



## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA



Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 @ 9:00 AM  
 Present: **Ryan, Grant,** Kehl, Granger, Brunner, May, King, Becker  
 Absent:  
 Also Present:

Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
<b>9:00 AM Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>9:00 AM Mental Health w/K. Dryja</b>			
<b>1. Interdepartmental Contract \$3,001 or greater:</b> Contract with <i>Wyoming County Community Health System</i> 400 N. Main St., Warsaw, NY 14569 for the provision of services to individuals in the community with Mental Health or Substance abuse disorders in an amount not to exceed \$237,912.00 effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>2. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <i>Living Opportunities of DePaul</i> , 2240 Old Union Road, Cheektowaga, New York 14227-2728, for the provision of Residential Programs in an amount not to exceed \$347,380.00; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>3. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <i>Peers Together of Wyoming County</i> , 27 West Buffalo St, Warsaw, NY 14569, for the provision of Peer Operated Programs of Wyoming County in an amount not to exceed \$288,077.00 effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>4. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <i>Camp Get-A-Way of WNY</i> , 77 Commerce Drive, Rochester, NY 14623, for the provision of Camp Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p><b>5. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b>            Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>Hillside Children’s Center</b>, 1183 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14620-1699 , for the provision of various children’s mental health programs in an amount not to exceed \$128,944; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>6. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b>            Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>Spectrum Human Services, Inc.</b>, 227 Thorn Ave., Orchard Park, NY 14127, for the provision of Behavioral Health Services for Wyoming County residents in an amount not to exceed \$478,594; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>7. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b>            Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>Livingston/Wyoming Arc</b>, 18 Main Street Mt. Morris, NY 14510, for the provision of competitive employment services for the mentally ill residents of Wyoming County in an amount not to exceed \$51,949.00; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>8. Professional Service Contract \$5,001 or greater:</b>            Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>Suburban Adult Services, Inc.</b>, 960 West Maple Court Elma, NY 14059, for the provision of providing Sheltered Work activities for the MR/DD population in the southwestern part of Wyoming County, in an amount not to exceed \$39,098.00; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><b>9. Professional Service Contract Physician Contract and/or \$50,001 or greater:</b>            Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>Coordinated Care Services, Inc.</b> (CCSI), 1099 Jay Street, Building J, Rochester, NY 14611 for the provision of staffing for various behavioral health programs in an amount not to exceed \$385,542.00; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.</p>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:



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10. <b>FYI:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requesting permission to hold the Suicide Prevention Coalition Memory Tree of Life celebration on December 11th from 4-5 PM in the rotunda again. It was a great collaborative effort and appreciated by many. Tree would be on display December 7<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Similar set up as last year.</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
11. <b>Appointment/Reappointment:</b> <b>DD Subcommittee</b> <u>Community at Large Member</u> <b>Four (4) year term; effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jenn Claud</b> 18 Elm St. Perry, NY 14530 (New/Empty)</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
12. <b>Transfer:</b> <b>From:</b> 01.38.4310.4.41010 Office Supplies \$65.00 01.38.4310.4.41101 Paper 50.00 01.38.4310.8.81001 Retirement 537.00 01.38.4310.4.41216 Board Expenses <u>300.00</u> <b>To:</b> 01.38.4310.1.10001 Salaries Fixed S/D/I \$952.00 <b>Reason:</b> Transfer to cover Salary increase and retro-pay		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
13. <b>Transfer:</b> <b>From:</b> 01.38.4250.4.42306 Other \$50.00 01.38.4250.4.40008 Telephone (LD) 100.00 01.38.4250.8.81001 Retirement <u>192.00</u> <b>To:</b> 01.38.4250.1.10001 Salaries Fixed S/D/I \$342.00 <b>Reason:</b> Transfer to cover Salary increase and retro-pay		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
14. <b>Transfer:</b> <b>From:</b> 01.38.4220.4.41510 Educational Materials \$774.00 <b>To:</b> 01.38.4220.1.10001 Salaries Fixed SDI \$774.00 <b>Reason:</b> Transfer to cover Salary increase and retro-pay		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
15. <b>Amend Resolution No. 18-255:</b> Chairman is authorized to sign a grant application and acceptance award with the NYS Office of Mental Health, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229 on behalf of Mental Health in lieu of Veterans Services for the Dwyer grant. All else remains the same.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>16. Consideration of the Adopted 2018 Fall NYSAC Conf. Resolutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution Calling on the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Governor to Establish Permanent Jail-Based Substance Use Disorders Treatment and Transition Services Programs in all County Correctional Facilities</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>9:15 AM Public Health w/G. Collins, L. Paolucci, &amp; K. Standish</b>			
<b>1. Bid Award:</b> Authorize Chairman/Commissioner of Health to award bid and sign contract with <i>Spurr Chevrolet, Inc.</i> 6325 Brockport-Spencer Road, Brockport, NY 14420 for the purchase of a new mid-size, front wheel drive, four-door sedan in an amount not to exceed \$19,347.00; vehicle to be delivered no later than November 30, 2018.	<i>WCHD received bids from 6 dealerships.</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>2. Disposition of Fixed Assets:</b> Declare surplus and dispose of three vehicles : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2009 Ford Focus 1FAHP34N09W193871</li> <li>2011 Ford Focus 1FAHP3EN5BW122122</li> <li>2011Ford Focus 1FAHP3DN7BW122123</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>3. Overnight Travel Authorizations:</b> B. Meyers to attend NYS Emergency Management Association Conference at Embassy Suites in Syracuse, NY, February 12-14, 2019. Travel by county car, Conference & Employee Expenses paid by PHEP grant, hotel expected to be paid by NYSEMA.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>4. Overnight Travel Authorizations:</b> B. Meyers to attend annual Hazardous Materials Seminar at the NYS Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls, NY, April 12-14, 2019. Conference paid by EMS, travel by personal vehicle, hotel & employee expenses reimbursed by PHEP grant.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>5. Appropriation:</b> To: 01.38.4011.2.23001 Motor Vehicles <span style="float: right;"><u>\$15,608.34</u></span> w/01.11.4011.340112 PH Environmental Grant <span style="float: right;">12,820.00</span> w/any funds available <span style="float: right;">\$2,788.34</span> <b>Reason:</b> \$12,820 approved through NYSDOH DWE grant. Remaining \$2,788.34 anticipated from NYSDOH Article 6 State Aid or NYSDOH Year 6 Performance Incentive.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>6. Appropriation:</b> <b>To:</b> 01.32.1185.4.40927 Monroe Cty Med Exam <span style="float: right;">\$11,837.00</span> w/any funds available <span style="float: right;">\$11,837.00</span> <b>Reason:</b> For contracted autopsy services in excess of budget due to higher volumes.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>7. FYI: Presented to 10/30 HR Committee</b> Request permission to assign 1.0fte Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (Wyoming County) from Schedule G to Schedule S, effective 1/1/19.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>8. Event Summary:</b> Cooling Tower, Public Safety Building.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>9. ADMINISTRATION:</b> ➤ Community Foundation / Theil Trust to host the third annual Care Coordination Summit, November 16 <sup>th</sup> ➤ Year 6 Performance Incentive Award Announced ➤ Weights & Measures Update ➤ Capital Project list updated ➤ Fire Alarm System Upgrade Project at the Health Department Complete, Certificate of Completion issued. <u>ENVIRONMENTAL:</u> ➤ September Environmental Health Report ➤ Cat Shelter discussion <u>PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING :</u> <u>PH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:</u> <u>MWHS:</u> <u>JAIL MEDICAL:</u> <u>CORONERS:</u> Coroner Meeting on October 15 at 5:30pm <u>WCCHS:</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<p>10. <i>Consideration of the Adopted 2018 Fall NYSAC Conf. Resolutions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution to Expand Infrastructure for Public Health and Safety Throughout New York State: Reinvesting in Core Public Health Activities and Response to Emerging Issues Addressed by Local Health Departments</li> <li>Resolution Calling on the Governor and State Legislative Leaders, that Should the State Legalize the Non-Medical Use of Marijuana in New York, the State Must Include Full State Reimbursement to Counties for any Increase in Costs Related to Such Legalization, in Addition to General Revenue Sharing to Counties</li> <li>Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to Restore Funding Support for Unattended Death Investigations</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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

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

Committee Chair Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-255  
(June 12, 2018)**

By Ms. Grant, Chairman of the Human Services Committee:

**CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE  
AWARD WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH ON  
BEHALF OF VETERANS SERVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Chairman of this Board with the approval of the County Attorney is authorized to sign a grant application and acceptance award with the *New York State Office of Mental Health*, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12229-0001 on behalf of Veterans Services. Said grant to provide funding for “peer to peer” activities for veterans in a minimum amount of fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$52,500.00) per year; effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

**Carried: XXX    Ayes: 1476    Noes:    Absent: 123 (Castile)    Abstain:**

WYOMING COUNTY    ]  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ]  
Warsaw, N.Y.        ]

**This is to Certify**, that I, the undersigned Clerk to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wyoming, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office and which was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the said County, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, a majority of all the members elected to the Board voted in favor thereof, and that the same is correct and true of such original resolution and of the whole thereof.



**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Board of Supervisors, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

*Cheryl W. Ketchum*  
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Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

**2018 NYSAC Fall Seminar  
Standing Committee on Public Health & Mental Health  
Resolution #2**

**Resolution Calling on the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Governor to Establish Permanent Jail-Based Substance Use Disorders Treatment and Transition Services Programs in All County Correctional Facilities**

**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 2018-19 State Budget included \$3.75M for one year of funding to establish 17 county jail substance use disorder (SUD) programs; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a significant first step in addressing the need, however this level of funding does not adequately sustain these counties beyond 2019, nor does it address the remaining gap in the treatment and support in the continuum of care for individuals in all other county jails throughout the state; and

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

**WHEREAS**, jail incarceration provides a unique opportunity to offer treatment during periods when people are not using drugs and alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, an appropriate level of funding to establish 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**, data shows that jail-based SUD treatment reduces crime, saves money, and saves lives; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a report conducted by Policy Research Associates on behalf of the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, a survey of 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**, 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**, New York State's own analysis of the costs and benefits of jail-based SUD treatment found these services save taxpayers \$2,170 in criminal justice costs and victims \$676 per person, for a total impact of \$2,846 saved for each person served, as well as a reduction of 13 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties calls on the Governor and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to establish a recurring appropriation without jeopardizing existing funding for community based services in the Governor's proposed 2019-20 Executive Budget for the establishment of permanent jail-based SUD treatment and transition services programs in every county correctional facility, therefore providing the local governments with the resources necessary 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, while also reducing recidivism and victimization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

## MONTH OF September 2018

### Permits Issued:

Food Service	7	Recreational Campgrounds	0
Mobile Food Service	0	Tattooing Facility	1
Temporary Food	8	Swimming Pool	1
Mobile Home Park	8	Tanning Facility	1
Temporary Residence/Motel	7	Community Dinner Permissions	15

### Rabies Program:

Animals Submitted for Testing	5	1 – Bat, 2 – Cats (1 Cat tested Positive for Rabies), 1 – Calf, 1 - Cow	
Human Post Exposure Shots	1	*See Below	
Animal Bite Reports Investigated	7	4 - Dogs, 3 - Cats	

### Water & Sewage Program:

### Misc. Programs/Items:

Property Transfer Dye Tests	16	Public Health Nuisance Complaints Investigated	1
Private Water Samples Collected	52	Regulated Facility Operations Inspections	38
Sewage Disposal Permits Issued	10	Notice of Hearing / Enforcement Proceeding Initiated	0
Public Water Samples Collected	48	Surface Water Beach Samples	2

### Additional Areas of Interest:

\* Post exposure shots were given to a veterinary employee who was bitten while assisting the person bringing in the positive cat mentioned above. Since this individual had received pre-exposure shots earlier, they only required two shots instead of the full regimen. This is the second cat that has tested positive for the rabies virus this year in Wyoming County. Statewide through the end of September Wadsworth Labs has had 24 cat specimens test positive for the rabies virus.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> a water/wastewater lab course was held by NY Rural Water at the WC Ag. Center. This course was facilitated by our department in an effort to have more local training opportunities at our WNY centrally located Ag. Center. The training was well attended by 22 operators from Wyoming County and WNY with the training venue being well received.

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, members of this department attended the NYS Department of Health regional water supply meeting held in Letchworth State Park. Updates were given on program areas which included current issues facing our regulated public water facilities.

The Apple Umpkin Festival was held September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. There were no incidents to report and it operated within the guidelines required by this department as part of the Public Assembly Permit issued by Wyoming County.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, members of this department attended the NYSAC Conference's Agricultural Committee meeting in Rochester. There were many important topics of discussion including the concern of chemical pollutants in our water supplies and the possible application of municipal/industrial and bio-gas generation plant waste being applied to agricultural land.

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, this office was notified by WC Building & Grounds as to;

- The result on a legionella sample collected August 10, 2018 from the cooling tower on the Public Safety Building was 1,600 CFU/mL;
- Sample results were reported to Buildings & Grounds the week of August 28<sup>th</sup> by its contractor Feedwater Treatment Systems;
- As per NYS Sanitary Code, Subpart 4-1.6, this level of contamination requires the owner of the system to notify the local Health Department within 24 hours of the receipt of a legionella sample result exceeding 1,000 CFU/mL along with the owner also notifying the public of these results.

This department is currently reviewing the cooling tower operation and maintenance, sample collection and follow-up notification procedures. These findings will be forthcoming.

**2018 NYSAC Fall Seminar  
Standing Committee on Public Health & Mental Health  
Resolution #3**

**Resolution to Expand Infrastructure for Public Health and Safety  
throughout New York State: Reinvesting in Core Public Health Activities  
and Response to Emerging Issues Addressed by Local Health Departments**

**WHEREAS**, core public health services are outlined in law as those that address family health, communicable disease, chronic disease, emergency preparedness/response and environmental health; and

**WHEREAS**, local health departments are New York State's partners and operational extensions, working in the forefront of communities, addressing public health issues and serving as the first line of defense against all public health crises by protecting communities and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, activities led by the 58 local health departments across New York State are paramount to our collective ability to achieve Prevention Agenda goals, address health disparities, improve health outcomes and ensure community safety and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, over time, we have seen an increase in emerging issues such as threats to water quality: harmful algal blooms, presence of PFOA/PFOS; opioid overdose deaths; vector borne diseases: rabies and tick-borne illnesses; communicable disease outbreaks: Ebola virus and Zika virus; environmental hazards: lead in housing stock and legionella and natural disasters such as hurricanes or flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State is preparing policy to legalize regulated marijuana, which will lead to increased response including education, public awareness, and oversight by local health departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Directors and Commissioners of public health are chief health strategists within their respective counties, with the unparalleled expertise needed to apply knowledge, bridge competency gaps, and lead multi-sector health improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the public health workforce employed within local health departments are first responders, working at the forefront of communities during times of need and when emerging health issues occur; and

**WHEREAS**, local health departments have not received an increase in core public health aid in more than six years, nor have they received adequate compensation needed to respond to emerging health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, State Budget appropriations for public health spending have been reduced year after year and new funding streams for emergency response activities are frequently accompanied by stringent federal spending or supplanting restrictions, which impacts how funds can be utilized and reduces flexibility to respond to local community need; and

**WHEREAS**, the public health workforce is central to New York State's public health infrastructure, yet it is dwindling due to public-sector budget restraints, competition, shortages of workers who are approaching retirement, ability to recruit new workers in all areas throughout the state, all of these factors culminate in significant workforce retention challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State does not allow local health departments to recover any of its necessary or fringe expenses for local health department personnel under Article 6; and

**WHEREAS**, now is the time for a call to action to reinvest in public health and safety infrastructure in New York State through bolstered funding of Article 6, Public Health Law and to demonstrate the State's commitment to public health preparedness and safety measures aimed to protect residents in New York State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Governor to call to action and reinvest within the 2019-20 Executive Budget by restoring COLA and expanding Article 6 State Aid for General Public Health Work base grants and reimbursement rates in the following ways:

1. Fully restore the COLA for DOH programs which was removed in the 2018-2019 State Budget;
2. Allow reimbursement of fringe expenses under Article 6 State Aid Appropriation;
3. Increase base grants to ensure public health services are eligible for full 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 without 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;
  - d. Increase the beyond-base-grant state aid reimbursement rate from 36% to 40%.
4. Provide 100% reimbursement for the first full year of any new and/or significantly expanded mandates emerging from law, rule or regulation;

5. Allow local health departments the increased flexibility in funding to respond to public health community needs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, the New York State Department of Health, and all those deemed necessary and proper.

**2018 NYSAC Fall Seminar  
Board of Directors  
Resolution #1**

**Resolution Calling on the Governor and State Legislative Leaders, that  
Should the State Legalize the Non-Medical Use of Marijuana in New York,  
the State Must Include Full State Reimbursement to Counties for Any  
Increase in Costs Related to Such Legalization, in Addition to General  
Revenue Sharing to Counties**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Health has issued an official report recommending that the State should permit the non-medical use of marijuana; and

**WHEREAS**, the State report acknowledges the anticipated difficulties that legalization presents for law enforcement including, but not limited to, a predictable rise in the need for Drug Recognition Experts and the loss of utility of K-9 dogs specifically trained to detect marijuana; and

**WHEREAS**, any such legalization will have numerous other social and practical impacts upon New York State residents that will place new responsibilities and service requirements on many county departments including public health, mental health, substance abuse, consumer protection, economic development and more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of Counties calls on the Governor and State Legislature to ensure they use a transparent and collaborative process that includes input from local government officials; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, at a minimum, the State must provide necessary reimbursements to counties to cover new costs incurred for law enforcement and other county services, as well as provide general revenue sharing to counties similar to the methodology used under the current medical marijuana program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of Counties shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.



**2018 NYSAC Fall Seminar  
Standing Committee on Public Health & Mental Health  
Resolution #1**

**Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State  
Legislature to Restore Funding Support for Unattended Death  
Investigations**

**WHEREAS**, Coroners and Medical Examiners are county officers who make official inquiries about the cause and manner of an individual's death, especially those that occur under unnatural, unexplained, or suspicious circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, coroners or medical examiners are required by law to investigate deaths by violence or accident; and

**WHEREAS**, coroners and medical examiners work in morgues to provide information for death reports, medical autopsies, post-mortem examinations, forensic pathology, and toxicology tests; and

**WHEREAS**, a coroner's and medical examiner's work must also identify unknown or unclaimed bodies, report news of a death to the next of kin, collect and transfer personal belongings found on a body at the time of the death, as well as sign death certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to 2011, county coroners and medical examiners were reimbursed up to 36 percent with state aid from Article 6 funding to local health departments; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the State Budget shifted the reimbursement for medical examiners from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and the funding was no longer available as the state deemed this activity to be of public safety, not public health; and

**WHEREAS**, with the ongoing opioid and heroin epidemic, there has been a huge increase in the number of synthetic opioids and analogs that need to be tested, which places significant work and the financial burden of toxicology efforts of county medical examiner offices; and

**WHEREAS**, coroners and medical examiners should have a dedicated funding stream from the state to assist with the identification of real-time trends, such as prescription

medication and drug abuse, lethal activities, and to alert the appropriate county agencies and the public of these dangers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to restore direct state funding for unattended death investigations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that local health departments should be allocated additional funding in ways which allow for discretion and flexibility in addressing local public health priorities, such as the growing opioid and heroin epidemic; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.