   | - Tioga County Non-Profit Network                        |
| - Rural Health Network  | - Tioga County Threat Assessment Management Team         |
|   | - Tioga Opportunities, Inc                               |

#### **Attachments:**

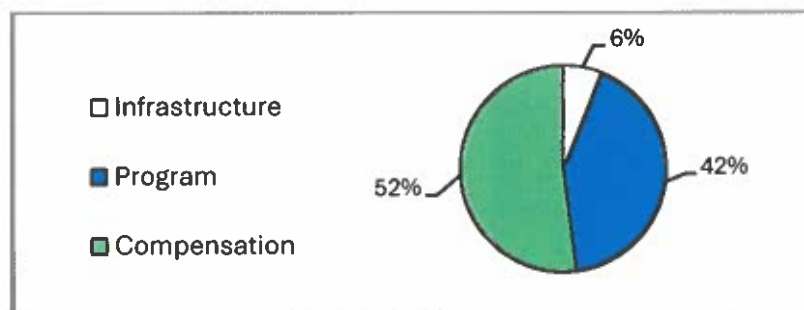
1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru May 2025.
2. Bulletin Boards: "CredibleMind: Mental Health & Wellness", "Locks Save Lives"
3. Various Newspaper Clippings, "Summer Safety", "Graduation-Don't Drink and Drive", "Spend More Time Outside", "Be a Parent, Not a Bartender", CredibleMind: Mental Health & Wellness"
4. June 2025, "What the Health"

### Financial Snapshot Year-to-date through May 2025\*1,2,3

	Budget 2025	Actual YTD 2025	Percentage of 2025 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Fees	1,013,404	370,937	37 %
State/Federal	3,763,299	80,833	2 %
Local	3,330,877	1,640,759	49 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,107,580</b>	<b>2,092,529</b>	<b>26 %</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Compensation	2,862,548	1,088,770	38 %
Program Expense	4,794,432	887,783	19 %
Core Infrastructure	449,600	115,976	26 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,107,580</b>	<b>2,092,529</b>	<b>26 %</b>

### Allocation of Expenses Year-to-date through May 2025



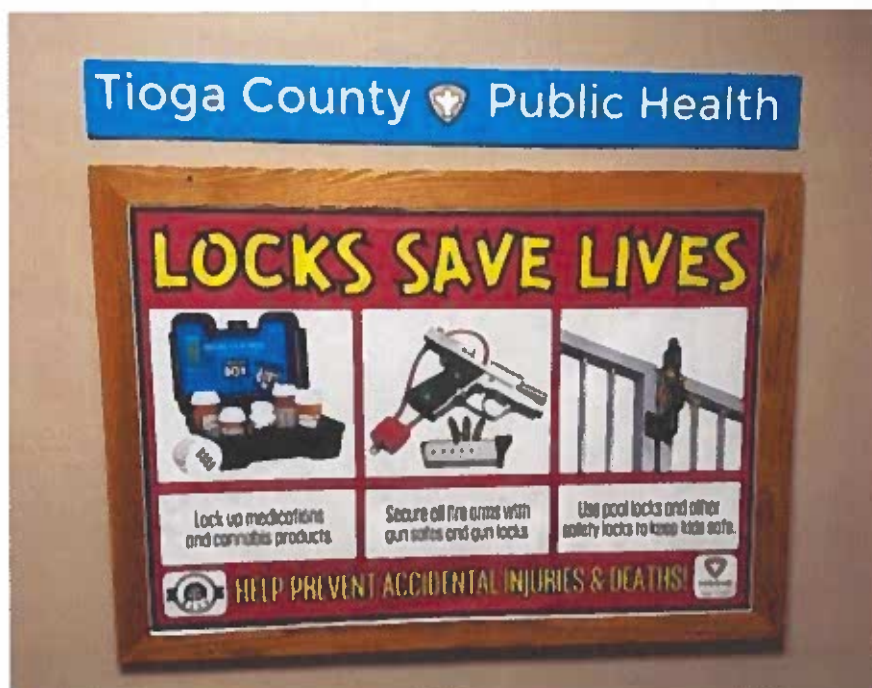
**\*Notes:**

1. These figures represent the most recent 'closed out' month by the Treasurer.
2. Most of January & February revenue are adjusted back to prior year as payments during this time are for services performed in the prior year. State Aid reimbursement is reported a couple months after each quarter ends.
3. Additional funds not including in the reported numbers above are JUUL Settlement Funds & ASAP Coalition grants. These are excluded as they are outside of our County approved budgets and would skew the figures to not being accurate reflections of financial status.





Bulletin Boards: Health & Human Services Building-May 2025



Bulletin Board: 56 Main Street-May 2025

# SUMMER

## SAFETY

**APPLY SUNSCREEN**  
Apply sunscreen with at least SPF 15 before going outside. Cover all areas of exposed skin.

**FLotation DEVICE**  
Use a float or life preserver when swimming. If you are not a strong swimmer, wear a life preserver. Never swim alone.

**EXERCISE SAFELY**  
If exercising outside, wear so in the morning or evening to heat the best. Wear a helmet when riding anything with wheels.

**ICKBORNE ILLNESS**  
Check for ticks after coming in from outside. Avoid tall grass, leaf litter, and wooded/brushy areas.

**IELD TO TRAFFIC**  
Pay attention and stay off your phone/electronic device when crossing busy streets or congested areas.

# Congratulations Class of 2025

## Celebrate Your Accomplishments Safely!

**Don't Drive Under the Influence**  
and don't let alcohol, marijuana, and other substances ruin your fun or your future!

Wish you a safe and happy summer!

# Spend More Time Outside!

Spending time in nature benefits our physical and mental health. This June, celebrate National Great Outdoors Month by being intentional about spending more time outside.

**Enjoy a hobby**

- Walk or run
- Hike
- Garden
- Play a sport
- Kayak
- Fish
- Read
- Bike ride

**Explore a new...**

- Hiking trail
- Park
- Playground
- Pond or lake

**And take time to...**

- Relax
- Connect with friends
- Enjoy the sun

**Benefits of Spending Time Outside:**

- Sleep
- Concentration
- Mood
- Vitamins
- Exercise
- Creativity
- Connection
- Amateur

**Benefits of Spending Time Outside:**

- Health
- Diversity
- Clarity
- Immune
- Confidence
- Sunshine

# Be a Parent Not a Bartender!

Don't drink and drive. Don't drink and drive. Don't drink and drive.

# PRIORITIZE YOUR Mental Health & Wellness

TIOGA COUNTY RESIDENTS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO CREDIBLEMIND, AN ONLINE PLATFORM THAT OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES THROUGH VIDEOS, ARTICLES, PODCASTS & MORE!

YOU GET ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH RELATED RESOURCES 24/7 RELATED TO:

Mental Health	Depression	Self-Care	Stress & Anxiety	Substance Use
Relationships	Bereavement	Addiction	Grief & Loss	And More!

Mental Health & Wellness  
TIOGA.CREDIBLEMIND.COM





# What the Health!?

June 2025



- ☐ Brush & floss my teeth
- ☐ Check for ticks, bumps, & lumps
- ☐ Drink 8 glasses of water
- ☐ Be active for 30 minutes
- ☐ Eat a fruit or vegetable at every meal



Be a **Parent**  
Not a Bartender!

## LOCKS SAVE LIVES



Lock up medications  
and cannabis  
products.



Secure all fire arms  
with gun safes and  
gun locks.



Use pool locks and  
other safety locks to  
keep kids safe.

**PREVENT ACCIDENTAL INJURIES & DEATHS!**

Tioga County, New York



## SHARE YOUR HEALTH STORY



TAKE OUR BRIEF 5-10 MINUTE SURVEY!

Visit [ph.tiogacounty.ny.gov](https://ph.tiogacounty.ny.gov) or  
scan the QR code with your  
camera to take the survey!

All responses are anonymous.  
Those who complete the survey will be  
entered to win 1 of 8 - \$50 Aldi gift cards!

This survey is only for Tioga County, NY residents!



## PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

	Y-E 2023	Y-E 2024	May-25	Jun-25	Y-T-D
<b>Community Health</b>					
Communicable Disease	2438	3082	63	90	1699
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacteriosis, Salmonellosis, etc.)	61	330	11	4	305
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc.)	375	352	40	52	157
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc.)	1897	2281	8	30	1197
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	47	49	2	4	18
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	36	40	1	3	13
CredibleMind Users	NA	NA	464	346	NA
Immunizations: Total children and adults	62	87	2	2	13
Children Lead Tested (6 years and under)	913	812	65	80	449
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	22	10	2	0	3
Environmental Health Assessments due to Child with EBLL	41	8	3	0	3
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	NA	21	21	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	77	298	28	45	196
People Trained with/ Narcan	145	96	25	0	25
<b>Dental</b>					
New Clients	311	325	25	26	213
Dental Screenings	1141	1227	113	97	688
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	374	461	21	29	178
- Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	419	274	33	23	196
- Clients with High Decay Risk	344	493	57	45	311
Extractions	102	170	13	15	107
<b>Children Services</b>					
Early Intervention Referrals	206	195	11	19	81
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	45	47	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	34	11	24	N/A
- Active EI Providers	N/A	N/A	10	11	N/A
<b>Preschool</b>					
- Children in a tuition-based program	N/A	349	24	24	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under the Serafini contract	N/A	223	15	16	N/A
- Children receiving transportation from their parents	N/A	126	9	8	N/A
<b>Child Find</b>					
- Current Children being served	N/A	N/A	21	20	N/A
<b>Environmental Health</b>					
Animal bite investigations	198	238	18	30	121
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	2	51	7	7	17
Rabies Clinics	8	9	2	0	4

- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1098	1377	385	0	634
Food Establishment Inspections	247	228	20	21	113
Temporary Food Inspections	66	62	10	18	31
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	0	1	1	0	4
Mobile Home Park Inspections	37	35	0	4	20
Swimming Pool Inspections	11	11	3	5	8
Tanning Inspections	1	2	0	0	0
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	108	116	36	0	109
- ATUPA Violations	3	2	1	0	2
Wellhead Replacement Projects In Progress	N/A	60	7	0	44
Wellhead Replacement Projects Completed	N/A	30	1	0	6
Children's Camp Inspections	7	13	0	7	7
Agriculture Fairground Inspections	2	3	0	0	0
Nuisance Complaints	7	25	5	6	28
Enforcement Actions	72	45	4	1	27
<b>Weights &amp; Measures</b>					
Inspection Sites	110	201	18	12	70
-Devices Inspected	604	448	10	16	110
Training Hrs./Equipment Maintenance	27	43	0	4	16
<b>Fiscal-Electronic Payments &amp; Applications</b>					
Total Number of Electronic Payments (All Programs)	N/A	N/A	23	25	74
Total Dollar Amount of Electronic Payments Received (All Programs)	N/A	N/A	\$4,135	\$3,704	\$14,836
Number of Electronic Applications Received	N/A	N/A	2	14	18