

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

Present: **Ryan, Grant**, Kehl, Granger, Hastings, Brunner, May, King, Becker

Absent:

Also Present:

Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
<b>9:00 AM Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
1. <i>Resolution Supporting Continued Prioritization of Heroin and Opioid Abuse Prevention as a Top Public Safety, Public Health, and Mental Health Focus in New York State for 2018</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <i>Resolution Calling on the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Governor to Provide State Funding to Support the Treatment and Transition Services to Individuals with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Who are Incarcerated in County Jails</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <i>Resolution Calling on the Office of Mental Health and the Governor to Ensure Long Term Viability to OMH Funded Housing Programs for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness through Support of the "Bring It Home" Initiative</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. <i>Resolution Supporting an End to Administrative Funding Cuts, an Increase in the Base Grant, Per Capita Rate, and State Aid Formula that Constitute Article 6 State Aid Reimbursement for Mandated General Public Health Work Undertaken by Local Health Departments as Population Health Partners of New York State</i>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>9:10 AM Mental Health w/K. Dryja</b>			
1. Amend Salary Schedule "D" to increase salary, for Director of Community Services per the offer of employment letter, executed 7/12/17. Satisfactory performance evaluation conducted by Supervisor Ryan, at the Mental Health Department offices. Set the salary at \$57,500 effective 1/31/2018.	<i>Resolution 17-290</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p>2. <b><i>FYI ~ Contract (\$3,000 and under):</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Byrncliff Golf Resort &amp; Banquets</i></b>, 2357 Humphrey Rd, Varysburg, NY 14167, for the provision of venue and breakfast for the May is MH month Breakfast. To take place on 5/15/2018. In an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Byrncliff Resort has been the host for previous May is MH Month breakfasts. This amount is funded with state aid, purchase of breakfast by local contract agencies, and a basket raffle. (all in May)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><i>E- Company Solutions</i></b>, 35 Gateway Drive, Batavia, NY 14020, for website design clone, transfer and hosting with annual basic updates in the amount of \$180.00 per year, not to exceed \$ _____; effective _____ through _____.</li> <li>• <b><i>NYS Dept. of Health Medicaid Data Exchange Unit</i></b>, for a Data Use Agreement (DUA) to have statewide access to the Medicaid Analytics Provider Portal - Health Home Tracking System (MAPP-HHTS) for the purposes of notification, referral and linkage of high-risk Medicaid recipients to a Health Home in the amount not to exceed \$ 0.00; effective February 28, 2018 through January 31, 2020. <b><i>NO exchange of funds, this allows the MHD to access a data exchange portal</i></b></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>3. <b><i>Proclamation:</i></b>                      March is Developmental Disabilities Month.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>4. <b><i>Grant Application and Acceptance:</i></b>                      Authorize Chairman to sign a grant application and acceptance award with New York Council on Problem Gambling, 100 Great Oaks Blvd., Albany, NY 12203 for the provision of funding for underage gambling prevention, in a minimum amount of \$13,048.50; effective February, 2018 through November, 2018</p>	<p><b><i>We have been notified that we were awarded the grant, the contract is forth coming as of 2.22.2018-per E. Pataye</i></b></p>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>5. <b><i>Overnight Travel Authorization:</i></b>                      Kelly Dryja to attend 2018 CLMHD Spring member meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY April 30 – May 1, 2018. A county car will be used. The Conference will pay for Monday night. Funds budgeted.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p>6. <b><i>2018 Appropriation:</i></b>  <b>To:</b> 01.38.4220.4.40932 Youth Contracts – MH \$13,048.50 w/01.11.4220.1289 _____ increased by same  <b>Reason:</b> receipt of the You(th) Decide Grant</p>	<p><b><i>Tied to item #4</i></b></p>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>9:15 AM Public Health w/G. Collins, L. Paolucci, &amp; K. Standish</b>			
<p><b>1. Bid Award:</b>                      Authorize Chairman and Commissioner of Health to award bid and sign contract with McClurg Chevrolet Buick, Inc., 16 Parker Lane, Perry, NY 14530 for the purchase of one (1) 2018 Chevrolet Malibu LS, in an amount not to exceed \$18,981.00 delivery by March 30, 2018.</p>	<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>2. Transfer:</b>  <b>From:</b> 01.38.4011.4.40502 Leasing \$13,300.00  <b>To:</b> 01.38.4011.2.23001 Motor Vehicles \$13,300.00  <b>Reason:</b> Transfer budgeted grant funds into the capital account for vehicle purchase rather than lease.</p>	<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>3. Appropriation:</b>  <b>To:</b> 01.38.401.2.23001 Motor Vehicle \$5,681.00  <i>w/any funds available</i> \$5,681.00  <b>Reason:</b> Appropriate additional funds for vehicle purchase; \$13,300 approved &amp; budgeted from NYSDOH DWE grant. Remaining \$5,681 is anticipated to be covered with 2018 Performance Incentive Award funds from NYSDOH.</p>	<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>4. Appropriation:</b>  <b>To:</b> 01.38.4010.4.42440 Child Safety Seat \$2,333.33                      w/01.12.4010.448912 Child Safety Seat \$2,333.33  <b>Reason:</b> Appropriate remaining funds from CPS grant (CFDA #20.616 Resolution 17-344, total grant award \$3,500.00)</p>	<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>5. Overnight Travel Request:</b>                      B. Meyers to attend the NYS Hazardous Materials Seminar, April 13 – 15, at the NYS Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls. Travel by County car; Conference paid by EMS, hotel, travel &amp; employee expenses not to exceed \$500, funds budgeted from HRI PHEP grant.</p>	<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>6. Overnight Travel Change (approved by PHC on 1/18/18):</b>                      Request permission for G. Collins and L. Paolucci to attend the NYSAC Legislative Conference at the Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY from January 29-30, 2018. Lodging at the Indigo Hotel, Employee &amp; Travel Expenses, Conference Registration reimbursed by Article 6.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p><b>7. Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opioid Taskforce (GCASA) awarded the Greater Rochester Health Foundation Opportunity Grant for 3-year project to Prevent Opioid Use, Overdose and Death in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming Counties \$582,196.00 from 5/1/18 to 4/30/2021.</li> </ul>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p><b>8. Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NYSDOH issued the RFA for Cancer Services Program for 10/1/18 through 9/30/2023; new service area is Genesee, Orleans, Wyoming and Niagara Counties.</li> </ul>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p><b>9. FYI ~ Referred to 03-06-18 Finance Committee from 02-27-18 Human Resources</b> <b>Amend Salary Schedule "G":</b> <b>County Health Department and OFA – Navigator Grant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deputy Director of Aging - \$1,000.00; terms February <del>10</del> <u>11</u>, 2018;</li> <li>Fiscal Officer I (OFA) - \$1,000.00; effective <del>February 11</del> <u>March 14</u>, 2018 – September 30, 2018.</li> </ul> <p>Fully reimbursed by budgeted and approved NYSDOH Navigator Grant 10/13/2013 through 9/30/2018 (authorizing Resolution 13-263).</p>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>
<p><b>10. Operational Update (As Needed):</b> <u>ADMINISTRATION:</u></p> <p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ January Environmental Health Report</li> <li>➤ Inactive solid waste site investigations by DEC</li> <li>➤ Annual Wyoming County Water Operator’s Training to be held Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Center.</li> <li>➤ Annual Children’s Camp Workshop to be held Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Center.</li> </ul> <p><u>PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING :</u></p> <p><u>PH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:</u> Point of Distribution drill scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at Letchworth Central School, required for HRI Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant. Anticipated expenses of less than \$500, reimbursed by budgeted HRI PHEP grant funds.</p>		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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<u>MWHS:</u> Non-routine occurrence 2/21/2018  <u>JAIL MEDICAL:</u>  <u>CORONERS:</u>  <u>WCCHS:</u>			

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/R. Ryan (minutes prepared by \_\_\_\_\_).

Next Public Health Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, March 28, 2018 @ 9:00 AM.**

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# PROCLAMATION

## ***DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAIMED***



**WHEREAS**, nationwide, approximately 5 million people have developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, people with developmental disabilities share the desire to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, family and community ties; and

**WHEREAS**, people with developmental disabilities deserve equal opportunities to enjoy, participate in and contribute to their local communities alongside their neighbors without disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming County is committed to recognizing that every person, regardless of perceived ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and make decisions, and the capability to make important contributions to their communities if given opportunities to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming County is therefore committed to encouraging communities and other support structures to promote higher expectations and self-determination for individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming County is proud of the achievements and contributions of its citizens who have developmental disabilities and encourages continued progress toward empowerment in every aspect of community life, work, relationships, spirituality, and recreation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

### ***Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month***

in Wyoming County and urges all Citizens to give full support to efforts towards enabling people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

*IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the COUNTY OF WYOMING to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2018.*

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**A.D. Berwanger**, Chairman  
Wyoming County Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED PRIORITIZATION OF HEROIN AND OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION AS A TOP PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS IN NEW YORK STATE FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Communities across the nation and New York State are seeing a dramatic increase in the use of heroin and opioid abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2016, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, health care professionals dispense more than 650,000 prescriptions and 3,900 people initiate nonmedical use of prescription opioids for the first time; and

**WHEREAS**, Opioid and heroin addiction often starts from the dependence of such painkillers as Oxycodone, OxyContin and Percocet; and

**WHEREAS**, As this epidemic has grown, it has become increasingly clear that the addiction does not discriminate: it can happen in any household, in any family, in any neighborhood, and in any community; and

**WHEREAS**, The addiction, abuse, and illegal use of heroin and opioids has an impact on many areas of county government ranging from public safety, public health, mental health, and corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, When prescription opioids become too expensive and difficult to obtain, opioid addicted individuals often turn to heroin, which is more readily available and much cheaper to obtain; and

**WHEREAS**, Opioid and heroin addictions have reached crisis proportions and the Federal Government, New York State and counties across the state have created programs designed to combat the illegal use of these drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, In order to help monitor this growing problem, in 2013 the State instituted the Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (ISTOP) and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to prevent prescription opioid abuse by tracking the prescribing and dispensing of controlled prescription drugs to patients; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2014, Attorney General Schneiderman established the Community Overdoses Prevention (COP) program that gives eligible law enforcement agencies funding for access to naloxone, which is also known as Narcan; and

**WHEREAS**, By leveraging \$5 million of funds appropriated from crime seizure monies through the 2014/15 Enacted State Budget, the Attorney General provided funding to offset the cost of a "naloxone kit" for every sworn officer in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2016/17 and 2017/18 Enacted Budgets included collectively over \$500 million to provide funding for constructing and rehabilitating facilities, expanding support and treatment services, providing aid to localities, and providing preventative services; and

**WHEREAS,** Counties across the nation under the leadership of the National Association of Counties (NACo) have joined together to create a joint National Taskforce, which Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz served on, and provided the information directly to all the counties across New York State; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors thanks the National Association of Counties, the Governor and the State Legislature for making heroin and opioid abuse a top public safety, public health, and mental health priority and urges them to continue to do so until the epidemic is defeated; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** County officials support increased funding to be included in the final 2018-19 state budget to support the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to enhance prevention, treatment and recovery programs, residential service opportunities, and public awareness and education activities; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Clerk to the Board shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro, the New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.



**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE TREATMENT AND TRANSITION SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (SUD) WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN COUNTY JAILS**

**WHEREAS**, New York State is engaged in a significant effort to address the rising rate of substance use disorders, including the epidemic of opioid and heroin addiction and the increasing number of deaths due to overdose; and

**WHEREAS**, The state is taking aggressive steps to address the heroin/opioid epidemic, including the rapid expansion of community-based treatment and support services to create a continuum of care to support the individual and family in their recovery; and

**WHEREAS**; There remains a significant gap in the treatment and support in the continuum of care being developed by the state and that is available in local jails; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals who suffer from SUD's frequently come into contact with the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, The link between offending and SUDs is well established, bringing significant numbers of individuals suffering from addiction into NYS jails; and

**WHEREAS**, Alcohol and drugs are implicated in roughly 80 percent of offenses, including domestic violence, DWIs, property offenses, drug offenses, and public order offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, According to a report conducted by Policy Research Associates on behalf of the NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, that surveyed County Sheriffs indicated that of the individuals detained in their jail on drug-related charges, 68 percent had been in their jail before; and

**WHEREAS**, Jail incarceration provides a unique opportunity to offer treatment supports during periods when people are clean and sober; and

**WHEREAS**, Just over 50% of New York State localities report that they have no funding for SUD treatment services in their jails; and

**WHEREAS**, In NYS, counties bear the sole burden for supporting SUD services in jails, and it is an ever-increasing burden with substantial unmet need; and

**WHEREAS**, 51 percent of jails have no funding for substance use disorder treatment services despite strong evidence that these services reduce crime, save money, and save lives and 53 percent of jails do not have the capacity to directly transition addicted inmates to community treatment programs upon re-entry; and

**WHEREAS,** A New England Journal of Medicine study found that in the first two weeks after release, former inmates with an opioid use disorder were 12.7 times more likely than other individuals to die of an overdose; and

**WHEREAS,** A comprehensive re-entry plan is critically important to minimizing the possibility of drug use, overdose and recidivism and that for those jails that do have some treatment services, those services are far outpaced by the escalating need for them; and

**WHEREAS,** The benefits of providing effective SUD services in the jail setting have proven significant where they occur and a handful of localities in New York State have been able to support a level of service through local funding are reaping significant benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** In Albany County, the jail-based Sheriffs Heroin Addiction Recovery Program (SHARP) provides SUD treatment during incarceration and support services after release, resulting in a 28% reduction in recidivism rate; and

**WHEREAS,** New York State's own analysis of the costs and benefits of jail-based SUD treatment found that communities realize a savings of \$2,846.00 per person served and that there are 13 fewer victimizations per 100 people served; and

**WHEREAS,** In the property tax cap era, a dedicated State funding stream to counties is desperately needed to provide SUD treatment services in the jails, including screening and assessment at entry, education and counseling services, peer support, medication assisted treatment and discharge planning to continue treatment post-incarceration; and

**WHEREAS,** Counties are requesting funding of \$12.8 million annually to the LGU's to address the existing gap in the SUD treatment continuum and support efforts to reduce the human cost of the heroin/opioid epidemic on New Yorkers, and reduce recidivism and victimization; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to help combat the heroin and opioid epidemic, save lives and reduce the rate of recidivism, by providing state funding for the treatment and transition of incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders in our county jails; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Clerk to the Board shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, the New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE  
GOVERNOR TO ENSURE LONG TERM VIABILITY TO OMH FUNDED HOUSING  
PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS THROUGH  
SUPPORT OF THE "BRING IT HOME" INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, Safe and affordable housing with supports is an essential component of recovery for many people with serious mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, The OMH funded housing system currently serves approximately 40,000 individuals with serious psychiatric disabilities, who often have significant medical conditions and substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, The OMH community based housing programs include several levels of care including, Community Residences (CRs), Apartment Treatment Programs (Treatment Apartments), Supported Scatter-Site Housing (Supported Housing), Community Residence — Single Room Occupancy (CR-SRO), and Supported Single Room Occupancy (SP-SRO); and

**WHEREAS**, These OMH Housing program models were developed over 30 years ago in the late 1970's and early 1980's and the requirements for the services and the staff needed to provide the services reflect the needs of clients at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, These programs are expected and required to serve the clients with the highest and most challenging psychiatric needs, manage the health and mental health for many clients with a co-occurring substance use disorder, and manage complicated medication regimens to treat their behavioral and other co-morbid chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and pulmonary disease; and

**WHEREAS**, The program models originally were not created to serve these clients and the state has consistently failed to provide adequate funding to effectively support services to those with the highest needs; and

**WHEREAS**, For example, the Community Residences and Supported Single Room Occupancy (SP-SRO's) programs have received a total increase of just 10% over the last 27 years — less than 3 tenths of a percent per year; and

**WHEREAS**, The licensed Community Residence program — the highest level of care in the state outside of a hospital - is struggling under minimal staff levels that were developed in 1984, when clients had much fewer and less challenging needs;

**WHEREAS**, The County Directors of Community Services (DCSs) are responsible for operation of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) programs in their counties which is the court-ordered outpatient treatment which includes ensuring safe and appropriate housing; and

**WHEREAS**, DCSs throughout the state report significant waiting lists for housing and it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find an OMH housing bed that both offers the high

level of services needed and that is staffed appropriately to safely serve the population; and

**WHEREAS,** The insufficient housing reimbursement is further reducing capacity and cutting access to care as housing providers will be left no choice but to close a portion of their existing housing beds which will cut off access to this vital resource for AOT and other high-needs clients; and

**WHEREAS,** Decades without an adequate rate increases for OMH Housing has pushed housing providers to their tipping point where they will be forced to take down critically needed housing beds which will create a crisis situation; and

**WHEREAS,** the new supportive housing units the state has promised to develop will be funded at a much higher rate than the exact same existing units; and

**WHEREAS,** housing is the single most significant social determinant to health outcome and if individuals cannot be housed safely, all other state investment in their recovery will be undermined; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and the Office of Mental Health to support the "Bring it Home" campaign's request for \$125 million in funding to preserve the long-term viability of the existing 40,000 units of OMH Housing and ensure New Yorkers with serious mental illness and other complex conditions have access to the housing they deserve; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Clerk to the Board shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro, the State Office of Mental Health, the New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN END TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING CUTS, AN INCREASE IN THE BASE GRANT, PER CAPITA RATE, AND STATE AID FORMULA THAT CONSTITUTE ARTICLE 6 STATE AID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MANDATED GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORK UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AS POPULATION HEALTH PARTNERS OF NEW YORK STATE**

**WHEREAS**, The prevention and population health activities of county health departments and New York City are essential to the overall health of the state's residents and communities, and crucial to the success of the state's Medicaid Redesign Team efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Unhealthy community environments lead to incidents such as the discovery of PFOA in drinking water supplies in Rensselaer County and other areas of the state, which has presented significant disease risks to the residents of these communities; and

**WHEREAS**, New Yorkers can be, and have been, exposed to deadly communicable diseases such as Ebola, the harmful Zika virus, and other communicable diseases that may arrive from other nations via global travelers at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, Stable and timely funding to support core public health services delivered by local health departments under Article 6 of the Public Health Law is necessary for the protection of all communities within New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 6 of the Public Health Law currently provides a base grant of either a set amount or a per capita rate of local health department (LHD) expenditures on core public health services, and then State reimbursement for 36% of LHD costs beyond the base grant; and

**WHEREAS**, The state has reduced its annual appropriations for Article 6 Public Health spending by 40% over the last several years; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State does not allow local government to recover any of its necessary expenditures on fringe benefits for local health department personnel who provide core public health services mandated under Article 6; and

**WHEREAS**, In state fiscal year 2011-12, the State eliminated the allowance of state aid for so-called "optional services" by local health departments, such as early intervention administration, medical examiners, dental health services, some environmental health activities, certified home health agencies, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, The reduction and potential elimination of the revenue offset and other administrative actions leads to a reduction in the generation of fee and penalty revenue that, in turn, increases the need for local budget cuts, including staff reductions that compromise the capacity of local governments to ensure the provision of the core services necessary to protect the public's health; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Department of Health (DOH) has frequently applied changing and inconsistent standards in what it allows as state aid claims; and

**WHEREAS**, State agency administrative reductions to Article 6 State Aid reimbursement have a negative impact on the ability of local health departments to protect the public, including:

- enforcing regulations intended to reduce the incidence and risk of Legionnaire's Disease;
- eliminating the HIV/AIDS epidemic;
- preventing and controlling the spread of communicable diseases;
- responding to the current heroin and opioid epidemic;
- ensuring the safety of the food we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe;
- ensuring the safety of New Yorkers in camps, beaches, and other recreational venues;
- preventing major causes of death and chronic disease such as heart disease, diabetes, asthma and cancer;
- monitoring and control of insect-borne diseases such as Lyme Disease, West Nile Virus, EEE and Zika;
- monitoring and responding to international health threats and emergencies, among other public health needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Local health departments deserve respect for their dedication to public health and their expertise in population health; and

**WHEREAS**, Local health departments require adequate state funding as key partners of the New York State Department of Health in population health efforts to achieve statewide goals set in the New York State Prevention Agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, The current limits on base grants and state aid, combined with increasing administrative cuts and disallowances, are creating a cascading negative fiscal impact on local health departments and eroding their local public health infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has imposed a cap on property taxes that further restricts the ability of local government to fund core public health services; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 50 of the State's 58 local Health Departments bear responsibility for ensuring access to Early Intervention (EI) services; and

**WHEREAS**, The State's NYEIS system and state fiscal agency takeover have been plagued with problems resulting in increased administration costs and lower reimbursements for counties; and

**WHEREAS**, This additional fiscal burden for EI has a negative impact on counties' ability to provide funding for core public health services; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor to reject the proposed funding pools and restore the proposed 20% reduction in funds and compensate, within the 2018-19 Executive Budget and subsequent budget years, for significant state funding cuts to local health departments since 2010 by taking the following steps in the Article 6 State Aid for General Public Health Work base grants and reimbursement rates:

1. Instruct the Division of Budget and NYSDOH to end administrative actions that will result in further erosion of state aid to local health departments;
2. Increase the base grants that ensure more of the public health services are eligible for 100 percent reimbursement of local expenditures: a) Increase the base grant to Full Service LHDs (i.e. those with environmental health units) from \$650,000 to \$750,000; b) Increase the base grant to Partial Service LHDs (i.e. those with environmental health units) from \$500,000 to \$550,000; c) Increase the per capita rate for the largest counties from 65 cents per resident to \$1.30.
3. Increase the beyond-base-grant state aid reimbursement rate from 36% to 38%.
4. Provide 100% reimbursement for the first full year of any new and/or significantly expanded mandates emerging from law, rule or regulation; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Clerk to the Board shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan, New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.

February 15, 2018  
Albany, NY

# Governor Cuomo Announces \$75 Million to Replace Septic Systems Statewide

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\$15 Million for First Year in 31 Priority Counties Selected for Septic Replacement Program

Funding Prioritized for DEC and DOH Identified Hot-Spots Where Septic System Upgrades Will Protect Water Quality

State Investments in Septic Systems Will Help Reduce Harmful Algal Blooms and Beach Closures

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a comprehensive \$75 million program to improve water quality through the targeted replacement of aging septic systems in communities across New York. Through a collaboration between the State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health, and the Environmental Facilities Corporation, the state will support the new program in 31 counties with \$15 million during its first year.

"Protecting water quality is vital to the health and future growth of our communities," **Governor Cuomo said.** "This program builds on this administration's efforts to upgrade and improve water infrastructure across the state and help protect New York's lakes, streams and other environmental resources."

The Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017, championed by Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature, established the State Septic System Replacement Fund and allocated \$75 million to support the multi-year effort. The program provides resources to counties to support the replacement of aging septic systems and other wastewater infrastructure that can harm water quality by releasing pathogens or nutrient pollution such as nitrogen and phosphorus.

Through this program, the state will provide funds to counties to reimburse eligible property owners for a portion of the cost of replacing failing septic systems and installing more environmentally effective systems. Eligible property owners can be reimbursed up to 50 percent of eligible costs up to \$10,000. Counties may also set graduated incentive reimbursement rates for septic system projects to maximize program participation and pollution reduction goals.

A list of eligible counties, priority geographic areas within those counties and first year funding allocations is available [here](#).



"With this vital funding, Governor Cuomo is helping local communities and property owners make smart investments to improve water quality," **said New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos.** "Aging and failing septic systems contribute to water quality impairments that cause harmful algal blooms and threaten drinking water, tourism and recreation throughout New York, and the State Septic System Replacement Fund will strategically target priority areas to implement upgrades that have the greatest potential to improve water quality."

"Governor Cuomo's commitment to the protection of New York's water resources continues with today's announcement of the first round of funding under the State Septic System Replacement Fund," **said Sabrina M. Ty, President and CEO of the Environmental Facilities Corporation.** "EFC is proud to provide support to this important program and ensure that the funding for the installation, replacement or upgrade of their septic systems reaches these communities as quickly as possible."

To guide the funding and maximize water quality improvements, DEC and DOH identified an initial suite of priority areas eligible to participate in the State Septic Replacement Program based on the presence of a sole-source aquifer used for drinking water, known water quality impairment linked to failing septic systems, and the ability for septic system upgrades to mitigate water quality impairments. Funding for each county was based on population density, as well as the proximity of septic systems to drinking water sources. EFC will be providing detailed information on accessing this funding to the counties with identified priority areas, and future rounds of funding will occur annually for up to five years. DEC and DOH will re-evaluate priority waterbodies in the future which may make additional counties or areas eligible for grants, and additional funding will be available to support the replacement program.

**New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said,** "Replacing outdated infrastructure safeguards public health from compromised and failing systems. Governor Cuomo's State Septic System Replacement Fund will allow targeted areas statewide to begin upgrades aimed at protecting New York's beautiful water bodies and ensuring continued access to clean drinking water."

In Upstate New York, septic systems that are failing or are likely to fail and are located near the priority waterbodies are eligible to participate in the program. Additional prioritization in Nassau and Suffolk counties will target funding to projects near drinking water wells and impaired surface waterbodies. In addition, septic systems in Long Island must reduce nitrogen levels by at least 30 percent.

**Senator Tom O'Mara, Chair of Senate Environmental Conservation Committee said,** "The establishment and implementation of the Septic System Replacement Fund will provide important funding to counties to undertake these critical water quality projects. It's a short- and long-term investment initiative that will benefit local communities, local property taxpayers, and local environments."

**Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation** "The Septic System Replacement Fund that I helped create is an important step in

helping to protect the State's water quality. Reducing the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus coming from failing septic systems will result in improved water quality and fewer instances of harmful algal blooms and closed beaches. Especially in places like Long Island, where communities are served by a sole-source aquifer, these funds are essential to the health and vitality of the region. I thank the Governor for working with the Legislature to address this issue."

**Stephen J. Acquario, Esq., Executive Director, Association of Counties** said, "The \$2.5 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 provides much-needed financial support to counties to address our aging water infrastructure. We commend the Governor and Legislature for including a \$75 million Septic System Replacement Fund to help homeowners with the cost of replacing failing septic systems. These upgrades will help to protect our residents and environment by keeping our drinking water and waterbodies safe. We thank the Department of Environmental Conservation for ensuring that all counties selected for the first round of funding will be eligible to participate. "

**Adrienne Esposito, Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment** said, "In 2018, we are finally beginning to treat individual homeowners' sewage and not just letting it drain into the ground where it travels to drinking water and coastal waters. Current science tells us that replacing cesspools and failing septic is an urgent need for restoration and protection of our valuable water resources. State grants to counties is essential to help the public utilize the new technology."

**Jessica Ottney Mahar, policy director for The Nature Conservancy in New York** said, "The Nature Conservancy applauds Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature for creating a historic \$2.5 billion water quality improvement fund. Today's commitment of \$15 million of a \$75 million septic system rebate and replacement program will allow homeowners to upgrade their cesspools and conventional septic systems, which do not remove harmful nitrogen from household wastewater. These upgrades will improve water quality, public health, the economy and quality of life—especially in water-dependent areas of New York including Long Island, Finger Lakes, the Thousand Islands and the Adirondacks. We appreciate the Governor's leadership on this issue and look forward to assisting municipalities in its implementation."

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<b>County</b>	<b>Priority Waterbody</b>	<b>First Year Funding Allocation</b>
Allegany	Canacadea Creek, which is tributary to Almond Lake	\$75,000
Broome	Park Creek and tributaries, Whitney Point Lake/Reservoir, Fly Pond, Deer and Sky Lakes	\$150,000
Cattaraugus	Allegany River/Reservoir	\$75,000
Cayuga	Cayuga, Owasco and Skaneateles Lakes	\$225,000
Chautauqua	Findley Lake	\$150,000
Chenango	Chenango and Guilford Lakes	\$150,000
Clinton	Upper Chateaugay Lake	\$75,000
Dutchess	Hillside and Sylvan Lakes	\$75,000
Essex	Lake Champlain/Willsboro Point	\$150,000
Genesee	Bigelow Creek and tributaries, Tonawanda Creek - Middle, Main Stem, Black Creek - Middle, and minor tributaries	\$150,000
Herkimer	North Winfield Creek and tributaries	\$75,000
Jefferson	Moon and Red Lakes and Indian River	\$75,000
Livingston	Conesus Lake	\$75,000
Monroe	Irondequoit Bay and minor tributaries to Irondequoit Bay, Mill Creek and tributaries, Shipbuilders Creek and tributaries	\$150,000
Nassau	Sole Source Aquifer	\$1,000,000
Onondaga	Otisco and Skaneateles Lakes	\$225,000
Ontario	Canadice, Canandaigua, Hemlock, Honeoye and Seneca Lakes	\$225,000
Oswego	Lake Ontario	\$150,000
Otsego	Goodyear Lake	\$75,000
Putnam	Oscawana Lake	\$75,000
Saratoga	Dwass Kill and tributaries	\$150,000
St. Lawrence	Black Lake, St. Lawrence Main Stem, Little River and tributaries, Lower portion of Raquette River and Indian River	\$225,000
Schoharie	Summit Lake	\$75,000

Schuyler	Lamoka and Waneta Lakes, Mill Pond	\$225,000
Seneca	Seneca and Cayuga Lakes	\$225,000
Steuben	Almond, Keuka and Waneta Lakes, Mill and Smith Ponds	\$75,000
Suffolk	Sole Source Aquifer	\$10,025,000
Tompkins	Cayuga Lake	\$150,000
Wayne	Lake Ontario, Blind Sodus Bay	\$150,000
Wyoming	Silver and Java Lakes	\$75,000
Yates	Canandaigua, Keuka and Seneca Lakes	\$225,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,000,000</b>

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT MONTH OF January 2018

### Permits Issued:

Food Service	<b>14</b>	Recreational Campgrounds	<b>0</b>
Mobile Food Service	<b>0</b>	Children's Camp	<b>0</b>
Temporary Food	<b>0</b>	Swimming Pool	<b>0</b>
Mobile Home Park	<b>0</b>	Tattoo / Body Piercing Facility	<b>1</b>
Temporary Residence/Motel	<b>0</b>	Community Dinner Permissions	<b>11</b>

### Rabies Program:

Animals Submitted for Testing	<b>3</b>	2 – Bats, 1 - Cat (All Negative)
Human Post Exposure Shots	<b>0</b>	
Animal Bite Reports Investigated	<b>6</b>	4 – Dogs, 2 - Cats

### Water & Sewage Program:

### Misc. Programs/Items:

Property Transfer Dye Tests	<b>9</b>	Public Health Nuisance Complaints Investigated	<b>3</b>
Private Water Samples Collected	<b>20</b>	Regulated Facility Operations Inspections	<b>56</b>
Sewage Disposal Permits Issued	<b>2</b>	Notice of Hearing / Enforcement Proceeding Initiated	<b>0</b>
Public Water Samples Collected	<b>45</b>	Surface Water Beach Samples	<b>0</b>

### Additional Areas of Interest:

The Wyoming County anti-rabies vaccination clinics have been scheduled for 2018. The dates and locations are: 3/10 – WC Highway Dept., 6/5 – (V) Perry Highway Dept., 6/14 – (T) Arcade Highway Dept., 7/18 – (T) Attica Highway Dept. and 10/13 – WC Highway Department. Continuing this year is allowing individuals to pre-register on their electronic devices prior to the clinic. The pre-registration form is available on the Counties new website. Hopefully this will help reduce some of the registration wait time.

With the winter weather conditions noted during January, we were not able to conduct many property transfer dye tests. These inspections will be completed at a later time after the snow has melted. Also, as a result of the colder than normal temperatures, this office has also received reports of frozen water lines and distribution system leaks.

On January 9<sup>th</sup> a meeting was held with (T) Bennington officials and representatives from the Highland Glens Sub-division. The discussion of possible connection of the sub-division into the Cowlesville Water District continued. The well supplies that currently serve the 91 residential lot sub-division are low producing requiring the hauling of potable water at various times throughout the year to meet their needs. This connection would address this public health concern by supplementing the wells thereby eliminating the need to haul water.

In January, the (T) York Water District storage tank located in the (T) Covington became operational. As a result, and with the (T) York have a surplus of water, an agreement between the two municipalities is currently being developed allowing for the possible sale of public water into the (T) Covington. Once this is finalized, a (T) Covington Water District will have to be developed. To start this process the Town has created a Public Water Steering Committee, comprised of community residents, to determine the public's interest in obtaining public water, identify the areas that may be potentially served and a phased in approach to supplying water to those areas. This office is assisting the (T) Covington as needed.