TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

December 2, 2025 8:30 AM

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 4, 2025
- FINANCIAL
- November 2025 Budget
- OLD BUSINESS
- ➤ None
- NEW BUSINESS
- Caseloads (Reports available after 12/1/25)
- Tioga Career Center Report
- Strategic Plan Bi-Annual Update

PERSONNEL

- Tara Hauptfleisch promoted to Director of Employment & Transitional Supports effective 11/1/25
- Jeanette Horan promoted to Principal Social Welfare Examiner effective 11/3/25
- Michael Carlson promoted to Senior Caseworker effective 11/3/25
- Hayley Champlin, Caseworker, hired effective 11/3/25
- ➤ Heather Houze promoted to Senior Social Welfare Examiner, effective 11/29/25

RESOLUTIONS

- ➤ Authorize the Appointment of Commissioner of Social Services
- Authorize Funding of Vacant Director of Social Services Position
- Recognize Shawn L. Yetter 35 Years of Cumulative Dedicated Service
- Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2025 Budget
- Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2025 Budget
- Appropriation of Funds Youth Bureau 2026
- Authorization to Sign Contract (Steuben Co. Non-Secure Detention Services)
- Authorize Contract with Multiple Agencies
- Authorize Contract with Security Services
- Authorize Contract with Home of Wyoming Conference

PROCLAMATIONS

- ➤ None
- ADJOURNMENT

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	PCT USE/COL	40.6% 66.5% 52.3% 100.0% 58.7% 58.7% 76.9% 76.9% 77.9% 77.9% 77.9% 86.8%	111.5%	83.0 1000.0	70.7%
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TOTAL Day Care	-117,951	0	-117,951	129,245.89	00.	-247,196.89	-109.6%
A6070 Services For Recipients							
A6070 436700 RTA State Aid-Servi A6070 446700 Federal Aid-Servic A6070 540487 Title XX Program E A6070 540487 RTA Program Expense	-37,960 -74,000 157,000 37,960	0000	-37,960 -74,000 157,000 37,960	.00 -172,886.00 135,507.56	00000	-37,960.00 98,886.00 21,492.44 37,960.00	233.6% 86.3% .0%
TOTAL Services For Recipients	83,000	0	83,000	-37,378.44	00.	120,378.44	-45.0%
A6101 Medical Assistance							
A6101 418010 Repayments of Medi A6101 436010 State Aid-Medical A6101 446010 Federal Aid-Medica A6101 540487 Medicaid Program E	-80,000 32,000 28,000 20,000	0000	-80,000 32,000 28,000 20,000	-10,147.92 3,767.00 3,687.00	9999	-69,852.08 28,233.00 24,313.00 20,000.00	12.7%* 11.8% 13.2% .0%
TOTAL Medical Assistance	0	0	0	-2,693.92	00.	2,693.92	100.0%
A6102 Medical Assistance - Mmis							
A6102 540487 MMIS Program Expen	8,284,704	0	8,284,704	7,319,706.00	00.	964,998.00	88.4%
TOTAL Medical Assistance - Mmis	8,284,704	0	8,284,704	7,319,706.00	00.	964,998.00	88.4%
A6109 Family Assistance							
A6109 418090 Repayments Family	-290,000	0	-290,000	-165,366.20	00.	-124,633.80	57.0%*

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	PCT USE/COI	100.0% 100.0% 61.7%* 73.9%	118.3%		84.3%* 90.4%* 112.3% 82.2%	65.1%		49.3%* 31.0%* 1.3%* 75.3%	-74.7%		77.4%	77.4%		97.0% 100.0%
	AVAILABLE BUDGET	1,260.92 347.00 -420,839.00 468,926.92	-74,937.96		-45,542.13 -140,488.00 60,850.00 686,975.96	561,795.83		-2,537.12 -69,963.22 -691,195.00 98,613.32 7,429.18	-657,652.84		158,436.00	158,436.00		-2,976.40 2,481.09
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	PCT USE/COL	73.3%* 46.6%* 76.2%	74.1%		90.1%* 86.9% 43.9%	100.0%		58.7%*	81.9%	94.8%		
	AVAILABLE BUDGET	-52,573.00 -10,671.00 214,464.45	150,725.14		-13,348.67 15,067.00 11,228.20	12,946.53		-6,198.00 8,911.55	2,713.55	716,421.99	-4,287,779.07 5,004,201.06	
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FOR 2023 II	ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	A6140 436400 State Aid-Safety N A6140 446400 Federal Aid-Safety A6140 540487 Safety Net Program	TOTAL Safety Net	A6141 Energy Crisis Assistance Progr	A6141 418410 Repayments Of Home A6141 446410 Federal Aid-Home E A6141 540487 HEAP Program Expen	TOTAL Energy Crisis Assistance Progr	A6142 Emergency Assistance To Adults	A6142 436420 State Aid-Emergenc A6142 540487 EAA Program Expens	TOTAL Emergency Assistance To Adults	TOTAL General Fund	TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	



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	YTD ACTUAL	-2,856.29 -149,692.23 139,396.18 2,143.37 6,302.94	23,764.71 10,762.00 3,133.90 155.40 50,170.98	83,415.34	-152,548.52 235,963.86
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FOR 2025 11

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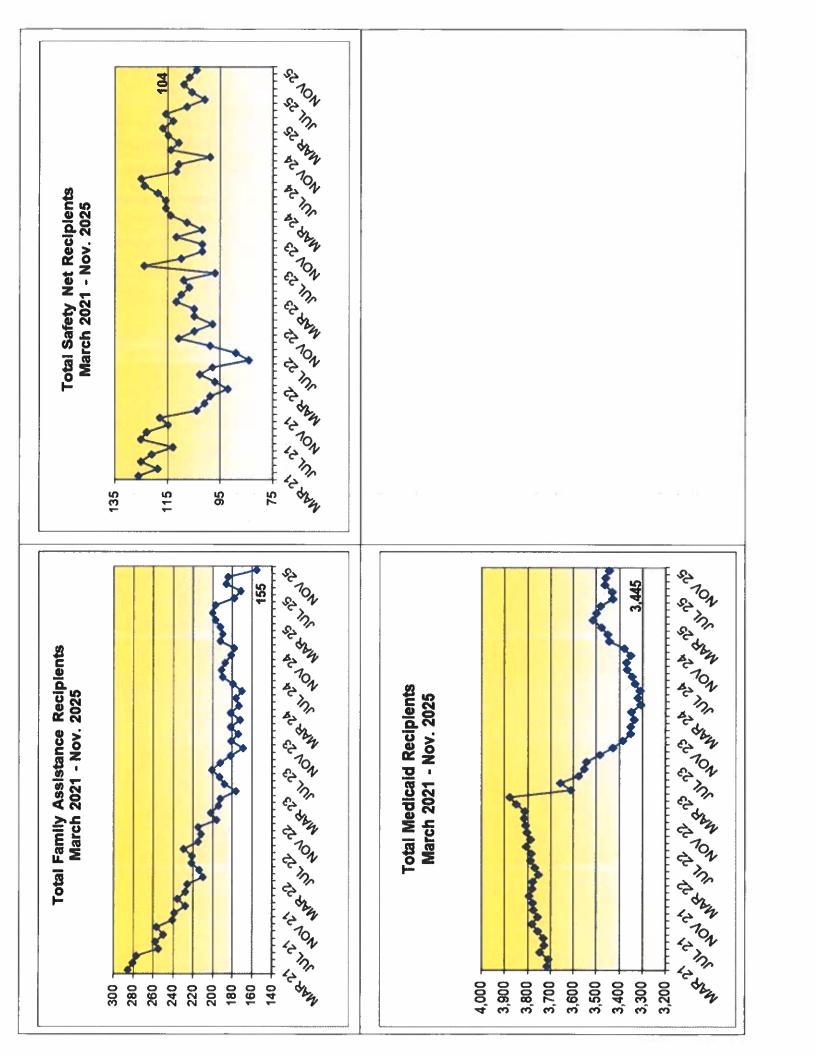
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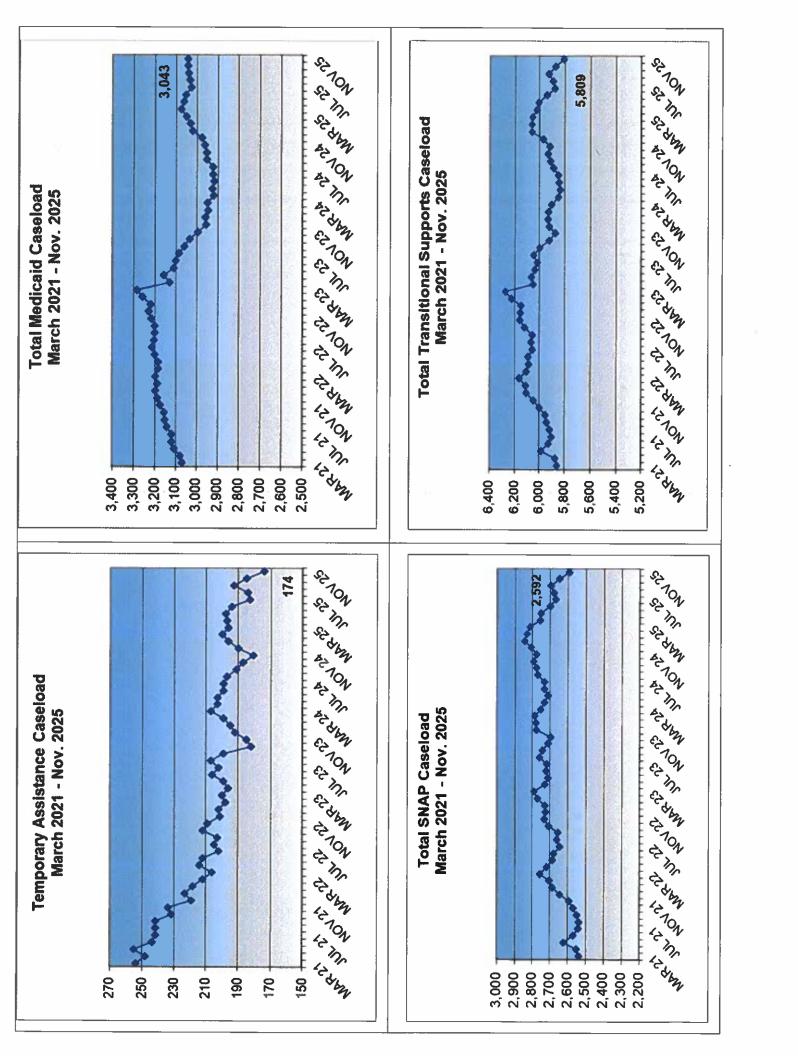
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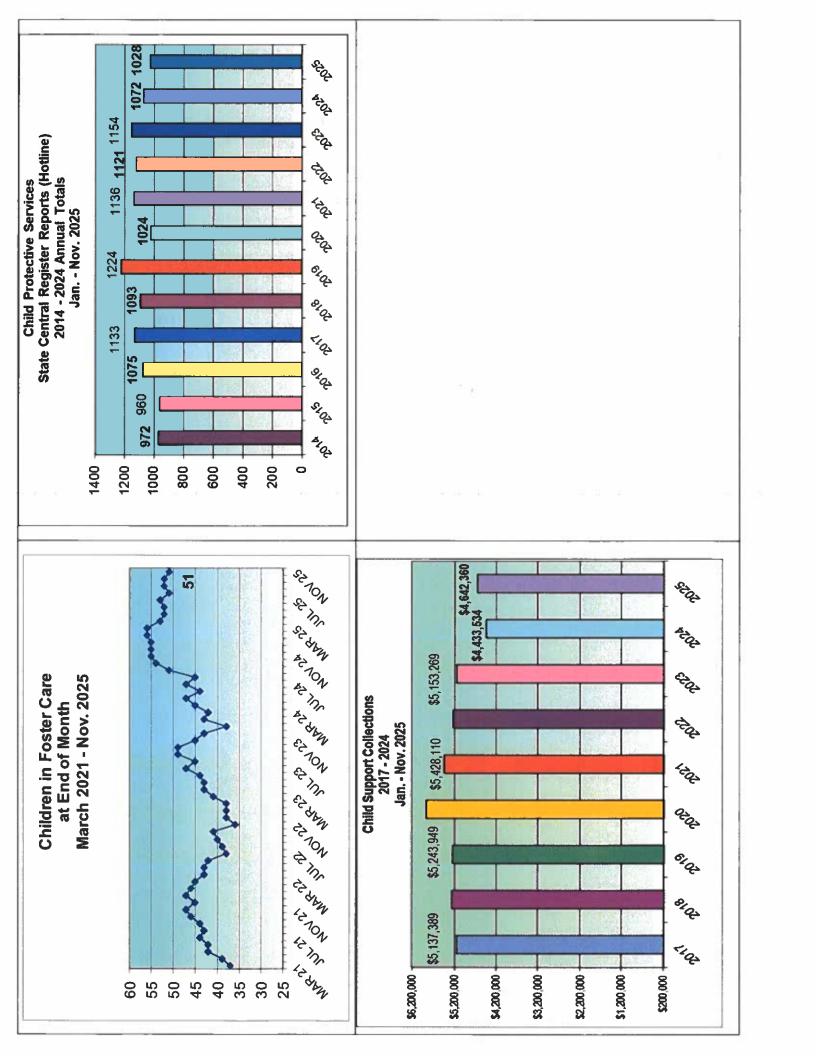
CASELOAD CHANGES - 2025

TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

	Case	es	
	12/31/2024	11/30/2025	% Change
FA	99	89	-10%
SNA Singles	82	78	-5%
SNA Families	9	7	-22%
Total TA	190	174	-8%
MA-Only	1,896	1,994	5%
MA-SSI	1,079	1,049	-3%
Total MA	2,975	3,043	2%
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SNAP	2,808	2,592	-8%
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Day Care	190	208	9%
Services	394	446	13%
	Individ	uals	
		11/30/2025	% Change
FA	178	155	-13%
SNA Singles	82	78	-5%
SNA Families	32	26	-19%
Total TA	292	259	-11%
MA-Only	2,008	2,137	6%
MA-SSI	1,079	1,049	-3%
Total MA	3,087	3,186	3%
SNAP	5,153	4,625	-10%
Services	1,030	1,166	13%
	Individuals (On Medicaid	
	12/31/2024	11/30/2025	% Change
	12/01/2024		
TA	292	259	-11%
MA			
	292	259	-11%









TIOGA CAREER CENTER

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COMMITTEE MEETING

12/2/2025

Current open job postings in Tioga =111

76 new Unemployment claims opened in November, 70 had effective claim dates in November, there were 17 seasonal claims, and 6 were older claims that just opened.

Unemployment Rates: "NYSDOL will soon announce the updated dates for our press releases concerning the monthly employment reports for September, October, and November. We are currently obtaining the necessary data from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). We are committed to delivering this information as promptly as possible and appreciate your patience during this time."

	Aug '25	Aug '25	Nov '24
Tioga	3.6	3.6	3.1
NYS	4.7	4.7	4.2
US	4.5	4.5	4.0

The Career Center has been especially busy with the influx of seasonal workers and ongoing unemployment-related needs. This month, we hosted a Job Fair at the Center, welcoming Greenlight, Tioga County Personnel, Tioga County Correctional Department, Pathways, Unity House, Tioga Opportunities, and Catholic Charities, with 27 job seekers in attendance. We also participated in the Chamber's Job Fair and the Tioga County Community Winter Resource Fair.

In collaboration with DSS, we worked with their ABAWD customers—14 of whom were eligible for the WIOA Program, where we assisted them with job searches, résumé development, and interview preparation. We are also actively supporting 28 DSS clients through the JOBS program, with one individual securing employment this period.

On the technology front, I met with the IT Department, and they have generously offered to purchase four desktop computers for the resource room, along with a printer and a laptop, with the possibility of upgrading four of our current laptops. Additionally, I spoke with the Deputy Commissioner of Broome, who asked me to compile a list of needed items so he can submit a request for potential support for Tioga.

County of Tioga

Strategic Plan Project Owner Status Report

Project Owner: Department of Social Services | DECEMBER 2025 UPDATE

Taxpayer Value Objectives

No Taxpayer Value Objectives

Accessibility to Services Objectives

Address Transportation Needs Within the Health and Human Services Delivery System Project Owner: Department of Social Services **Quarter 1 Milestones** STATUS: In Progress § Convene a meeting with key players to begin the conversation. Quarter 2 Milestones STATUS: In Progress § Educate community and key players about existing resources. Quarter 3 Milestones STATUS: In Progress § Create a community survey on Transportation needs; utilize an outside vendor if needed. **Quarter 4 Milestones** STATUS: In Progress

§ Conduct survey and compile survey results. Issue report to key players and begin planning for implementation of how to address identified gaps in 2025.

NOTES: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

We continue to participate in the 5311 finding meetings through the Rural Health Network of SCNY which is the lead on transportation issue. We will convene a County specific meeting in the next quarter.

Creation of a Workgroup for Affordable Housing		
Project Owner: Department of Social Services	5,000 B	
Quarter 1 Milestones	STATUS:	In Progress
§ Assemble interested parties to consider options.		
Quarter 2 Milestones	STATUS:	In Progress
§ Develop plan.		
Quarter 3 Milestones	STATUS:	In Progress
§ Implement plan.		
Quarter 4 Milestones	STATUS:	In Progress
§ Analyze outcomes.		

NOTES: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

The focus over the last quarter had been on the encampment issues in the County, which our Department has been actively involved with. It is anticipated that a specific meeting to address affordable housing will be convened in the next quarted with DSS, EDP and other.

Workforce Objectives

Project Owner: Department of Social Services		
Quarter 1 Milestones	STATUS:	Completed
§ Establish baseline vacancy factor, by title, in order to effectively mea	sure outcomes for the year.	
Quarter 2 Milestones	STATUS:	Completed
§ Support appropriate staff in attending employment outreach opportu	nities for recruitment (Job Fairs, media)	
Quarter 3 Milestones	STATUS:	Completed
§ Strengthen internal communication teams that already exist and exa	mine the addition of other teams that could	assist in retention.
Quarter 4 Milestones	STATUS:	On Hold

NOTES: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

The vacancy factor has been reduced from 29% to less than 5% (depending on the day). The Administrative team has implemented specific activities to assist with this objective.

Continue Succession Planning Practices Project Owner: Department of Social Services Quarter 1 Milestones STATUS: Completed § Analyze current data on existing workforce. **Quarter 2 Milestones** STATUS: Completed § Continue to conduct "Stay interviews" and create a more formalized process for information obtained during those. **Quarter 3 Milestones** STATUS: Completed § Continue to conduct "Stay interviews" and create a more formalized process for information obtained during those. **Quarter 4 Milestones** STATUS: Completed § Analyze year long data and assess for potential organizational changes that would create a more stable succession plan.

NOTES: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

Stay interviews are conducted by the Commissioner at 6 and 18 month intervals. Data is shared with Directors.

Conduct a Needs Assessment of Mandated Training

Project Owner: Department of Social Services

Quarter 1 Milestones

§ Create assessment tool.

Quarter 2 Milestones

§ Collate assessment tool data.

Quarter 3 Milestones

§ Create a plan based on data.

Quarter 4 Milestones

§ Implement plan.

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NOTES: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

We have delayed this until we were able to get staffing stabilized. We will move forward with the first three milestones during this quarter and be able to report on outcomes in January.

Community Partnership Objectives

Strengthening Community Partnerships

Project Owner: Department of Social Services

Quarter 1 Milestones

§ Administrative team will identify all community partnerships needed to meet our mission.

Quarter 2 Milestones STATUS:

§ All identified partners will be contacted, and the team will renew relationships or strengthen existing ones.

Quarter 3 Milestones STATUS:

§ Invite all identified partners to the existing Commissioner's Advisory Council and have a large kick-off event for that expanded group.

Quarter 4 Milestones STATUS: On Hold

§ Administrative team will analyze our success and conduct follow-up reach outs where needed.

NOTES: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

Directors have worked with their relevent partners. Children's Services has conducted various outreach activities to schools. The Youth Bureau Director has worked with community partners. The Advisory Council will be strengthened in 2025.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointments made to a Management/Confidential position; and

WHEREAS: The current Commissioner of Social Services is retiring effective December 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS: A committee was formed to recruit for a replacement and after interviewing a number of candidates, the committee has identified a qualified candidate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature appoints Elizabeth Myers to the position of Commissioner of Social Services at an annual salary of \$110,292, effective December 13, 2025, for a five-year term, which will run through December 13, 2030; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Tioga County Employee Handbook Management/Confidential Benefits policy, Ms. Myers shall be eligible for any authorized 2026 Management/Confidential salary increase effective June 13, 2026, following a successful six-month evaluation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Tioga County's Civil Service Rules, Ms. Myers shall serve a probationary period of eight to fifty-two weeks.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZE FUNDING OF VACANT

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES POSITION

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required to fund any unfunded vacancy and to authorize any appointment to a Management/Confidential position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Since 2023, the Director of Social Services position has been left vacant and unfunded; however, due to staffing needs, the Commissioner of Social Services wishes to now fund said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the funding of the vacant Director of Social Services position at an annual 2025 Management/Confidential salary range of \$73,748 - \$83,748 effective December 9, 2025.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO.

RECOGNIZE SHAWN L. YETTER
35 YEARS OF CUMULATIVE DEDICATED SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Shawn began his career in public service with the Tioga County Department of Social Services in 1981, as a Summer Case Aide. He returned the following summer again as a Temporary Social Welfare Examiner. quickly given full-time employment as a Social Welfare Examiner. In 1986 Shawn was promoted to Sr. Social Welfare Examiner. Shawn left the Department in August of 1986 to pursue higher education, later returning in December of 1986 again as a Social Welfare Examiner. Throughout his pursuit of higher education, Shawn worked for the Department on a temporary basis. He returned full-time to the Department in 1988 as a Social Services Investigator for a short two months as he again left to pursue an opportunity in the not-for-profit arena. Shawn returned once again in 1991 as the TASAP Administrator. In 1993, Shawn was promoted to Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Social Services. In 1996, Shawn was again promoted to Director of Administrative Services. In 1997, Shawn was again promoted to Deputy Commissioner. Shawn then departed for an opportunity in Orange County, NY as a Deputy Commissioner in 1998. Shawn returned to Tioga County Department of Social Services on January 21, 2003 as Commissioner: and

WHEREAS: Shawn L. Yetter has been a dedicated public servant to the citizens of Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Shawn L. Yetter has ensured the Department's mission that all people are treated respectfully, fairly and with compassion in the performance of his duties; and

WHEREAS: Shawn L. Yetter will retire on December 12, 2025; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature, on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the citizens of Tioga County, express sincere gratitude to Shawn L. Yetter for his thirty-five years of dedicated and loyal service to the Tioga County Department of Social Services and its most vulnerable citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a certified copy be presented to this loyal, dedicated, and outstanding employee, Shawn L. Yetter.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND

AMEND 2025 BUDGET SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Youth Bureau program funding has been awarded to Tioga County Department of Social Services which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the operation of the Child Advocacy Center; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6050.436100 State Aid – Child Advocacy Center \$ 2,000

To: A6050.540487 Program Expense \$ 2,000

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$2,000 will be carried forward into the New Year.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 25

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND

AMEND 2025 BUDGET SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.446100 Federal Aid: Administration \$41,112

To: A6010.540140 Contracting Services \$41,112

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$41,112 will be carried forward into the New Year.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS

YOUTH BUREAU 2026

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature approves Youth Bureau program funding which is 100% reimbursable from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Youth Bureau's 2026 program funding was approved by Resolution No. 370-25; and

WHEREAS: The plan submitted for expenditure of these funds has been approved by New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of these funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A7310, 438200

State Aid- Youth Programs

\$ 104,017

To: A7310, 541540

Reimbursements

\$ 104,017

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/25 of the original \$104,017 will be carried forward into the New Year.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County contracts with Steuben County for a detention bed due to a shortage of available Non-Secure Detention Services to meet the demand throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 at an amount not to exceed \$255,500; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Steuben County for one detention bed for a period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH MULTIPLE AGENCIES SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Social Services of Tioga County is charged with the responsibility of the administration of all child welfare services in the County of Tioga pursuant to section 395 et seq. of Social Services law; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with multiple foster care agencies to provide these services at Maximum State-Aid Rates; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with the agencies listed below for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

Children's Home PKPS Children's Home of Jeff County Children's Home of Wyoming Conf. Elmcrest Children's Center Glove House-Group Home Hillside Children's Center **Homespace Corp** House of the Good Shepherd Lincoln Hall Boys Haven New Directions Youth & Family Svcs Northeast Parent and Child Society Parsons Parent & Children Center Pathways, Inc. St. Anne Institute St. Catherine's Center The LaSalle School The William George Agency Together for Youth Vanderhayden

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services has a contract with Securitas to provide security services at the HHS complex; and

WHEREAS: The need for ongoing security exists at these locations; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Securitas to continue providing security services at the HHS complex effective as of January 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Social Services is authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the County Attorney, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH

CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE

SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services contracts with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference to provide In-Home Parenting Education services; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Social Services wishes to renew the contract for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$110,000; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Department of Social Services is authorized to contract with Children's Home of Wyoming Conference for the provision of In-Home Parent Education Services for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 8:27 AM.

Present: Mr. William Standinger Chair of the Committee

Mr. Tracy Monell
Mr. Andrew Aronstam
Mr. Ray Bunce
Legislator
Legislator

Ms. Lori Morgan Director of Community Services

Mr. Chris Korba Director of Administrative Services (MH)

Mr. Shawn Yetter Commissioner of Social Services

Ms. Mickelle Andrews Director of Administrative Services (DSS)

Ms. Heather Vroman Public Health Director

Mr. Denis McCann Director of Administrative Services (PH)

Guests: Mr. Jackson Bailey County Administrator

Ms. Cathy Haskell Legislative Clerk
Ms. Marte Sauerbrey Legislative Chair

Ms. Liz Myers Deputy Commissioner (DSS)

Ms. Sarah Begeal Deputy Director of Community Services

MENTAL HYGIENE

1. Financial

• Mr. Chris Korba reported that the financials show ten months of Expenses and nine months of Fee for-Service Revenue. FFS Revenues are strong despite vacancies. Projections show a return to local share. The 2025 budget is tracking well.

2. Old Business

Criminal Psych – Patient has not been discharged as far as MH knows. There are
only enough funds in the budget line to cover from October 1 through the first week
in November. MH will do a resolution if needed to move money out of the salary
line to cover any shortfall. Even with having to do that, MH will still meet budget
goals.

3. New Business

- Federal Impact None so far
- 3rd Quarter Remote Work Usage Ms. Morgan shared that MH had 17 users over three months, mainly school-based workers
- Opioid Abatement Money The RFP went out today. This will be awarded by the end of December.
- Death at Weitzman's The clinic has made it a priority to see anyone that wants to come in.

4. Personnel

Hunter Buchmann, LMSW, started 10/20/25

- 5. Resolutions Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
 - Authorize Contract with AspireHopeNY to Administer Parent Support Services
 - Authorize Contract with Fairview Recovery Services for Contracting with Mental Hygiene Contracted Staffing
 - Authorize Contract with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. to Administer Psychosocial Club, Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management, Health Home Service Dollars & Administration, Supported Housing Rental Assistance and Community Services, Warm Line and Drop-In Center (pass through State Aid)
 - Authorize Contract with Trinity to Administer Prevention and Jail Services (pass through State Aid)
 - Authorize Contract with Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES to Administer Prevention Services (pass through State Aid)
 - Authorize Contract with Catholic Charities to Administer Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment Services (pass through State Aid)
 - Appropriation of Funds and Budget Mødification (pass through State Aid)

6. Proclamations

None

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Financial

 Mr. Denis McCann reported that the financial reports show 60% of local share used through October. The 3rd Quarter State Aid has not come in yet, will be in November. Expenses for Escrow and Preschool are down. He expects to have a good return of local share at the end of 2025.

2. Old Business

- Federal Budget Impact No direct impacts
- 3. New Business Agency Report for October:
 - Submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for Project Public Health Ready (Public Health Emergency Preparedness Accreditation). Only 11 LHD's in NYS have ever been accredited.
 - PH would like to praceed with the process of entering into an agreement with an
 intern from SUNY Farmingdale to complete a 40-hour practicum in dental hygiene
 on the Dental Van. There is not currently an MOU with SUNY Farmingdale so, Mr.
 Peter DeWind will need to approve an MOU. Legislators gave their approval to
 move forward with this plan.
 - A question was asked how many kids are in the Early Intervention Program. Ms.
 Vroman noted there are 40 kids in the program with approximately 10 kids waiting for services at any given time. There is still a provider shortage throughout NYS.
 - Mr. Bailey reported that Ms. Vroman and PHEP Coordinator attended the CEPA, which emergency response led. Ms. Vroman stated Public Health has a great relationship with OEM and the CEPA was a great opportunity to look at where we are and where we need to improve. Municipalities were invited to take part in the finalizing the plan and distributing information to appropriate partners.

4. Personnel

Service Coordinator will be returning

5. Resolutions

- None
- 6. Proclamations
 - None

SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Financial

 Ms. Mickelle Andrews reported that the administrative side of the 2025 budget is on target. Foster Care continues to run over budget. Will be presenting a resolution to transfer money to cover the Foster Care expenses through the end of 2025. There is an increase in the 2026 budget for Foster Care.

2. Old Business

None

3. New Business

Caseloads – See Caseload Summary

During October, Cash Assistance decreased 8 cases, with Family Assistance decreasing 2 cases and Safety Net decreasing 6 cases. Cash Assistance is down 3% for the year.

MA-Only increased 11 cases

MA-SSI decreased 8 cases

Total Individuals on Medicaid decreased 4 to 3,459 – Medicaid is up 2% for the year.

SNAP decreased 46 cases - SNAP is down 6% for the year

Day Care decreased 6 cases

- Tioga Career Center report is attached. The unemployment numbers have not been updated due to the government shutdown
- Commissioner Yetter noted that 50%-60% of SNAP benefits will be released tomorrow. Then the State will process the payments.
- HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) is also currently not funded due to the government shutdown. The State had delayed the opening of regular HEAP to 11/19/25 from 11/1/25. DSS is still taking applications for SNAP & HEAP. SNAP benefits are recertified once a year.

4. Personnel Changes

- Jeanette Carosella promoted to Senior Caseworker effective 10/20/25
- Nancy Leonard, Seasonal OS I (HEAP), hired effective 10/20/25
- Tiffani Valentine, Seasonal OS I (HEAP), hired effective 10/20/25
- Penny Walker, Seasonal OS I (HEAP), hired effective 10/20/25
- Julie Whipple, Director of Employment & Transitional Supports, retired effective 10/21/25
- Deborah Cooper, Senior Caseworker, resigned effective 10/27/25

- 5. Resolutions Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
 - Authorize Tioga County Department of Social Services to Accept Donations in Excess of \$1,000 – (Gifts for FC children)
 - Amend 2025 Budget (FC)
 - PULLED RESOLUTION: Appropriation of Funds & Amend 2025 Budget (CAC). This
 was a competitive grant that was protested by an applicant and is now with the
 State Comptroller's office. We will need to re-apply for this funding when the RFP
 comes out in the spring. The CAC office will remain open; however we will not be
 able to add a position as planned. The funding has gone back to 2024 levels.

6. Proclamations

Adoption Awareness Month (repeat)

Ms. Myers shared that almost 10 adoptions have gone through recently.

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the October 7, 2025 minutes as written. Motion made by Legislator Monell. Seconded by Legislator Bunce. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNED:

Health & Human Services Committee adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail V. Perdue

Executive Secretary, Social Services