

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2016

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Shay, LaPointe, Suprenant, Campbell, Moore

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Pitts, Fedler

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Hicks, Gang, Idleman, O'Brien, Hogan Armstrong

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, OFA Director

Tina McDougall, Public Health Fiscal Manager Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS Claire

Murphy, EOC Director

Patty Hunt, Director, Public Health

Sue Mowry, Deputy Youth Bureau

Rob York, Mental Health Director

Public

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1) Call to Order

2) Accept Minutes – August 31, 2016 & September 26, 2016

3) Department Reports/Requests:

A. Public Health

1) Discuss McGuiness

2) Request Grant Funding – Performance Incentive Award/DSRIP Partner Participation

3) Miscellaneous

B. Mental Health

1) Request for Budget Amendment – Recognize COLA Funds - \$7,763

C. Youth Bureau

1) Request Permission to Accept Intern from BOCES Program

D. Social Services

1) NYS Comptroller Audit of OTDA – Local Site Visit

2) Client related Meal Reimbursements to Employees

3) HEAP Update

4) NACO Rural Impact Co Challenge Symposium

4) Other Business

5) Adjournment

Chairman Shay called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2016 and September 26, 2016 meetings was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Patty Hunt, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Intern – Introduced Abigail Grace an intern from Plattsburgh State working with the department.
- Discuss McGuiness Program – McGuiness is the software program that will support their submission of Medicaid claims to the State; who is no longer going to support the solution for submission of claims as of January 1, 2017. They previously discussed the discontinuation of this service by the State and how they could address this issue with the committee during their budget presentation. They have noticed savings in their pre-school budget this year and if the decision is to go forward with the McGuiness software program they could pay the \$50,000 out of this year's budget. There will be an ongoing annual fee of \$7,500. It automates a lot of their billing to the State for their 3-5 program and revenue should come into the County more quickly. Public Health budgeted for this expense in their 2017 budget request. A motion to move forward with McGuiness software program and pay for the program out of this year's funds was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted.

- Recognize Grant Funding – Performance Incentive Award – Met metrics for NYS DOH Performance Incentive funds for disease control specifically for STDs in the amount of \$11,500. These funds are to reinvest into the Article VI program for Article VI program activities and programs related to STDs. Article VI is their core funding from the State for the five areas of public health. A motion to accept NYS DOH 2015 – 2016 Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative award in the amount of \$11,500 in the 2016 budget was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Campbell and Suprenant and adopted.
- Recognize DSRIP Participation Award – They had to go through a contracting process with Adirondack Health Institute and thanked the County Attorney for his assistance with process. They were awarded \$10,000 for participating in the regional health change activities. A motion to recognize \$10,000 DSRIP Participation Award was moved by Mr. Suprenant, seconded by Messrs. Campbell and Moore and adopted.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Recognize Public Health Preparedness Grant \$52,096 – They have received this grant annually for several years. Funds are used for supplies, cover cell phone charges and use about \$34,000 to offset salary and fringe which is already in the budget so the funds are put in a contingency fund. A motion to accept Public Health Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$52,096 was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Moore and adopted.
  - Annual Report – Distributed and discussed with the committee the 2015 Annual Report, on file. She also included an Executive Summary, attached. This accounts for the activities in the health department in 2015. Some of their health services are down due to insurance companies wanting to contract with a CHHA. Flu distribution was up last year. Rabies statistics are down a little. Getting out of well child care clinics because now with the Affordable Care Act people are going to the doctor's office. Seeing an improvement in the number of children being tested for lead. Regarding Preschool Special Education program, they are seeing a positive impact from the escrow system and it is working well. Statistics are listed on Washington County Communicable/Infectious disease data. An analysis of the State Aid funding included. Five hundred and six visits to the seventeen towns in the County.

COMMUNITY SERVICES/MENTAL HEALTH – Rob York, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Amend Budget – Various Community Services Board Contract Agencies 2016 COLA funds awarded - A motion to amend the 2016 budget and contracts for various Community Services Board contract agencies to allow pass through of \$7,763 (100% State Aid – NYS Office of Mental Health) cost of living adjustment, COLA, in the amount of \$7,763 was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted.
- Amend Budget - Council for Prevention \$28,000 – A motion to amend 2016 budget and contract for the Council for Prevention, Inc. to allow pass through of \$28,000 (100% State Aid – Mental Health) NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services funds for purchase of a new agency/program van (replacement van) was moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted.

YOUTH BUREAU – Sue Mowrey, Deputy Director, addressed the following item with the committee:

- Permission to Accept Intern from BOCES Program – Distributed attached intern request form requesting permission for an intern from BOCES who will be identifying activities and

program in Washington County for youth and families to participate in and add this information to Youth Bureau Web page. A motion to approve unpaid intern from BOCES was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted. The County Attorney complimented the Youth Bureau on following the Intern Policy with the submission of the detailed information on their handout.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Mental Hygiene Legal Hearing – Traveled to Syracuse yesterday with the County Attorney for a hearing that took one minute. Thanked Roger Wickes, County Attorney, for his support to the department.
- NYS Comptroller Audit of OTDA – Local Site Visit – Temporary housing for the homeless ongoing audit and two State Comptroller Examiners were on site October 11th. They are actually auditing the Department of Health and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance not focusing on the counties but the oversight those State agencies provide to us when it comes to the habitability standards of the housing that the homeless are placed in. The report would go to the Department of Health and OTDA and would be made public. The report is due to be released in January or February.
- Client related Meal Reimbursements to Employees – Employees are currently reimbursed at the same rate as their own meals for meals purchased for clients when traveling on official business. They are not reimbursed the total amount paid for the client meal if over the employee handbook meal allowance. The reimbursements are examined within the department and the Commissioner is recommending reimbursing the employee in full for client meal expenses. The meal allowance rates are \$7 for breakfast, \$9 for lunch and \$14 for dinner. Currently, these rates are used as the guideline for reimbursement of client meals. Mr. O'Brien asked if there are other County departments that reimburse employees for business related client meals. He stated the policy should be standard across all County departments. The Commissioner stated the department is reimbursed 82% for these expenses. Mr. O'Brien recommends the County Attorney and County Administrator come up with a countywide policy recommendation to address this reimbursement issue for consideration at a Government Operations Committee meeting. Mr. Moore stated we should not expect our employees to outlay their own personal funds for County business. The committee was in favor of having the County Attorney and County Administrator develop a countywide policy relating to meal reimbursement for client meals.
- HEAP Update – The Board was provided with information on the HEAP program and in particular the Clean and Tune Program. The heating equipment repair and replacement component is opening effective November 7<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> or until the funds have been exhausted. The applications for regular HEAP benefits starts November 14<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup> and people can apply on line. The applications for the emergency benefits, like a second HEAP grant, are accepted starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> and probably also extending through March 15<sup>th</sup>. HEAP guidelines distributed and attached.
- Request for Resolution – Amend Budget Safe Harbour funding – Allocated through the Safe Harbour funding \$10,000 for office equipment. They used a portion of that funding to purchase a copier that is in the Youth Bureau. Requesting to reallocate the remaining \$3,586 to training. A motion to amend budget to transfer \$3,586 from equipment to training was moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.
- NACO Rural Impact Co Challenge Symposium December 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in Florida. Claire Murphy, EOC Director, joined the Commissioner for discussion of this topic. Regarding the

NACO Rural Impact Challenge, the EOC Director stated they applied for a community coach to be provided by NACO and Washington County was one of twelve counties in the country awarded a community coach. NACO is paying the cost for two team members to attend this symposium. This will also be an opportunity to meet the community coach. A motion to approve Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS, and Claire Murphy, EOC Director, attendance at NACO conference in Florida was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted. Claire Murphy, EOC Director, stated NACO is paying for the hotel and reimbursing \$500 per person towards travel/meals.

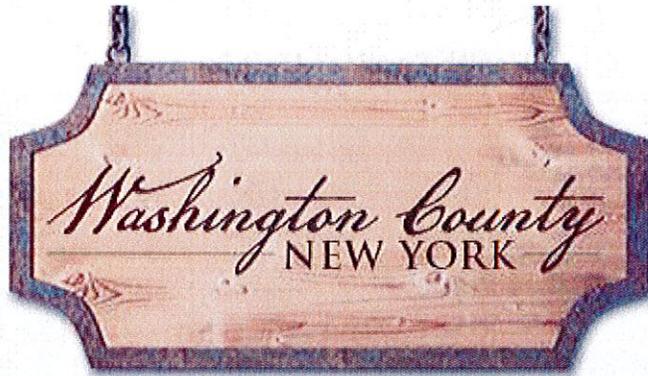
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING** – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

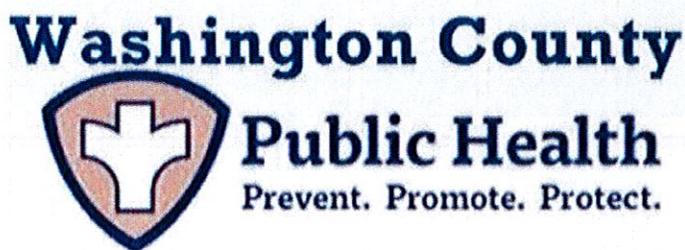
- Program Updates:
  - Oct. 6 Health and Wellness Expo – Held expo that focused on Medicare Open Enrollment. Approximately seventy individuals from the community attended. The Office for the Aging has certified health insurance information counselors available that provide free and unbiased information.
  - Oct. 14 – Completed annual public hearing, handout attached. The purpose of the public hearing was to review the programs and services that the Office for the Aging provides and received public feedback.
  - Moving forward with the expansion and enhancement of NY Connects Program, which is an information assistance and referral program to serve individuals of all ages. Conducted regional meetings and moving forward to implement a local team including the Office of Mental Health and People with Developmental Disabilities. Mandated to participate in an all-day training.
  - Thanked the committee for the passing of the resolution that combined the duties of the Dietetic Service Supervisor; shared position between OFA and Jail (Sheriff). The Dietetic Supervisor started these duties yesterday and is already out to the Cambridge senior site to introduce himself and to talk with the community members there about future planning.
  - Received a \$10,000 Adirondack Health Institute funding award. The funding is in a revenue account and requesting to carry over into 2017 to allow time to come up with a meaningful plan on how to use the funding. A motion to approve carry forward of \$10,000 in revenue from the Adirondack Health Institute in the 2017 budget was moved by Mr. LaPointe, seconded by Mr. Campbell and adopted.

The meeting adjourned 11:04 A.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Debra Prehoda, Clerk*  
*Washington County Board of Supervisors*



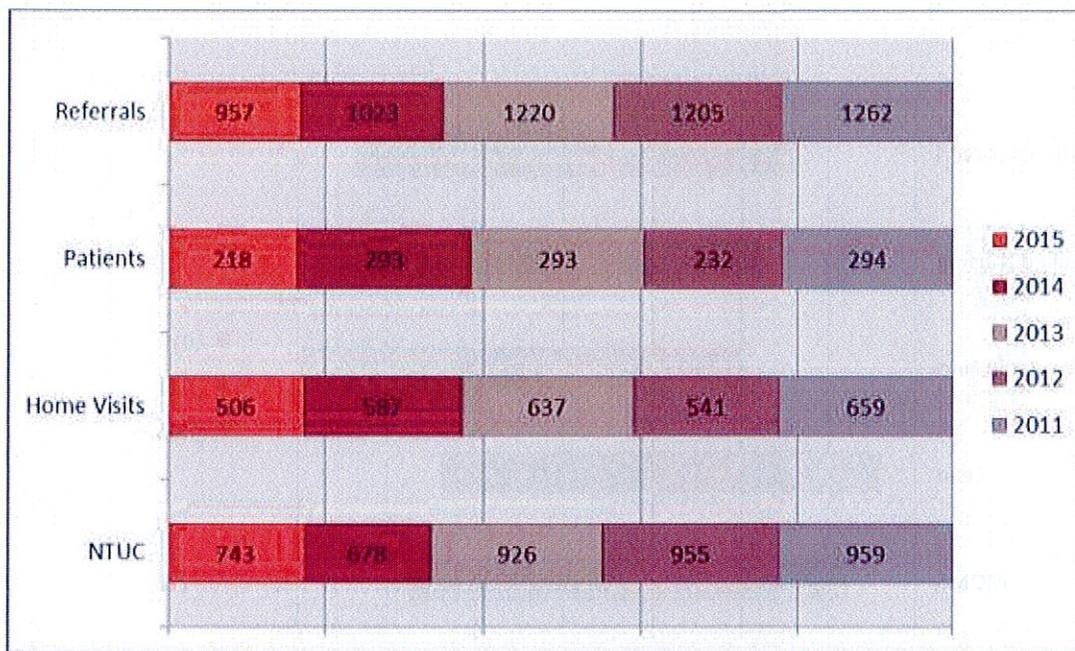
# 2015 Annual Report Executive Summary



### Health Services Unit Summary

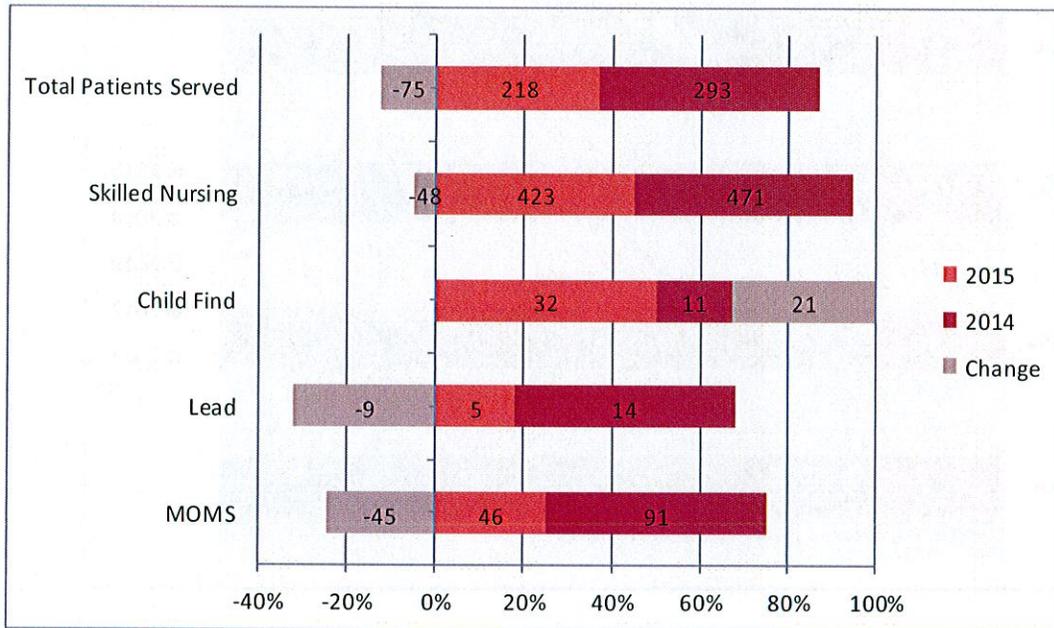
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Well Child / Immunization Clinic Visits	277	255	263	588	737
Well Child / Immunization Clinics Held	71	51	44	74	71
Well Child / Immunization Doses Administered	229	136	182	553	599
Lead Screening Program – Children Screened	1,166	1,161	1,036	1,011	1,035
Lead Screening Program – Home Visits / Case Follow-Up	5	23	6	5	4
Flu Clinics	4	6	9	8	10
Flu Vaccines Administered	161	121	254	372	545
Pneumococcal Administered	0	0	3	3	6
Tuberculosis – Active TB Cases	0	1	0	0	0
Maternal Child Health Patients	218	293	293	232	294
Maternal Child Health Home Visits	506	587	637	541	659
MOMS Participants	27	51	42	28	56
MOMS Clinic Visits	46	41	58	42	87
Animal Bite Investigations	325	359	274	341	297
People Receiving Post-Exposure Rabies	20	24	20	43	53
Rabies Inoculations – Dogs, Cats, Ferrets	928	879	1,100	1,315	1,162
Animals Positive for Rabies	4	5	4	8	5
Animals Submitted for Testing	43	79	61	80	59

## Maternal Child Health Statistics

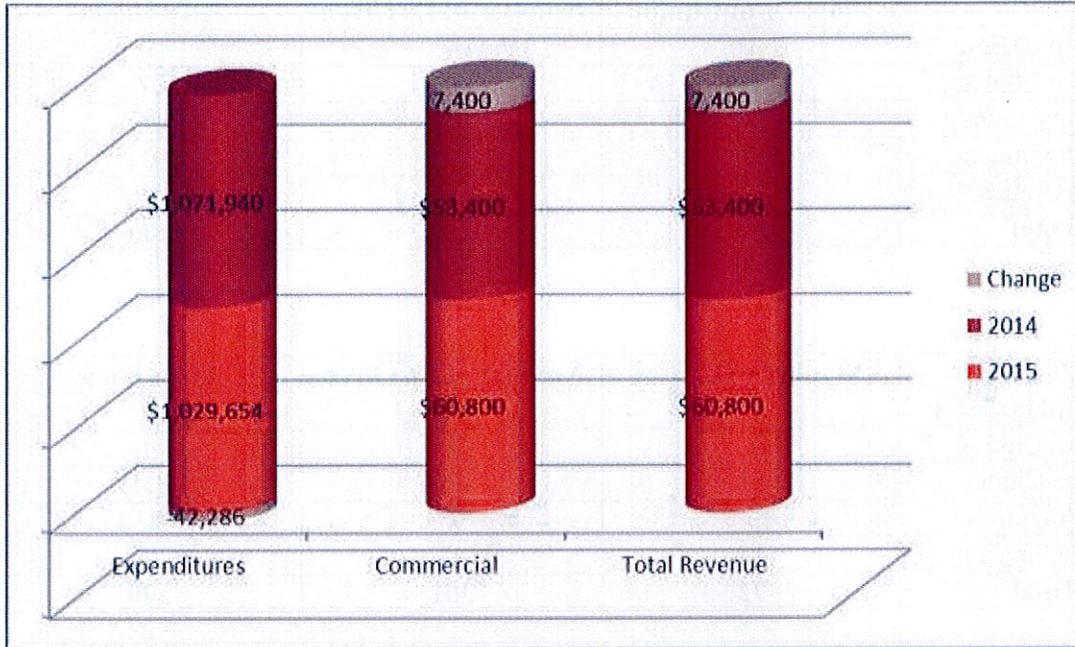


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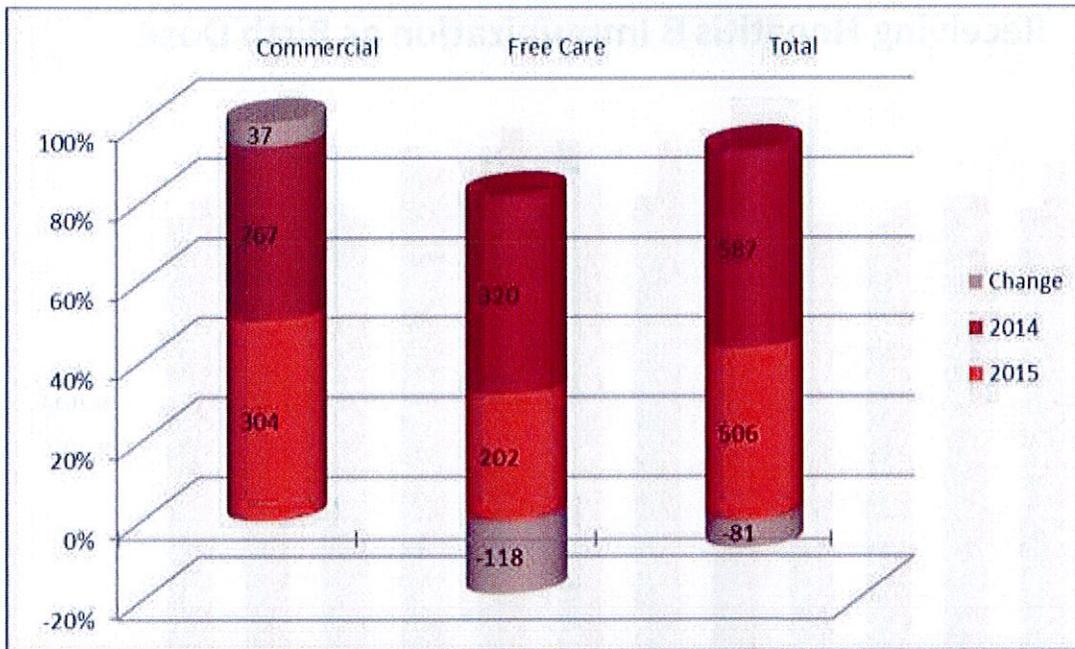
# PREVENTIVE



### PREVENTIVE REVENUE BY PAYOR



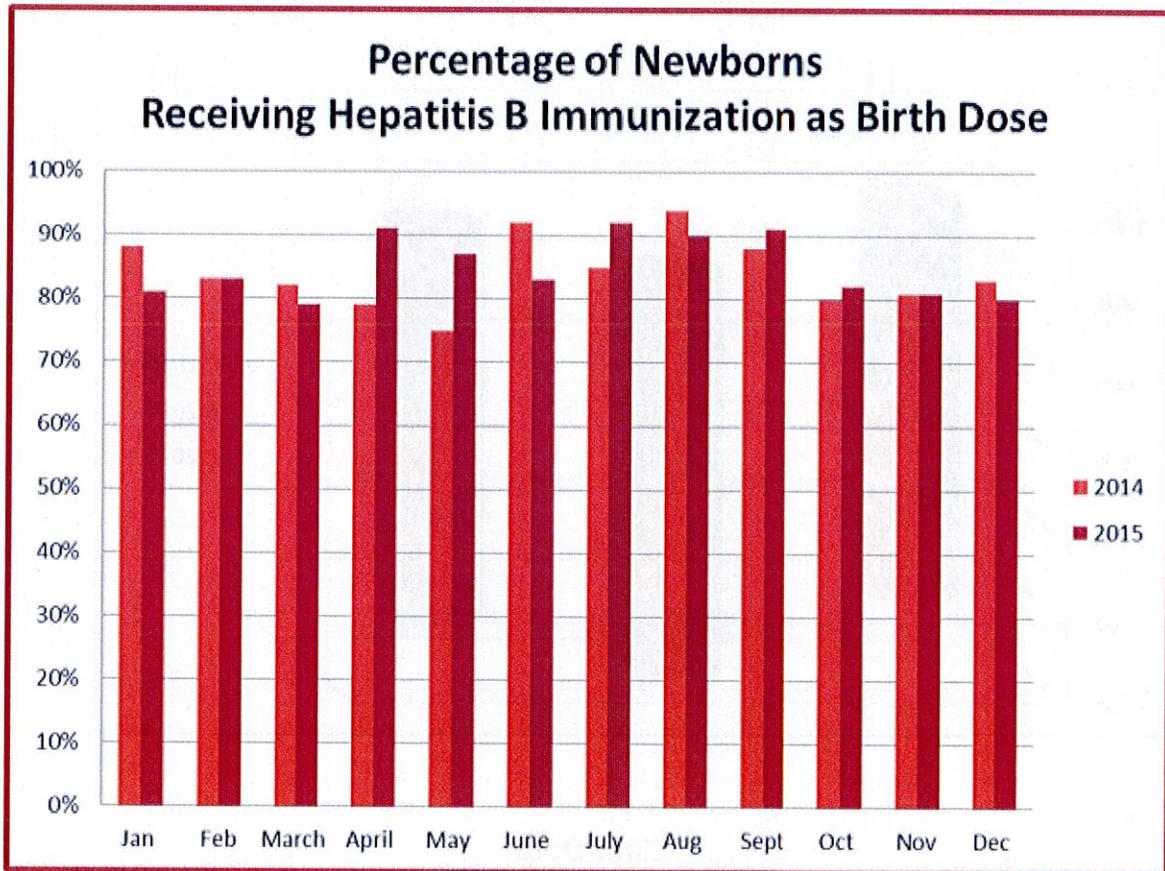
### PREVENTIVE VISITS BY PAYOR



### Clinic Data

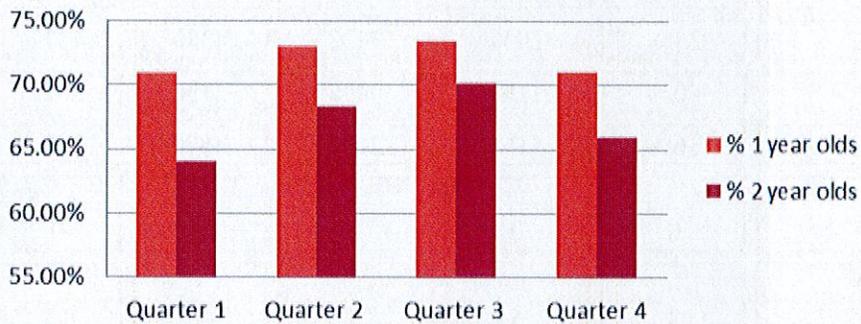
<b>2015</b>	<b>Number of Clinics</b>	<b>Number of IZ Given</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Well Child Clinics	1	4	1
School Clinics	0	0	0
Office Clinics	44	167	143
Adult Clinics	0	0	0
Jail Clinics	12	58	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>203</b>

<b>2014</b>	<b>Number of Clinics</b>	<b>Number of IZ Given</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Well Child Clinics	2	15	4
School Clinics	1	4	4
Office Clinics	51	136	255
Adult Clinics	3	93	93
Jail Clinics	15	53	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>399</b>

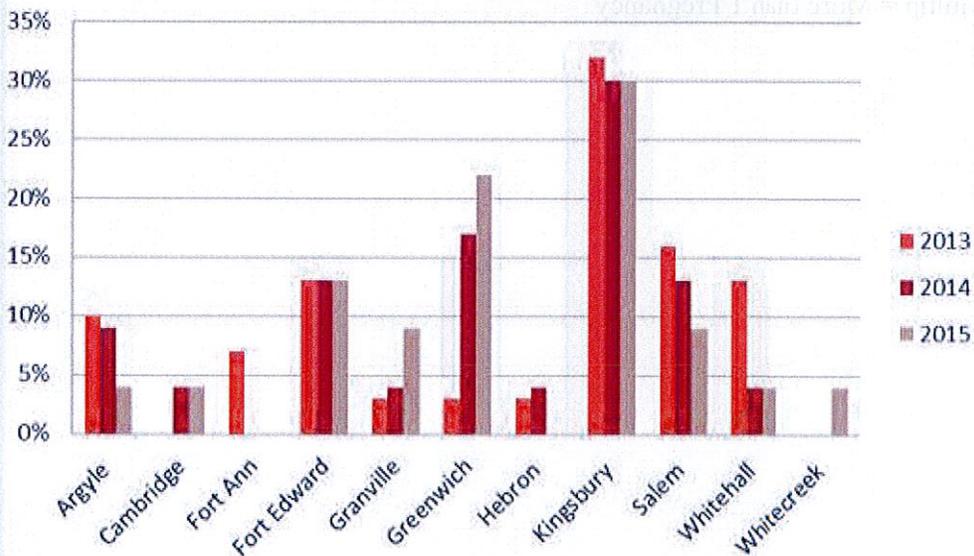


# Lead Program

## Percentage of Children Tested in 2015 at 1 and 2 years of age



## Percentage of Cases with Elevated Blood Lead Levels by Township

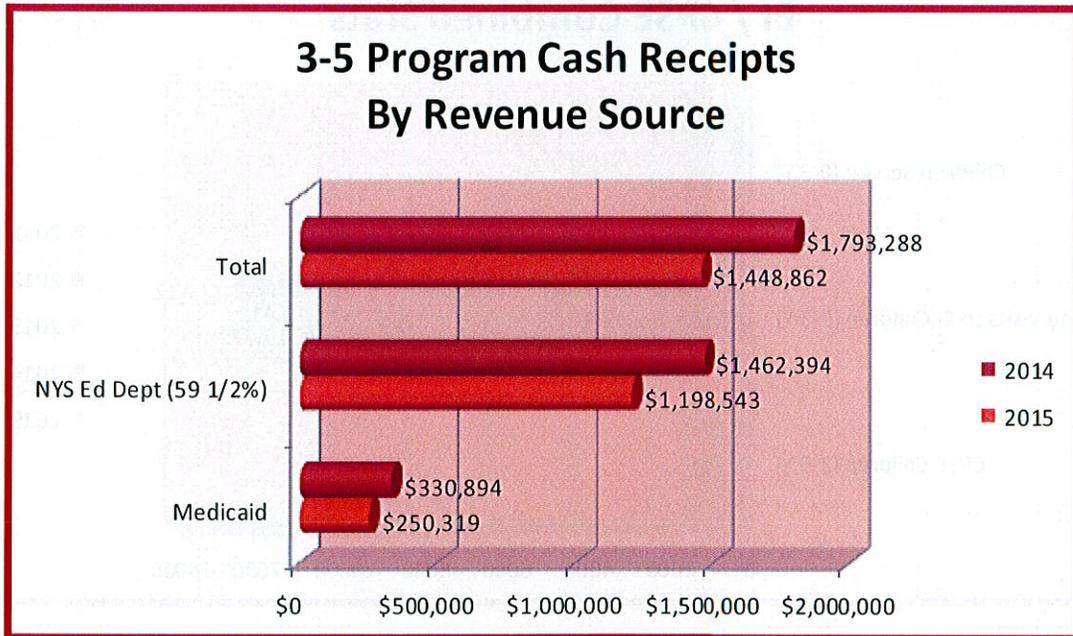
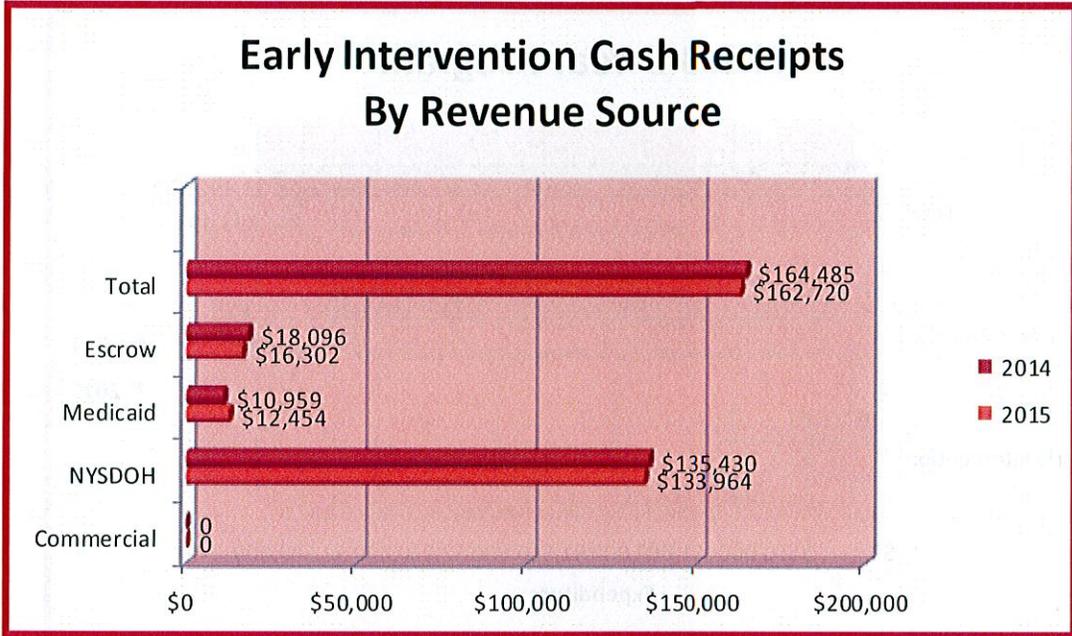


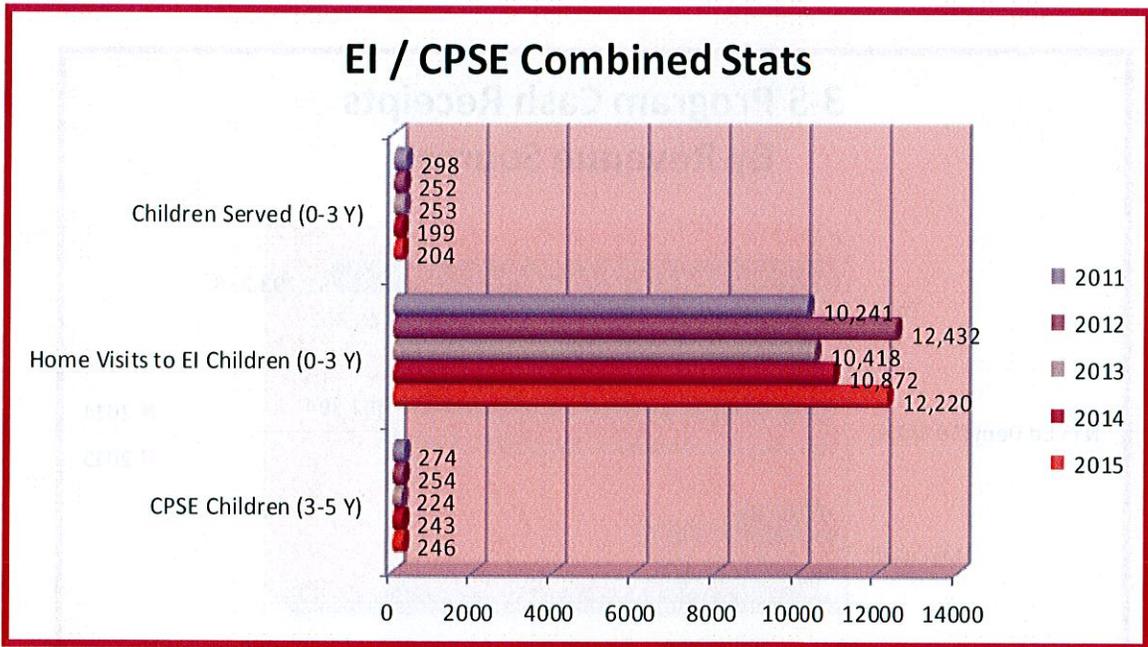
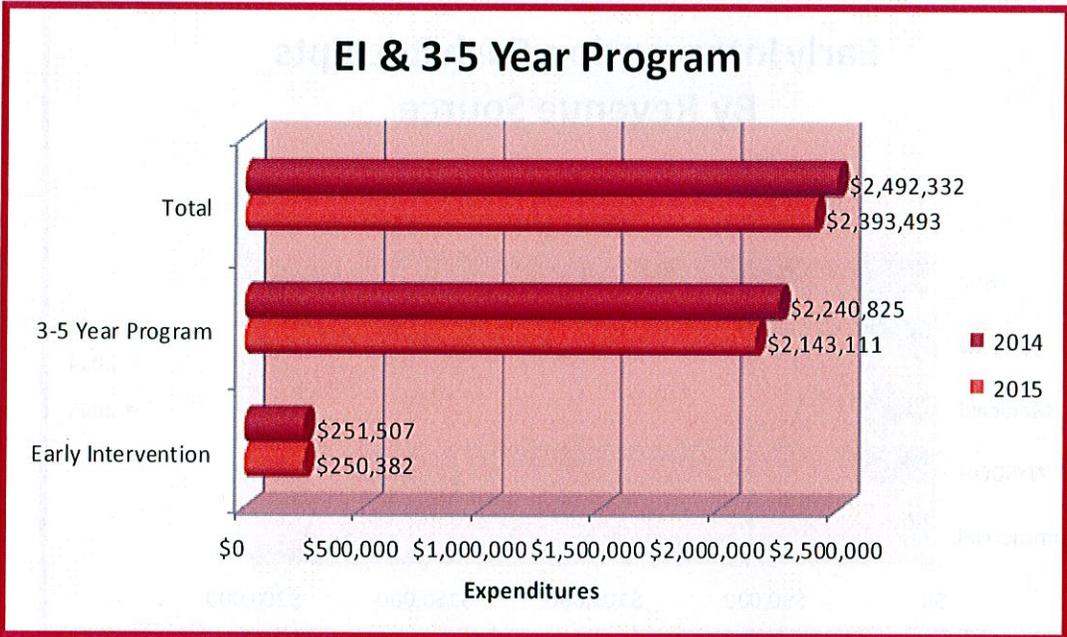
## Antepartum Care

PRENATAL	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Visits	46	92	58	41	85
Number Served	25	53	32	28	54
1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Care	24%	28%	31%	43%	43%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Care	40%	31%	41%	21%	28%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester Care	36%	41%	28%	36%	30%
LBW <2500 Born to Participants	0	0	0	0	0
Teen Pregnancy ≤19 YO Primip	3	5	8	3	13
Teen Pregnancy ≤19 YO Multip	0	1	1	1	3

LBW = Low Birth Weight  
 Primip = 1<sup>st</sup> Pregnancy  
 Multip = More than 1 Pregnancy

# Preschool Special Education





### Washington County Communicable / Infectious Disease Data

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Amebiasis	0	0	0	0	0
Anaplasmosis**	61	26	14	1	0
Babesiosis**	1	0	0	0	0
Campylobacteriosis**	18	17	17	14	7
Cryptosporidiosis**	2	3	2	2	0
E.Coli 0157:H7	2	0	2	1	1
Ehrlichiosis (Chafeensis)**	0	0	4	0	0
Ehrlichiosis (Undetermined)	0	2	1	0	0
Giardiasis	2	4	0	5	4
Haemophilus Influenzae, Not Type B	0	0	1	1	0
Hepatitis A	0	0	1	0	0
Hepatitis B, Chronic	0	2	2	0	2
Hepatitis C, Acute	2	1	1	1	0
Hepatitis C, Chronic	22	36	30	32	26
Influenza A, Lab Confirmed	195	98	53	92	11
Influenza B, Lab Confirmed	46	21	15	1	2
Legionellosis	4	1	1	2	1
Listeriosis	0	0	1	2	1
Lyme Disease** ****	68	59	127	77	272
Meningitis, Other Bacterial	1	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal**	1	0	0	1	1
Pertussis**	0	2	0	0	2
Q Fever**	0	0	0	2	0
Rocky Mtn Spot Fever**	0	0	0	1	0
Salmonellosis	8	5	7	7	8
Shigellosis	0	0	0	0	1
Strep, Group A Invasive	2	1	0	2	0
Strep , Group B Invasive	6	3	5	5	8
Strep Pneumoniae Invasive	9	4	8	10	10
Toxic Shock Syndrome, Streptococcal**	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	1	1	0	0
West Nile Virus**	0	0	0	0	1
Yersiniosis	0	1	1	0	1
	<b>STDs</b>				
Syphilis Total	1	0	1	1	2
--Late Latent	0	0	0	1	0
--P & S Syphilis	1	0	1	0	0
--Congenital Syphilis	0	0	0	0	1
--Early Latent	0	0	0	0	1
Gonorrhea Total	11	4	11	16	9
--Gonorrhea	11	4	10	15	8
--Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	0	0	1	1	1
Chlamydia	143	135	126	150	151
Chlamydia P.I.D.	2	2	2	1	0
<b>Total NYS Reportable</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>527</b>

\*Based on month case created, or December for cases created in Jan/Feb of following year  
\*\*Confirmed and Probable cases counted; Campylobacter confirmed and suspect  
\*\*\*Not official number

## WIC

### Food Dollars - \$1,071,095.

Food dollars are the value of all redeemed vouchers given to WIC families to purchase foods at approved stores. All foods provided to WIC participants must be prescribed by the WIC nutritionist.

### Administrative Budget \$429,834.

Administrative funds are used to support the administration of the WIC program to include salaries and fringe benefit costs for 9 full and part time staff, physical space and satellite clinic space costs, travel costs and all other operating expenses. This dollar amount includes an addition of a cost of living adjustment of \$33,710.

### Farmers Market Coupons - \$23,112.

Coupons are provided to every WIC family once per year during the local growing season. Families using these coupons help to support our local agricultural economy while also being exposed to fresh, locally grown produce. Washington County works closely with Cooperative Extension so that families can receive support while visiting a local market. Of the total amount issued, 41.21% were redeemed.

### Breast Feeding Peer

#### Counseling Program \$25,757.

The Peer Counseling Program is intended to increase the initiation and duration rates of breast feeding. As a "Peer" program, a Peer Counselor can encourage breast feeding and other appropriate parenting habits by mentoring mothers.

### Breast Pump Program \$2,233.

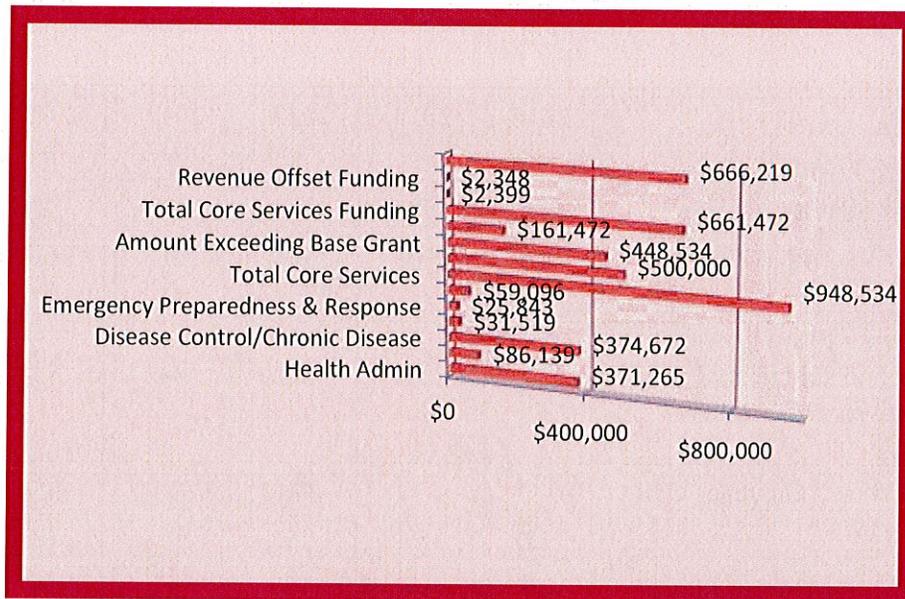
Funds for the breast pump program are supplied by USDA and are considered additional food dollars. A woman that breast feeds not only provides a healthier start for their infant but also cost less by not needing to spend money on the cost of formula. Many mothers requesting a pump do so at the time they want to return to work. Funds received for pumps was reduced in 2014 as now all insurance companies must provide pumps to anyone with a doctor's prescription.

# Rabies

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Confirmed Rabid Animals	4	5	4	9	5
Animal Specimens Sent for Testing	43	79	61	83	59
Animals Received Vaccine at County Clinic	928	879	1100	1315	1162
Individuals Receiving Post-exposure Vaccine Series or booster (all RIG & 1 <sup>st</sup> rabies injections given at GFH and nearest hospital)	20	24	20	44	53
Reported Animal Bites / Guidance Calls	325	359	274	341	297
Animal Clinics	11	10	10	10	10
Blood Titers Drawn for Human Rabies Titers	26	19	15	1	24

2015 Rabies Animal Vaccination Clinics					
Town	Held	Given	Dogs	Cats	Ferrets
Salem	March	57	47	10	0
Whitehall	April	73	58	15	0
Kingsbury	May	118	95	23	0
Hampton	May	34	26	8	0
Granville	June	126	87	39	0
Argyle	June	111	85	26	0
Cambridge	July	87	55	32	0
Greenwich	August	67	49	16	2
Fort Ann	September	55	43	12	0
Kingsbury	October	114	79	35	0
Kingsbury	November	86	48	38	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	928	672	254	2

## STATE AID FUNDING ANALYSIS 2015



Family Health consists of the following: Child Health, Maternal and Infant Health, and Reproductive Health

Disease Control/Chronic Disease consists of the following: Arthropod, General Communicable Disease, Immunization, Rabies, STD/HIV, and Outpatient Tuberculosis

Environmental Health consists of: Injury Prevention and Control and Lead Poisoning Prevention

Per Article 6 guidance from New York State Department of Health, Health Education and Laboratory Services are no longer distinct categories but are distributed throughout the other categories.

Also per Article 6 guidance from New York State Department of Health, Emergency Preparedness is now a stand-alone category and Injury Prevention and Lead Poisoning were moved to Environmental Health.

The increase in the State Aid Funding from 2014 to 2015 is due to an increase in the amount of time spent relating to communicable disease (Ebola planning and preparation activities).

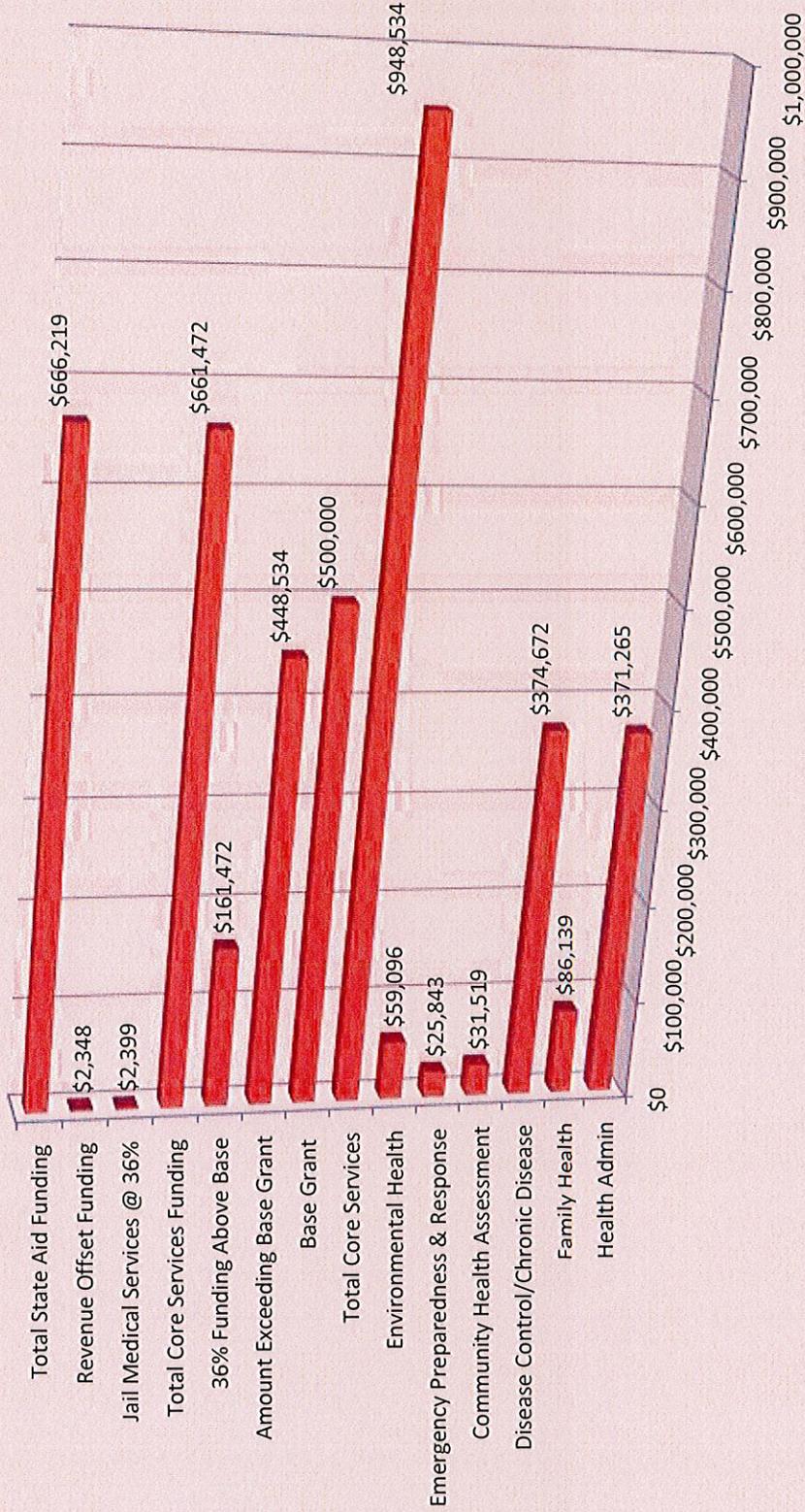
## Visits by Town 2015

Argyle	16
Cambridge	19
Dresden	9
Easton	0
Fort Ann	29
Fort Edward	140
Granville	63
Greenwich	10
Hampton	2
Hartford	0
Hebron	0
Jackson	0
Kingsbury	136
Putnam	0
Salem	19
White Creek	5
Whitehall	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506</b>





# STATE AID FUNDING ANALYSIS 2015





**Alternative Sentencing/Youth Bureau Intern Request**  
2016

**Name of Participant-** Stephanie Bingell

**Name of the sponsoring academic program-** Southern Adirondack BOCES

**Name of the program/class-** Work Based Learning/Internship

**Name of the academic faculty member supervising the intern-** Bruce Hoffmann

**Length of the participation-** 56 hours

**Agency oversight needed (time)-**minimal

**Reporting requirements of BOCES-** Final written evaluation

**Expected duties of intern while at the County-**

- She will be identifying activities and programs in Washington County for youth and families to participate in. Her duties will be to search on line news sources, print sources, chamber of commerce web pages, recreation program web pages etc. to gather this information which will then be added to our Youth Bureau Web page on a regular basis. We will also utilize her to help update our "Pages to Success" booklet which identifies businesses in the County who hire youth.

**Prospective Work Schedule-** to be determined

**Agency supervision plan-** The intern will be supervised by the Assistant Director who will be responsible for developing a schedule with the intern, assigning responsibilities and monitoring work activities.

## Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Guidelines 2016-2017 Season

The income eligibility guidelines for the HEAP Program are adjusted annually based on State Median Income and/or OMB Poverty Guideline data. These are the Monthly Income Eligibility Guidelines that apply for the **2016-2017 HEAP Season**. HEAP opens November 14, 2016.

### 2016-2017 HEAP MONTHLY INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Household Size	TIER I	TIER II
1	0 - 1,287	1,288 - 2,300
2	0 - 1,736	1,737 - 3,007
3	0 - 2,184	2,185 - 3,155
4	0 - 2,633	2,634 - 4,423
5	0 - 3,081	3,082 - 5,130
6	0 - 3,530	3,531 - 5,838
7	0 - 3,979	3,980 - 5,971
8	0 - 4,430	4,431 - 6,103
9	0 - 4,880	4,881 - 6,236
10	0 - 5,331	5,332 - 6,369
11	0 - 5,782	5,783 - 6,671
Each Additional Household Member:	+ 451	+ 520

**Basis for Eligibility**

Note: Amounts above are dollar values, i.e. '1,275' equals '\$1,275.00'.

Households with primary heating sources will continue to have their Regular Benefit Amounts determined based on a **BASE AMOUNT** associated with their household's **FUEL TYPE** (see the table below) plus a **\$25.00** add on amount for households with **Vulnerable Individual(s)** and a **\$26.00** add on amount for **Tier I** households.

FUEL TYPE	BASE AMOUNT (Plus)
Natural Gas & Public Service Commission Regulated Electric	\$350 Plus possible \$25 or \$50 add on
Oil, Kerosene and Propane	\$575 plus possible \$25 or \$50 add on
Pellets, Coal, Wood and others	\$525 plus possible \$25 or \$50 add on

**Grant Amount**

**Non Heaters Benefit** TIER I - \$35.00 TIER II - \$30.00 Heat and Eat - \$21.00

Emergency HEAP opens January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Regular and Emergency HEAP season ends March 15, 2017 unless further funding becomes available.

EMERGENCY TYPE	2015-2016 BENEFIT AMOUNT
HEAT RELATED DOMESTIC	\$140
NATURAL GAS -HEAT ONLY	\$350
NATURAL GAS - HEAT AND HEAT RELATED DOMESTIC and PSC ELECTRIC HEAT	\$490
NON UTILITY FUEL: With Fuel Types Oil, Kerosene and Propane With Fuel Types Coal, Wood and Other	\$575 \$525
NON UTILITY FUEL AND HEAT RELATED DOMESTIC: With Fuel Types Oil, Kerosene and Propane With Fuel Types Pellets, Coal, Wood and Other	\$575 + \$140 \$525 + \$140

**Emergency Grant Amount**



***Washington County Office for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is committed to Service, Education and Advocacy to meet the needs of Washington County's Older Adults.***

***We are the entry point for information and access to a comprehensive system of services for Older Adults and their families, with particular attention to the socially, physically and economically isolated, such that they can remain successfully independent in their homes and communities with dignity.***

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**Fact:**

According to the United States Census Bureau of Quickfacts, in July 2015 Washington County's population was estimated at 62,230 individuals and approximately 11,015 of those individuals are 65 and older. That represents 17.7% of the county.

**Budget:**

The current Washington County Office for the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center's budget, including grants, is \$2,016,673. Funds are received from the following sources: County \$388,084; Federal Government \$310,103; State Government \$755,806; Contracted Funds \$423,780; and contributions from users of services is \$138,900.

**Suggested Contributions:**

The majority of our Services are NOT income based. Suggested Contributions are encouraged for most programs. Some of the suggested amounts include: Home Delivered Meals (\$3.00), Senior Dining Sites (\$3.00), Special Events (\$5.00), Transportation (one way is \$2.00, round trip is \$4.00), Legal Services (\$10.00 an hour), Personal Care/Caregiver Support/Respite (\$5.00 an hour), Restaurant Dining (\$4.00), Social Adult Day Care (\$10.00 a day), Case Management (\$5.00 per month), Nutrition Counseling (\$2.00 per hour), and Medical Alert (\$5.00 per month).

*Donation Policy: Services are provided to individuals over 60 years of age based upon identified need, regardless of income(outside of EISEP/CSE cost share services).*

*Voluntary Donations are accepted for services at rates established by the recommendations of the Aging Advisory Council. All donations are used to support the provision of the same services for which they are received.*

<b>Program</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Services</b>
Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance (HIICAP)	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	We have trained staff to help with sorting through medical insurance needs. We provide Medicaid and Medicare (A, B, C, D) benefits counseling, EPIC, Lifeline telephone discount, Low Income Subsidy, Part D prescription benefits, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Employer insurance benefits, Veterans benefits, Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), Medicare Savings Program, and more.
In - Home Personal Care Assistance for non-Medicaid individuals over the age of 60 without a caregiver.	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	We assess and see what in-home aide services are best to meet an individual's needs. We coordinate this service and provide case management to recipients. There may or may not be a cost share to this service.
Caregiver Support Services: In-Home Personal Care Assistance, Companionship Services, Personal Emergency Response Services, and Social Adult Day Services.	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	We provide caregiver support services by assessing needs and seeing what services are best for caregiver support. We also facilitate a caregiver support group that meets one time a month.
Home Delivered Meals	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	Meals are delivered 5 days a week to the homes of individuals age 60 and older who are homebound, isolated or unable to cook for themselves. Meals are also given to the individual's spouse and to non-elderly disabled individuals who reside in the same home when it is in the best interest of the homebound individual.
Senior Dining Sites/Senior Centers	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	We have four locations throughout Washington County. Meals are provided 5 days a week to individuals age 60 and older and to non-elderly who reside with and accompany an individual. Dining sites serve nutritious meals along with socialization, education, and recreational activities. Call for locations.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Services</b>
Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Glens Falls Association for the Blind 792-3421	We contract with the Glens Falls Association for the Blind and provide services to blind or visually impaired individuals for the promotion of independent living in the community.
Senior Times Newsletter	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	A quarterly newsletter is available for individuals and their caregivers. It is packed with information including activities, current events, health and welfare information, and tips and reminders of seasonal money-saving and conservation techniques.
Restaurant Dining	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	Individuals 60 and older can enjoy dining out with friends and relatives at any of the participating restaurants in the county. Participating restaurants provide a variety of menus and excellent service. This program provides a meal to include entree, beverage and dessert; all for a suggested donation of only \$4.00 per ticket.
Emergency Planning	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	If you feel you would need any special assistance in the event of severe weather, prolonged power outage, flooding, or evacuation and live in Washington County, we have a Special Needs Registry. To participate, a form needs to be completed, sent to our office, and updated annually.
Farmer's Market Coupons	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	Eating plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables can help maintain good health and well-being. This program helps you buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at nearby farmers markets.

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NY Connects	ADRC/OFA 746-2420 or 1-800-848-3303	We are an Aging and Disabilities Resource Center and serve individuals of all ages, all disabilities, caregivers, etc. We provide unbiased long term care services and support information, assistance (i.e. application assistance), and referrals.
In-Home Visits	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	We are able to meet with individuals in their home who are unable to visit our office due to frailty, health conditions, or transportation issues.
Information and Assistance	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	Information and assistance is designed to answer your questions, provide direct services, and to make referrals to other agencies. Under the Older American's Act we are designated to act as an advocate for individuals age 60 and older in order to protect and preserve their rights. In addition we advocate for services and programs that affect our county's older adults as a whole.
Legal Assistance	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	We contract with Legal Aid Society for Legal services. Services are provided to Washington County residents age 60 and older. Examples of legal services include Wills, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, pending legal matters, and other legal questions.
Health Promotion	SAVVY Caregiver: 867-4999, ext. 200  Tai Chi for Arthritis: 746-2400	We offer two Evidenced Based Initiative Programs:  SAVVY Caregiver: We partner with the Alzheimer's Association to provide a free multi-session educational program for Caregiver's.  Tai Chi for Arthritis: We partner with Washington County Public Health for the implementation of this free 8 week course.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Services</b>
Nutrition Counseling	Registered Dietician 488-8875	We contract with a Registered Dietician to provide Nutrition Counseling and Nutrition Education for residents of Washington County, age 60 and older.
Senior Center Recreation and Education	Contact the Meal Sites	Each of our four Senior Dining sites offer Recreation and Educational opportunities for individuals age 60 and older. Examples include: Wii bowling, card games, bingo, various exercise programs, karaoke, legal seminars, programs on various fraud and scams, etc.
Limited English Proficiency Services	ADRC/OFA 746-2420	A free language interpretation service offered to individuals who do not speak English or have limited English proficiency.