



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Members of the Board of Health

FROM: A. Reigelman

DATE: September 10, 2026

RE: Board of Health Meeting - Thursday, September 17, 2026,
7:30 a.m., **Conference Room B**, 2nd Floor of Health and Human Services
Building at 1062 St. Rt. 38, Owego, NY 13827.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes- July 2026
2. Presentation- None
3. Old Business
4. Director's Report
 - Measles Response
 - Agency Updates- July & August (2026)
5. New Business
 - TCPH Audit Summary, Quarter 2 of 2026 (S. Medina)
 - Membership Reappointment Recommendation (T. Leary)
 - Slate of Officers (2027-2028)
 - BOH Member Vacancy Discussion
 - Enforcements
6. Additional Items
 - None
7. Next Meeting Information
 - Next Meeting: October 15, 2026

TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES July 16, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:

T. Nytych, DVM, President
W. Simmons, Vice President
T. Hills, DVM
W. Standinger III, Legislator
T. Leary, FNP

ABSENT:

R. Kapur-Pado, DO
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

H. Vroman, Public Health Director
A. Reigelman, Secretary
P. DeWind, Esq., Tioga County Attorney
M. Squair, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:35 a.m. by Dr. Nytych.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve June 2026 meeting minutes made by Ms. Leary, seconded by Mr. Simmons. All were in favor of approving the minutes, none opposed, motion approved.

PRESENTATION: Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) overview presented by Ms. Squair. PHEP supports coordinated emergency preparedness across government levels, with public health staff contributing through illness prevention, disease investigation, education, and regular training. The PHEP team maintains plans, conducts exercises, and collaborates with Tioga County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and other partners, using after-action findings to strengthen readiness. Local emergencies such as rabies incidents, COVID-19, and an H5 case highlight the need for preparedness across all declaration levels. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) continues to support local response efforts. Tioga County is advancing through the Project Public Health Ready accreditation process, focusing on mass care, pandemic readiness, and extreme weather. Coordination with Emergency Services is improving, Incident Command System principles are being integrated, and communication gaps are being addressed through infrastructure upgrades and backup systems. Continued collaboration with community organizations remains strong, though dispatch challenges and concerns regarding the Sheriff's limited use of the new dispatch center were noted.

Board members thanked Ms. Squair for presenting and complimented her commitment to her role.

Ms. Squair departed meeting at 8:12 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Legislator Standinger noted that those experiencing homelessness are intermittently returning to the previous encampment property in the Village of the Owego. Village police are monitoring the area. Board members briefly discussed.

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

Public Health Information:

- Federal funding: remains stable and has some increases in core program areas. New York State is expected to receive about \$212 million from the Rural Health Transformation funding (part of

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the Big Beautiful Bill). Each county is eligible for up to \$500,000, but local health departments are unable to apply directly (must be CBO or hospital to be eligible to apply). UHS filed two implementation projects via Care Compass Network (CCN) with county support: Paramedicine expansion program to Broome, Tioga and Delaware Counties and Maternal and child health services. There are concerns about CCN's limited local presence and budget allocations.

- Cyclospora Outbreak: A multi-state outbreak (31) with over 4,000 cases likely linked to produce. There are no cases in Tioga County currently. Public guidance is to recognize symptoms and seek evaluation. Noted that washing produce may not remove the parasite. Board members discussed alternative cleansing methods.
- Ebola update: Nearly 1,400 cases, with 438 deaths reported globally, with no confirmed cases in the U.S. Traveler monitoring is ongoing.
- Tick-borne Illnesses: There are roughly 239 tick-borne cases in Tioga County, with anaplasmosis at 45 cases. There have been 20 hospitalizations year-to-date, with hospital stays ranging from 2-10 days. Statewide increases are noted for anaplasmosis, Lyme and Powassan virus.

Staffing:

- An offer for the Office Specialist II was accepted, with a start date of August 10.

Accomplished Activities:

- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was submitted to the state, focusing on housing stability, social context, and healthcare access. A full presentation is planned for the September Board of Health meeting. (handout distributed on priority areas)
- In collaboration with Tioga County Mental Hygiene, we submitted and were awarded a grant by NYS Office of Mental Health Suicide Prevention Center of New York for Building Capacity for Rural Suicide Prevention in NYS for \$132,000.
- Public Health Nurse presented RPEP guidelines at UHS to emergency department physicians.
- Conducted drive through rabies clinic at Hickories Park in June and vaccinated 169 pets. There was high public satisfaction, and we are considering the drive-through model for future events.

In-Progress Tasks:

- Ms. Medina is currently at the NACCHO Annual Conference in Kentucky and Ms. Holochak and Ms. Russell are at the CADCA Mid-Year Conference in Orlando. We have a travel expectation policy requiring they present what they learned and will forward their informational material to Board members when complete.
- The department is developing a new strategic plan following county guidelines and National Public Health accreditation standards. Board of Health feedback survey results are being analyzed. Next surveys include Public Health Competency and Training Needs for Public Health staff.
- The 2027 Budget is being finalized and will be presented in August, with a positive financial forecast.
- Staff will be tabling at summer events to provide education and outreach, including Sundaes at the Farm, Newark Valley SummerFest, Tioga County Fair and Back to School Party.

Board Action Items:

- Ms. Vroman asked members to review the information in their member binders. Plan for next meeting to discuss what members would like to see next year, any initiatives, information to be provided, or if anything needs updating.

Other:

- Break in August. Next meeting will be in September, and we will have a presentation on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Enforcements: briefly noted, no discussion.
- Ms. Vroman stated that she will be on vacation starting Friday and through next week.

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Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Legislator Standing, all in favor, none opposed, motion approved. Adjournment of meeting called 8:46 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Abigail Reigelman

William Simmons, Vice President

Abigail Reigelman; Secretary

Minutes approved September 17, 2026

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August & September 2026 Enforcements

<u>Business</u>	<u>Type of Violation</u>	<u>Fine Paid/Date</u>	<u>Repeat Violation(s) within 12 Month Period</u>
Julia Dodge The VFW 207 Main St. Owego, NY	Food	\$325.00 7/7/2026	No
James Friend Shepard Hill Country Club 17 Chemung St. Waverly, NY	Food	\$250.00 7/13/2026	No
Don Lin Panda Wok Owego INC. 713 St. Rt. 17C Owego, NY	Food	\$225.00 7/17/2026	No
Kapil Phuyal Spencer Foods Mart, LLC 15 N. Main St. Spencer, NY	Water	\$100.00 7/24/2026	No
Sanjay Shah Sunrise Motel 3778 Waverly Rd. Owego, NY	Temporary Residences	\$350.00 7/28/2026	No
Harold Clark Jr. McDonald's of Owego 29 Hickories Park Rd. Owego, NY	Food	\$350.00 7/29/2026	No
Ibrahim Murshed Owego Convenience Mart LLC 942 NY-17C Owego, NY	ATUPA	\$350.00 8/7/2926	No
Tioga Downs Racetrack Tioga Downs Outdoor Pool 2384 W. River Rd. Nichols, NY	Swimming Pools	\$300.00 8/11/2026	No
Tioga Downs Racetrack Tioga Downs Outdoor Spa Pool 2384 W. River Rd. Nichols, NY	Swimming Pools	\$150.00 8/11/2026	No
Tess Kellogg Doug's Fish Fry 206 West Rd. Cortland, NY	Food	\$425.00 8/23/2026	No
Meghaan Velasco MJ's Bar and Restaurant, LLC 596 Fifth Ave. Owego, NY	Food	\$500.00 8/27/2026	No



Parwana Jan Kalash Kitchen 208 Front St. Owego, NY	Food	\$225.00 9/4/2026	No
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Heather Vroman, MPH, MEd., Public Health Director



AGENCY REPORT

June 25-July 22, 2026

Highlights

- We received Notice of Award for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration STOP ACT underage drinking prevention grant.
- We submitted a presentation abstract for the 2026 Statewide Harm Reduction Symposium on the Tioga County ASAP Coalition, and it has been accepted!
- We trialed our first fully drive-through Rabies Clinic at Hickories Park. It was a success, vaccinating 169 pets, and we received lots of positive community feedback!
- We kept the community informed with messaging on extreme heat and air quality and safety measures while smoke covered the southern tier from the Canadian fires.
- Public Health Director worked with UHS Hospitals and Care Compass Network in the development of their Rural Health Transformation grant proposal for Tioga County.
- Congratulations to Kristin Russell for being recognized as Team Member of the Second Quarter!

Health Education

- Tioga County ASAP sponsored two free summer movies at the Tioga Theater, this included Toy Story 5 and Minions and Monsters! Both movies had great attendance. Health Educators tabled and distributed educational material to families.
- Public Health Educator/ASAP Coalition Coordinator delivered kits to Owego restaurants and bars, which included information on alcohol responsible server training and fraud detector penlights for identifying fake IDs.
- Health Educators did several bicycle helmet education and fitting sessions through the Helmet First, Ride Second Program, including the summer programs at Camp Ahwaga, Newark Valley, and Candor.
- Health Educator participated in Family Resource Center story times at Nichols, Waverly, and Spencer, discussing playground safety tips for kids.
- Lactation Counselor/ Health Educator continues to do regular check-ins with clients daily or as questions arise, mostly over text message or phone calls. However, we have had several in-person appointments as well. Lactation Education now has a baby scale for in person mothers to weigh their babies.

Environmental Health

- Director of Environmental Health and Director of Weights and Measures checked on the new construction of the new Richford Fire Station, as the station will be permitted to have water and food.
- Director of Environmental Health attended the Tioga County Water Quality Meeting and shared information on our Healthy Homes program, water testing and rabies statistics.

- Investigations for animal bites/exposures have been very active, especially related to bats.

Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- Communicable Disease team has been working on an increased number of investigations for gastrointestinal illnesses and tickborne illnesses (especially anaplasmosis).
- Public Health Nurse presented to the UHS Emergency Department physicians and mid-level providers on rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (RPEP).
- We are trialing Speech-Therapy services via tele-health within Early Intervention. So far, this has been a positive experience, and we are hopeful that we can have more parents and providers interested in doing this.
- Early Intervention Program continues to receive a steady number of referrals. As intakes and caseloads increase in number, our children waiting for services increases also. The provider shortage is especially noticeable for children needing Physical Therapy and Speech Therapy.
- The Dental Van has been very busy this summer with lots of new patients. We continue to struggle with finding specialty referrals for patients with Medicaid.

Administration

- PHEP Coordinator presented to the Board of Health on Emergency Preparedness.
- Continue with Quality Improvement projects, Preschool Program-Transportation, Food Safety Course, Rabies Post-Exposure Fiscal Processes, and Communicable Disease Investigation Training, including a new project that will review our client-patient feedback process.
- Completed the annual review of the Tioga County Public Health Administrative Policy Manual. The process included an initial review by the Management Team and the Public Health Director, followed by a five-day review period for all Public Health staff.
- New Consent for Disclosure of Health information forms were created and approved for use in the lead, clinic and dental programs.

Workforce Development

- Deputy Director attended the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) annual conference in Kentucky and brought back a lot of insights from local health departments across the country.
- Public Health Project Coordinator and Public Health Educator attended the community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Mid-Year and Fentanyl Free America Conference in Orlando.
- Our medical licensed staff completed required training in Basic Life Support CPR certification- offered in-house by our Public Health Nurse who is a certified instructor.
- Health Educator attended the Pryor Learning Managing Multiple Priorities training.
- Health Educator completed Youth Mental Health First Aid Training and post-work (which is a pre-requisite for becoming a trainer).

Ongoing Support/Partnerships

TCPH team members actively serve in leadership roles or participate in the following:

- Advocacy, Support & Prevention (ASAP) Coalition
- Child Fatality Review Team
- Family Enrichment Network (Head Start)
- Lourdes PACT Advisory Board
- Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network
- New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)
- New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH)
- New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC)
- Racker Center
- Rural Health Network
- S2AY Pivotal Public Health Partnership Early Childhood Committee
- Team Tioga
- Tioga County Board of Health
- Tioga County Commissioner's Advisory Council
- Tioga County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
- Tioga County Council of Governments
- Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Tioga County Mental Health Sub-Committee
- Tioga Opportunities, Inc.
- Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Tioga County Threat Assessment Management Team
- Tioga County Water Quality Committee
- Tioga County Youth Bureau

Attachments:

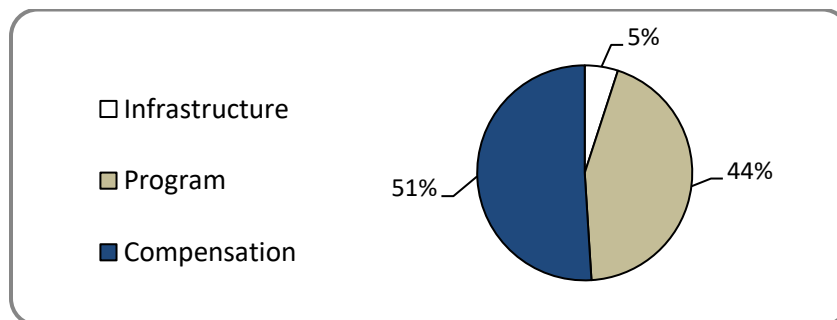
1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru June 2026.
2. Photographs: Hickories Park Drive-Through Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Various Staff, June 25, 2026.
3. Outreach Photographs: Sundaes at the Farm, Richford & Helmet Fittings/Education Tioga County summer camps, July 2026.
4. Article: "Honors: Tioga County Public Health 2026 Team Member of the second Quarter-Kristin Russell," Tioga County Courier, July 15, 2026.
5. Flyer: "What the Health!?", July 2026.
6. Bulletin Board: "E-Bike Safety Essentials!," "Summer Safety," HHS Building, Owego, NY, July 2026.
7. Bulletin Board: "Summer Safety," 56 Main St., Owego, NY, July 2026.
8. Data Spreadsheet June 25-July 22, 2026.

Financial Snapshot
Year-to-date through June 2026^{*1,2,3}

	Budget 2026	Actual YTD 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
REVENUES			
Fees	853,850	235,556	28 %
State/Federal	3,633,567	182,136	5 %
Local	3,878,709	2,201,164	57 %
TOTAL	8,356,126	2,618,856	31 %

EXPENSES			
Compensation	3,476,616	1,336,040	38 %
Program Expense	4,420,697	1,149,036	26 %
Core Infrastructure	458,813	133,780	29 %
TOTAL	8,356,126	2,618,856	31 %

Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through June 2026



***Notes:**

1. These figures represent the most recent 'closed out' month by the Treasurer, which is June 2026.
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.



Various TCPH Staff, Hickories Park Rabies Clinic, June 25, 2026



K. Thomas & N. Whitmore, Sundae at the Farm Tabling, July 2026



K. Wait & C. Hickey, *Helmet First, Ride Second* Program helmet fittings at summer camp, July, 2026

Honors: Tioga County Public Health 2026 Team Member of the Second Quarter - Kristin Russell

Submitted article

Kristin Russell has been named Tioga County Public Health 2026 Team Member of the Second Quarter.

Russell started working at TCPH in June 2024 as a Public Health Educator. A press release notes that through her work on the Tioga County Advocacy Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition, Russell exemplifies the mission of Tioga County Public Health. She partners with local businesses, organizations, and schools to educate the community on the dangers of substance use, and advocates for our vulnerable populations.

The release adds that Russell works hard on both the Tioga County ASAP Coalition and the Suicide Prevention Coalition. She manages initiatives for both coalitions and recently wrote an impressive grant application for



Pictured above is Kristin Russell, the Tioga County Public Health 2026 Team Member of the Second Quarter. Submitted photo.

the Suicide Prevention Coalition that was recently received; one that only five New York State counties were selected for. She is a team player that is always willing to help get the job done. Lastly, Russell brings new ideas and perspectives to the Health Education team.

In her role as the Tioga County ASAP Coalition Coordinator, she developed strong community partnerships to ensure activities are implemented including coordinating the free community screenings at the Tioga Theater, partnering with the Tioga County Sheriff's Office to conduct compliance checks and assist with their STOP DWI education events, and working with community organizations to gain youth input on substance use prevention activities. She is a member of the Tioga County Public Health team. In addition to her roles on the coalitions, Russell regularly volunteers for rabies clinics and other outreach events for Tioga County Public Health. She is a proud mother of three adorable girls. In her free time, Russell enjoys baking, golfing, and spending time with her friends and family.

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Article: Tioga County Courier, July 15, 2026



What the Health!?

July 2026

Public Health in the U.S.A!

- Which disease was eliminated in the U.S. thanks to widespread vaccination?
a. Chickenpox c. Diphtheria
b. Smallpox d. Measles
- Healthy People, the national health goal-setting plan, comes out every:
a. Month c. 5 years
b. 2 years d. 10 years
- Which agency is known as the nation's main public health agency?
a. NASA c. USDA
b. CDC d. TCFH
- The 3 P's of Public Health are Prevent, Promote, and ____?
a. Pass c. Pickle
b. Protect d. Personable
- Where was the first Local Health Department established?
a. Baltimore, Maryland c. Austin, Texas
b. Seattle, Washington d. Atlanta, Georgia

Answer Key

1.B/2.D/3.B/4.B/5.A

SCAN TO FIND A COOLING CENTER NEAR YOU!

Cooling centers provide air conditioning for community members on hot days!

The link to the Cooling Center Finder is also available at ph.tiogacountyny.gov



Cookout Food Safety

- Pack raw meat and seafood separate from beverages and ready-to-eat dishes
- Bring two platters for grilling. One for raw meat and one for serving the meat after it has been cooked.
- Use a meat thermometer to ensure everything has been cooked to the proper temperature.
- Throw away perishable foods that have been left out for over 2 hours (1hr if temps are over 90F).

BE WISE - SUPERVISE!



Helmet Fit Guide: The 2- V- 1 Rule



Flyer: "What the Health!?", July 2026.



Bulletin Board: HHS Building, Owego, NY July 2026



Bulletin Board: HHS Building & 56 Main St., Owego, NY July 2026

DATA SPREADSHEET

June 25-July 22, 2026

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>Y-E 2024</u>	<u>Y-E 2025</u>	<u>Jun-26</u>	<u>Jul-26</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Community Health					
Communicable Disease	3082	2643	108	75	1516
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc.)	330	363	12	5	251
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc.)	352	474	90	65	253
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc.)	2281	1710	2	0	906
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	49	39	3	2	13
- Child Seats PASS Inspection	9	10	0	0	0
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	40	29	0	2	10
- Child Seats Distributed	62	47	3	4	15
CredibleMind Users	N/A	2857	388	105	1428
Immunizations: Total children and adults	87	54	0	0	9
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	10	13	0	3	9
Environmental Health Assessments due to Child with EBLL	8	9	0	2	5
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	N/A	17	18	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	298	433	39	29	249
Lactation Consultant Requests	N/A	N/A	3	2	14
Lactation Consultant Current Caseload	N/A	N/A	4	4	N/A
Individuals Naloxone Trained (Opioid Overdose Prevention Program)	96	72	23	0	48
Dental					
New Clients	325	383	25	34	232
Dental Screenings	1227	1359	106	88	791
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	461	287	27	13	150
-Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	274	445	32	40	282
- Clients with High Decay Risk	493	619	47	35	357
Extractions	170	205	16	21	111
Children Services					
Referrals for Services (ChildFind & EI)	N/A	N/A	12	11	107
Referrals forwarded to Early Intervention (Prev. Early Intervention Referrals)	195	138	11	6	80
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	49	46	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	19	16	N/A
- Active EI Providers	N/A	N/A	9	9	N/A

	<u>Y-E 2024</u>	<u>Y-E 2025</u>	<u>Jun-26</u>	<u>Jul-26</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Preschool					
- Children in a tuition-based program	N/A	N/A	25	25	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under the Serafini contract	N/A	N/A	17	14	N/A
- Children receiving transportation from their parents	N/A	N/A	8	11	N/A
Child Find					
- Current Children being served	N/A	N/A	20	19	N/A
Environmental Health					
Animal bite investigations	238	237	41	36	167
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	51	39	7	14	33
Rabies Clinics	9	8	0	2	5
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1377	1140	0	311	675
Food Establishment Inspections	228	240	32	14	134
Food Course Certificates Issued	N/A	N/A	14	24	134
Temporary Food Inspections	62	64	37	10	55
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	1	5	0	0	1
Mobile Home Park Inspections (MHPS, Campgrounds, RVs)	35	35	6	3	29
Swimming Pool Inspections	11	20	4	4	13
Tanning Inspections	2	2	0	0	1
Children's Camp Inspections	13	14	6	8	14
Agriculture Fairground Inspections	3	2	0	0	0
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	116	157	0	15	50
Enforcement Actions	45	64	7	9	34
Weights & Measures					
Inspection Sites	201	141	15	6	59
-Devices Inspected	448	257	61	44	324
-Devices PASS Inspection	N/A	N/A	58	43	310
-Devices FAIL Inspection	N/A	N/A	3	1	13
Fiscal-Electronic Payments & Applications					
Total Number of Electronic Payments (All Programs)	N/A	133	39	17	123
Total Dollar Amount of Electronic Payments Received (All Programs)	N/A	\$25,876	\$4,268	\$4,036	\$20,454
Number of Electronic Applications Received	N/A	47	0	25	86



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AGENCY REPORT

July 23-August 26, 2026

Highlights

- Our entire team responded to measles concerns in the community, and one confirmed case. We held an impromptu vaccination clinic for unvaccinated community members and completed several home visits. In total, we vaccinated 43 adults and children, helping protect vulnerable residents and prevent further spread.
- On the Early Intervention Annual Performance Report issued by NYSDOH, our program achieved 100% compliance for timely IFSP completion and timely transition discussions—an outstanding reflection of our team's commitment to families.
- The TCPH team assisted with various aspects of the Tioga County Fair. EH staff ensured all mobile food units maintained good hygiene- completing pre-operational inspections and onsite inspections. Other team members tabled for TCPH and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) during the fair; promoting various programs.
- We officially launched the new Weights and Measures tab on the website, giving community members direct access to program information and a convenient way to submit consumer complaints.
- We revamped our Public Health reception area, creating a more welcoming and functional space for visitors.
- We welcomed Jody Inderwies, our new Office Specialist II!

Health Education

- We had an exceptional month for Naloxone distribution, providing 502 boxes countywide. This included 250 boxes to Racker, 216 to Tioga Downs Casino, 24 to Stray Haven, and 12 to Candor High School. Tioga Downs also installed 16 Public Access Naloxone (PAN) Boxes, greatly expanding emergency access.
- The Public Health Project Coordinator completed several media interviews, including Cayuga Radio Group on the importance of checking naloxone expiration dates and WBNG on measles prevention and staying up to date with MMR vaccines.
- The Health Ed Team met with multiple Tioga County school districts to plan collaborations for the upcoming school year. Topics included initiatives through Tioga ASAP, the Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Tioga Smiles Dental Program, traffic safety, immunizations, and the school exclusion process.
- Health Educators continued their summer helmet distribution efforts at Newark Valley and Candor programs. Over 225 helmets have already been given out, with two more events scheduled for September.

- Staff met with the Prevention Coalition of Broome County to share current initiatives implemented through the Tioga County ASAP Coalition.
- Tioga ASAP sponsored additional family movie days at the Tioga Theater, with the most recent showing of *Paw Patrol* attracting more than 110 attendees. The coalition also distributed over 30 packs of Tioga County Fair tickets. To qualify, participants completed a parent survey designed to fill gaps in existing data—resulting in more than 400 completed responses.
- Health Education staff attended the Catholic Charities backpack giveaway event at Tioga Central Schools, providing outreach and resources.
- Our Public Health Educator/Lactation Consultant attended Tioga Opportunities Inc. WIC Program’s Breastfeeding Tea Party, offering support and information to families.
- Public Health Educator continues to do outreach at Family Resource Centers throughout the county. This month, they read kids books about making your plate a rainbow and the Hungry Caterpillar eating up a garden.

Environmental Health

- The Director of Environmental Health and the Public Health Sanitarian certified a new 1A and 1B water operator for Veolia, supporting safe and consistent water system operations.
- Our Lead Program has been busy, completing three environmental assessments this month. Two of the three homes were found to have no lead hazards, offering reassurance to the families involved.
- We partnered with the Parks and Recreation Departments in Owego and Waverly to develop new signage for local parks, providing clear information on what to do in the event of an animal bite.

Patient Services (EI, Dental, Clinic)

- We received confirmation of our successful completion of the Year 14 Article 6 Incentive Program, which focused on the promotion of oral health in primary care settings.
- The dental van and team participated in Newark Valley SummerFest for community outreach.
- New “No Cavity Club” certificates were created to boost engagement with pediatric dental patients. Children who have no cavities receive a certificate, and their first names are added to the recognition wall in the dental van.
- The Director of Dental Health Services continues efforts to find Medicaid dental referral sources, contacting providers from Albany to Rochester with no available options found so far.
- A new social media and radio campaign for the School-Based Dental Program was created using grant funds, scheduled to air on WEBO and Choice 102 in September and October.
- A CPSE provider has resumed accepting Early Intervention cases, and an EI provider from Broome County has agreed to serve a child who transferred into Tioga. Along with several existing providers taking on many previously waitlisted children, these changes have significantly reduced the Early Intervention waitlist.

- Nursing has had a high-volume month, managing follow-up for individuals receiving rabies post-exposure treatment, as well as monitoring tickborne and gastrointestinal illnesses.
- Public Health Nurse completed annual N95 mask fit testing for all staff.
- We have already begun administering vaccines for school age children in our clinic in preparation for the new school year.

Administration

- The 2027–2029 Tioga County Public Health Strategic Plan continues to progress. Five surveys were completed across the TCPH team, the Tioga County Legislature, the Board of Health, and community partners/stakeholders. The Strategic Plan Implementation Team has reviewed all survey results and compiled key findings to guide the next phase of planning.
- The in-state review of Project Public Health Ready (accreditation for Public Health Emergency Preparedness) was completed, and the final application—incorporating all suggested edits—has been officially submitted to the National Review Team.
- Mackenzie Squair, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, is now serving as chair of the Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- Public Health Director participated in the Debris Management Plan update meeting.
- We completed the second quarter record audit review for 2026 with our Medical Consultant, Dr. Zevan.
- Submitted the Second Quarter State Aid Voucher for Article 6 funding and reimbursement. It was a large amount totaling \$374,838.
- All Management/ Confidential evaluations were completed and submitted to Tioga County Personnel and Civil Service.

Workforce Development

- Public Health Nurse completed Basic Life Support training with our licensed staff.
- Public Health Educator became certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid, strengthening our community mental health support capabilities.
- Public Health Educator attended two Child Passenger Safety Technician webinars for CEU credits and a GOLD Learning webinar for Lactation credits toward recertification. They also participated in the “Fourth Trimester: Postpartum Care in Rural New York” training and the Health of Birthing People webinar to deepen expertise in maternal health.

Ongoing Support/Partnerships

TCPH team members actively serve in leadership roles or participate in the following:

- Advocacy, Support & Prevention (ASAP) Coalition
- Child Fatality Review Team
- Family Enrichment Network (Head Start)
- Lourdes PACT Advisory Board
- Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network
- New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)
- New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH)
- New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC)
- Racker Center
- Rural Health Network
- S2AY Pivotal Public Health Partnership Early Childhood Committee
- Team Tioga
- Tioga County Board of Health
- Tioga County Commissioner's Advisory Council
- Tioga County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
- Tioga County Council of Governments
- Tioga County Housing Coalition
- Tioga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Tioga County Mental Health Sub-Committee
- Tioga Opportunities, Inc.
- Tioga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Tioga County Threat Assessment Management Team
- Tioga County Water Quality Committee
- Tioga County Youth Bureau

Attachments:

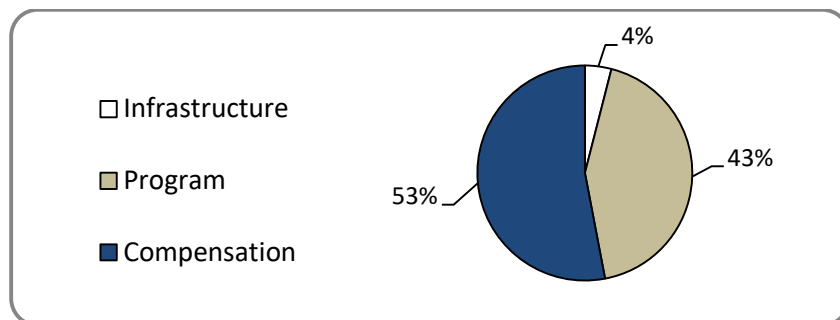
1. Financial Snapshot, YTD thru July 2026.
2. Outreach Photographs: Newark Valley SummerFest-Tioga Smiles Dental Van, New Park Signage-Animal Bites, Tioga County Fair Tabling/Outreach, Family Resource Center Story and Activity Time, August 2026.
3. Flyer: "What the Health!?", August 2026.
4. Bulletin Board: "Breastfeed and Bloom," "Back to School," HHS Building, Owego, NY, August 2026.
5. Bulletin Board: "Naloxone Saves Lives" 56 Main St., Owego, NY, August 2026.
6. Data Spreadsheet July 23-August 26, 2026.

Financial Snapshot
Year-to-date through July 2026*^{1,2,3}

	Budget 2026	Actual YTD 2026	Percentage of 2026 Budget
REVENUES			
Fees	912,673	332,511	36 %
State/Federal	3,669,567	845,275	23 %
Local	3,868,709	1,979,090	51 %
TOTAL	8,450,949	3,156,876	37 %

EXPENSES			
Compensation	3,476,616	1,665,452	48 %
Program Expense	4,515,520	1,350,561	30 %
Core Infrastructure	458,813	140,863	31 %
TOTAL	8,450,949	3,156,876	37 %

Allocation of Expenses
Year-to-date through July 2026



***Notes:**

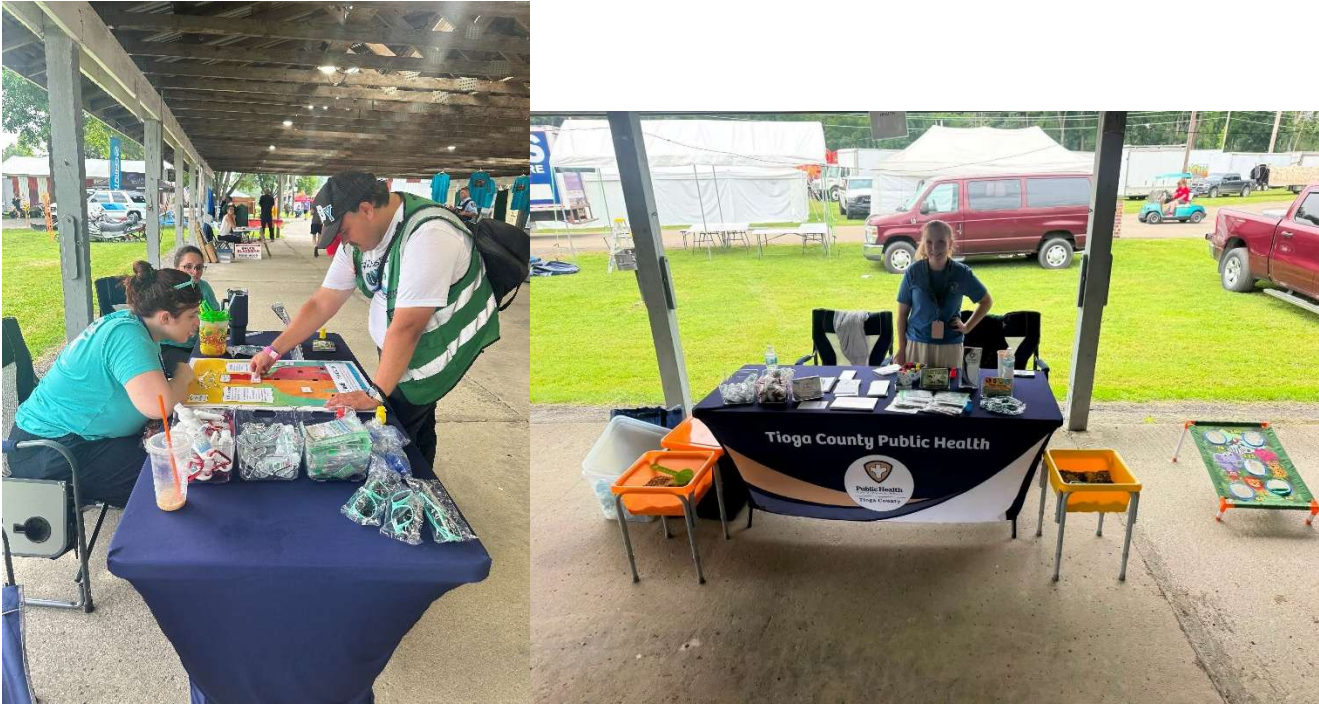
1. These figures represent the most recent 'closed out' month by the Treasurer, which is July 2026.
2. Most of January & February revenue are adjusted back to prior year as payments during this time are for services performed in the prior year. State Aid reimbursement is reported a couple months after 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.



Tioga Smiles Dental Unit, Newark Valley SummerFest, August 2026



“Bitten By An Animal?” Informational signage for local parks, D. Scherrer, Dir. of Environmental Health, August 2026



Tioga County Fair Tabling/Outreach, Various staff, August 2026



Family Resource Center, Story and Activity Time, August 2026



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What the Health!?

August 2026

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TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS!

- 
Keep your distance.
 Observe a safe trailing distance of two seconds between your car and the car in front of you.
- 
Buckle up.
 Wear your seat belt at all times. It helps you stay protected.
- 
Observe the speed limit.
 This makes it easy for you to stop your vehicle when needed and gives you enough time to react to any changes on the road.
- 
Follow traffic signals.
 Prepare to stop at yellow lights and do a full stop at red lights.
- 
Never drink and drive.
 Drinking alcohol will only impair your driving. Don't operate a vehicle when you're inebriated.

THIS TRIVIA STINKS!

Learn About Septic Systems

- Which common household item, when flushed can takes years to break down and is a common cause of septic system clogs?
 a. Toilet Paper c. Plunger
 b. Disposable Wipes d. Toothpaste
- What naturally occurring organisms are responsible for breaking down waste inside a septic tank?
 a. Bacteria c. Rodents
 b. Plants d. Vinegar
- How often does the average residential septic tank need to be pumped to keep it working properly?
 a. Annually c. Every 3-5 years
 b. Every 1-2 years d. Never
- Which household chemical, when used excessively, can disrupt the bacterial balance inside a septic tank?
 a. Pasta Water c. Soap
 b. Arsenic d. Bleach
- What weather event often causes septic systems to back up due to saturated drain fields?
 a. Flooding c. Blizzard
 b. Tornado d. Wild Fire

National Grief Awareness Day

August 31, 2026

From CredibleMind...

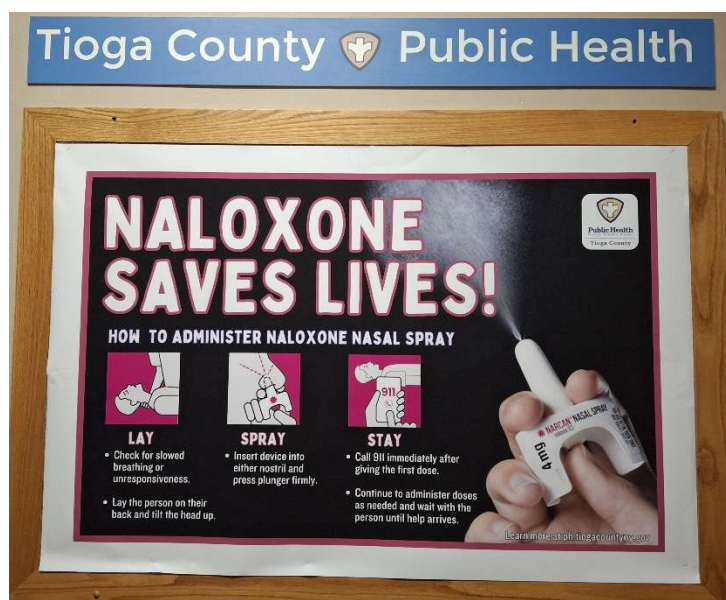
"Working through grief is difficult because there's no direct path forward. Grief is difficult, unpredictable, and complicated. It's not simply mourning a person or unimaginable loss; it's mourning all of the associated memories and feelings accompanying that loss."

Visit Tioga.CredibleMind.com for more!

Flyer: "What the Health!?", August 2026.



Bulletin Boards: HHS Building, Owego, NY August 2026



Bulletin Boards: 56 Main St., Owego, NY, August 2026

DATA SPREADSHEET

July 23-August 26, 2026

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>Y-E 2024</u>	<u>Y-E 2025</u>	<u>Jul-26</u>	<u>Aug-26</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Community Health					
Communicable Disease	3082	2643	104	69	1628
- General Infectious Diseases (Campylobacterious, Salmonellosis, etc.)	330	363	6	13	265
- Zoonotic Diseases (Anaplasmosis, Lyme, etc.)	352	474	91	50	329
- Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, Influenza, etc.)	2281	1710	1	4	911
Child Passenger Safety Seats Inspected	49	39	2	10	23
- Child Seats PASS Inspection	9	10	0	0	0
- Child Seats FAILED Inspection	40	29	2	10	20
- Child Seats Distributed	62	47	4	10	25
CredibleMind Users	N/A	2857	105	52	1480
Immunizations: Total children and adults	87	54	0	51	60
Newly Identified Children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels	10	13	3	2	11
Environmental Health Assessments due to Child with EBLL	8	9	2	3	8
Current Children with EBLL Caseload	N/A	N/A	18	20	N/A
- Welcome Baby Packets Mailed	298	433	29	68	317
Lactation Consultant Requests	N/A	N/A	2	2	16
Lactation Consultant Current Caseload	N/A	N/A	4	5	N/A
Individuals Naloxone Trained (Opioid Overdose Prevention Program)	96	72	0	0	48
Dental					
New Clients	325	383	34	38	270
Dental Screenings	1227	1359	88	122	913
- Clients with Low Decay Risk	461	287	13	13	163
-Clients with Moderate Decay Risk	274	445	40	61	343
- Clients with High Decay Risk	493	619	35	48	405
Extractions	170	205	21	30	141
Children Services					
Referrals for Services (ChildFind & EI)	N/A	N/A	11	15	122
Referrals forwarded to Early Intervention (Prev. Early Intervention Referrals)	195	138	6	12	92
- Early Intervention CURRENT Caseload *Monthly total	N/A	N/A	46	42	N/A
- EI children waiting for service(s)	N/A	N/A	16	9	N/A
- Active EI Providers	N/A	N/A	9	10	N/A

	<u>Y-E 2024</u>	<u>Y-E 2025</u>	<u>Jul-26</u>	<u>Aug-26</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Preschool					
- Children in a tuition-based program	N/A	N/A	25	25	N/A
- Children receiving transportation services under the Serafini contract	N/A	N/A	14	15	N/A
- Children receiving transportation from their parents	N/A	N/A	11	10	N/A
Child Find					
- Current Children being served	N/A	N/A	19	22	N/A
Environmental Health					
Animal bite investigations	238	237	36	60	227
- Individuals requiring Rabies Series (N)	51	39	14	9	42
Rabies Clinics	9	8	2	0	5
- Number of Animals Vaccinated	1377	1140	311	0	675
Food Establishment Inspections	228	240	14	6	140
Food Course Certificates Issued	N/A	N/A	24	37	171
Temporary Food Inspections	62	64	10	23	78
Clean Indoor Air Act Complaints (Smoking)	1	5	0	0	1
Mobile Home Park Inspections (MHPS, Campgrounds, RVs)	35	35	3	4	33
Swimming Pool Inspections	11	20	4	1	14
Tanning Inspections	2	2	0	0	1
Children's Camp Inspections	13	14	8	0	14
Agriculture Fairground Inspections	3	2	0	2	2
ATUPA Checks (Underage Tobacco Sales)	116	157	15	0	50
Enforcement Actions	45	64	9	5	39
Weights & Measures					
Inspection Sites	201	141	6	16	75
-Devices Inspected	448	257	44	52	376
-Devices PASS Inspection	N/A	N/A	43	48	358
-Devices FAIL Inspection	N/A	N/A	1	4	17
Fiscal-Electronic Payments & Applications					
Total Number of Electronic Payments (All Programs)	N/A	133	17	18	141
Total Dollar Amount of Electronic Payments Received (All Programs)	N/A	\$25,876	\$4,036	\$4,416	\$24,870
Number of Electronic Applications Received	N/A	47	25	17	103