

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2020

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Clary, Campbell, Skellie, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Wilson

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Hicks

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator

Patty Hunt, Director Public Health

Tina McDougall, PH Financial Manager

Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS

Mike Gray, Director Youth Bureau

Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, OFA/ADRC Director

Kathy McIntyre, Deputy Director PH

Melissa Fitch, Personnel Director

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1) Call to Order

2) Accept Minutes – January 29, 2020

3) Department Reports/Requests:

A. Public Health

1) Miscellaneous

B. DSS

1) Department Updates

2) Request to Purchase – Training Related Purchase

C. Youth Bureau

1) Department Updates

D. ADRC/OFA

1) Department Updates

2) OFA Advisory Council Appointments

3) March for Meals

E. Mental Health/Community Service Board

1) Overview – Office of Community Services for Warren/Washington Counties

2) 2020-2021 NYS Executive Budget Impacts Update

4) Other Business

5) Adjournment

Chairwoman Clary called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2020 meeting was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:

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

• Miscellaneous:

- Permission to send Health Education who is a certified car seat technician to the annual car seat technician conference in Lake Placid. Lodging is paid for by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the registration is paid through the car seat technician/passenger safety grant. Any car seat technicians in the county are covered by our grant so attendees at the conference would be the PH Health Educator and another car seat technician from Head Start. The registration fee is \$225 per person for the three day conference and one or two meals for the Public Health Educator. A motion to approve attendance at annual car seat technician conference in Lake Placid was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

- WIC – The Senior WIC Nutritionist resigned and accepted a job at the State creating a vacancy. Currently, two WIC Program Nutritionist just took the exam and awaiting results to appoint permanently; provisional at this point. One position has been in employment since November 2018 and the other since May 2019. The WIC Coordinator is requesting to leave the Sr. WIC Nutritionist position vacant as a promotional opportunity and create a temporary full time WIC Nutritionist and that would give them three full time WIC Nutritionist and once the two currently in employment have successfully passed the test and one could be promoted to the vacant Sr. WIC Nutritionist position and move the temporary position into the WIC staffing pattern and then eliminate temporary position. This would be a change to the Staffing Pattern. This would allow time for training, recruitment and set up a promotion line in that title. Vacant positions are not allowed on the Staffing Pattern and how to accomplish this needs further discussion at Personnel Committee. A motion to approve request to add temporary WIC Nutritionist position and move forward with promotion to Sr. WIC Nutritionist when appropriate (probably in November 2020) and forward to the Personnel Committee for consideration was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.
- Coronavirus – Updated committee. The Public Health Director has been sharing information with the County Administrator, County Attorney who is the Public Information Officer, Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management Office relating to what has been going on and what relates to the County. Currently asking if we have someone who has traveled from mainland China who is not systematic to go into a voluntary quarantine. There is no one at this point. Total of 57 cases in the United States and there are 131,640 cases of flu just in New York State. There is no vaccine for coronavirus. Public Health has a pandemic flu plan. The CDC is trying to prepare people that their lives could be disrupted. Looking here as a business, do we approve people working from home; not there yet. Receive updates daily.
- March 24th drill – receiving assets and then disbursing assets to partners.
- Two additional invoices received for Early Intervention services but total only about \$2,000. There are some additional early intervention expenses but the County Administrator is not recommending a budget amendment at this time. They can handle by a budget transfer and amend the budget if needed when closing out 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – Commissioner DeLorme addressed the following items:

- Department Updates:
 - State and national news on SNAP Benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) – The fear is there are some rules going into effect that will result in the loss of benefits. This is not something that is going to impact us. There was a cut back in 2016 and Washington County did not meet the criteria for a waiver and we have already gone through the situation where certain people, able bodies adults without dependents ages 18 to 49 who are not disabled or caring for a child and they have work requirements and we have already absorbed this. At that time, it reduced our total number of cases by about 300 individuals.

- Executive Budget – Still do not have any actual way of knowing what the impact would be to us if the proposed executive budget were to go through as it is. The New York State Public Welfare Association works closely with NYSAC. The County Administrator stated IGT and DSRIP are gone. If the County were to override the tax cap in any one year it would lose the cap funding from the State of about \$9.5M and that then resets your new cap amount and the County would go from \$11M local share to \$20M never going down again.
- Foster Care – Need more licensed foster homes in the County. Status of youth in foster care, handout attached. Foster care costs are usually reimbursed 75% State and 25% local share. There is some new federal legislation passed in 2018 – family first prevention services act with the intent to keep children safely at home with their family. If placement is necessary, they are to utilize the least restrictive level of placement. The funding will allow them to provide more preventative services to the children. Need to increase the number of foster homes for individual children with challenging behaviors and sibling groups. She feels that is the best way to address the needs of the children. She would like to develop a proposal that would make the most of the access we have here in the County to recruit county employees to become licensed foster parents and would like to do that in a way that would be supported by the Board and fellow Department Heads. She would like to make the training more accessible during the day and incentivize some of the things that typically there are no incentives for like fees for water testing. Requesting to establish a short term workgroup to meet a few times to create a suitable proposal to bring before the committee by the next meeting. The Commissioner suggested Supervisors Clary, Ward, and Hicks and someone from County Attorney's Office, Personnel Director, County Administrator and Youth/Alternative Sentencing Director. Supervisor membership will change to avoid a quorum; Mr. Hicks declined membership. A motion to recommend the creation of a foster care recruitment workgroup was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. Supervisor Clary disclosed that she was a therapeutic foster parent for twelve years.
- Request to Purchase Training Materials – DSS/OFA will be recognizing employee appreciation this year on April 22nd and try to do employee focused recognitions twice yearly. This year they are planning to do a team building activity in the building and would like advanced consent to spend up to \$300 for purchases. A motion to approve expenditure of \$300 relating to employee recognition activity planned for April 22nd was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Department Updates:
 - Thanked everyone on the committee and Board and various Department Heads for supporting Winter Fest.
 - Alive at 25 program is held the first Monday night of the month from 4 PM to 8PM to discuss the dangers of driving distracted. About 30 participants.
 - Take Five is a healthy relationships program and is part of Hudson Headwaters.
 - Safe sitter program – Held two sessions during the mid-winter school break.

- Lifeguard training in April during school break, April 13 -17 at the Hudson Falls Middle School from 9 AM – 1PM at no cost for ages 15 and up.
- Sheriff's camp – 17 youth will be going in July which is up from 12. Target foster kids.
- Safe Harbour presentation in Greenwich, handout attached.
- North Country Anti-trafficking Coalition – Warren, Saratoga and Saratoga Salvation Army \$300,000 grant. Washington County is going to participate and requesting permission to include County emblem on flyer. A motion to approve use of County logo was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson and adopted.

OFA/ADRC – Gina Cantanucci-Mitchell, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Department Updates:
 - Number of Senior Times printed 3,000 and 2,698 of them are mailed.
 - Distributed information from the Association on Aging in regard to the Executive Budget, handout attached. Increased funding comes with local matches of 28% and 25% local match. Decreases do not impact the County.
 - Congregate Services Initiative Funding – State funding source provided to local agencies to support our meal sites, senior centers and recreation/education programs. At this time, they have a balance of approximately \$850 in that budget line and requesting permission to use those funds to buy various items: miniature golf tickets, tickets to local events, Granville zoo, museum. The local share is \$212. A motion to approve expenditures was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.
 - Community Work and Independence (CWI) – The East Point location for CWI which is in Granville is going to close. OFA contracts with CWI for home delivery of meals they cover seven of our routes. As of now, the East Point route is no longer going to exist. She has reached out to CWI and at this time is unsure what their plan is moving forward for all the routes they cover. As of now, the office has a total of fifteen routes and CWI covers over half. If they terminate their agreement then will have to discuss ways to cover the remaining routes. She is going to approach CWI to find out if they have a plan as to how this is going to play out and hope that if they are going to discontinue or eliminate some of the routes that they let us know as soon as possible. CWI is a contracted service paid an administrative fee and mileage.
 - Intergenerational Event – Argyle Central School Drama production of Little Women and senior dinner on April 30, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. at Argyle Central School, flyer attached.
- OFA Advisory Council Appointments – Members are recommended by Town Supervisors. A motion to appoint/reappoint Renee Rountree, Hampton, Dianne Sofia, at Large Member, Dolores Mullen, White Creek and Patricia Cantanucci, at Large Member was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Losaw and adopted.
- March for Meals – Invitation for Supervisors to participate in the home delivery of meals on Thursday March 19th. State legislative representatives also invited and Assemblyman Stec has confirmed he will attend.

MENTAL HEALTH – Robert York, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- 2020 – 2021 NYS Executive Budget Impacts Update:
 - Proposed reduction of 10% in program administrative funding from OASIS \$790 and OMH that might be covered by increases in federal funding.
 - Continuation of jail based substance abuse treatment funding \$60,000
 - Significant Impact - Proposing to require 100% county payment for the 730 examination costs – individuals sent to state hospitals if found not competent to stand trial on a felony charge. This would increase the cost to around \$1,000 per day. Last year the County's 730 cost were around \$200,000 and that would potentially double under this proposal. No one is currently in a facility. He will update the committee quarterly.
 - Update on outpatient clinic services. Citizen Advocates is a new agency they are working with. They are taking over Glens Falls Hospital outpatient behavioral health services, mental health clinics and substance abuse clinics. Targeting an April 1st start date but have run into some delays and probably delayed until summer; things are still on track just ran into some delays. A proposal for Northern Rivers/Parsons to develop a new clinic that would be additional capacity for the community but that proposal was not approved by the Office of Mental Health and plans are tabled at this time. This disapproval of the Parsons proposal was without prejudice and can reapply.
- Overview – Office of Community Services for Warren/Washington Counties – power point presentation, slides attached. This is a shared administrative office with Warren County.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Change in Meeting Date and Time - **Next meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 1 P.M.**

A motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors

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Tammy L. DeLorme, Commissioner

Status of Youth in Foster Care

point in time snapshot

2/26/20

Currently, we have 34 children in foster care and monitor an additional 11 children due to other legal statuses that require our case management.

17 of the 34 are freed for adoption, a few of them are placed in pre-adoptive homes.

18 of the 34 are in family level homes within our county.

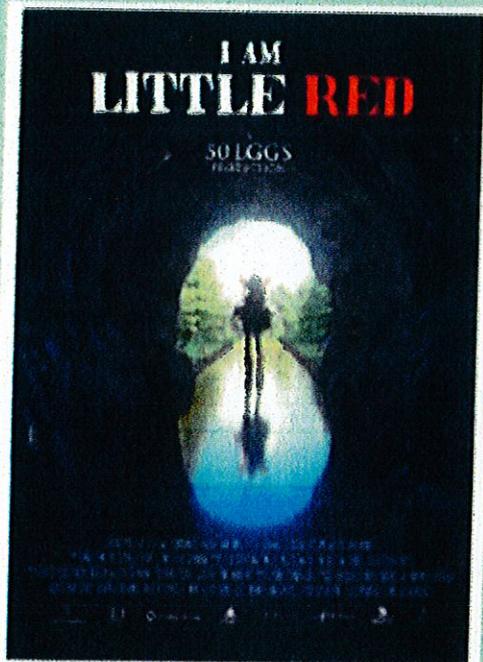
7 of the 34 are in family level homes outside of our county.

10 of the 34 are in a higher level of care such as a group home or a residential treatment center outside of the county.

The length of time that these youth have been in foster care varies from just over 1 month to a staggering 6 years.

Bottom line 50% are outside of our county, placements that range from Brant Lake to Albany.

"Washington County Safe Harbour Program works with Partners across Washington County and surrounding areas to promote awareness of youth trafficking and identify and provide comprehensive services to potential victims of commercial sexual exploitation"



Teens will stay in GYC and watch "I am Little Red". The teens will have light refreshments while sharing their thoughts on the movie with their peers. We encourage open communication.

Internet Safety and Sex Trafficking Awareness

AT THE GREENWICH YOUTH CENTER

GYC is inviting all Teens, Guardians, Community Professionals, and other adults to a unique opportunity regarding Internet Safety and the dangers of Human Trafficking. Our goal is to spread awareness around Internet Safety and Human Trafficking.

This will be a 2 part session. Adults will be upstairs, being educated on Human Trafficking 101. The Teens will be downstairs watching a short film.

WHO CAN ATTEND:

Teens

Parents/ Guardians/ Adults

WHEN:

February 28, 2020 / 6:00pm-7:30pm

Where:

Greenwich Youth Center

6 Academy Street

Greenwich, NY 12834

Experience is brought to you by a collaborative relationship between:



		2018-19	2019 -20		2020-21
NYSOFA Budget		Enacted Budget	Executive Budget	Enacted Budget	Executive Budget
Programs/Services/Grants					
Black ink = actual allocation					
1	EISEP	\$50,120,000	\$65,120,000	\$65,120,000	\$65,120,000 *The \$15 million is in this appropriation
2	WIN (Wellness in Nutrition)	\$27,483,000	\$27,483,000	\$27,483,000	\$28,281,000 +\$798,000
3	CSE (Community Services for the Elderly)	\$31,183,000	\$31,183,000	\$31,183,000	\$32,051,000 +\$868,000
4a	NORCs & NNORCS	\$8,055,000	\$8,055,000	\$8,380,000	\$8,055,000 -\$325,000
5	Managed Care Consumer Assistance Program	\$1,767,000	\$1,767,000	\$1,767,000	\$1,767,000
6	Senior Transportation Operating Expenses	\$1,121,000	\$1,121,000	\$1,121,000	\$1,121,000
7	Social Model Adult Day Services	\$1,072,000	\$1,072,000	\$1,072,000	\$1,072,000
8	A. Respite B. Individual respite programs	\$656,000 \$361,500	\$656,000 \$275,500	\$656,000 \$361,500	\$656,000 \$275,500 -\$86,500
11	HIICAP (Health Ins. Info Counseling & Assist. Prog)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
12a	Elder Abuse Education & Outreach (Lifespan)	\$945,000	\$745,000	\$995,000	\$745,000 -\$250,000
12b	EMDT (Lifespan)/Fed grant	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
13	LTC Ombudsman Program	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000
14	CSI (Congregate Services Initiative)	\$403,000	\$403,000	\$403,000	\$403,000
15	Caregiver Resource Centers	\$353,000	\$353,000	\$353,000	\$353,000
16	Association on Aging in NY Education & Technical Assist.	\$250,000		\$250,000	\$250,000
17	State match for federal grants	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000
18	RSVP	\$216,500	\$216,500	\$216,500	\$216,500
19	Livable NY/Community Empowerment	\$122,500	\$122,500	\$122,500	\$122,500
20	Enriched SADS NYSADSA	\$122,500	\$122,500	\$122,500	\$122,500
21	Foster Grandparents	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000
22	Patients' Rights Hotline (Statewide Senior Action)	\$131,500	\$31,500	\$131,500	\$31,500 -\$100,000
23	Additional funding for Individual Organizations	\$2,340,000		\$2,450,000	
TOTAL		\$129,665,500	\$141,689,500	\$145,150,500	\$143,605,500 -\$1,545,000

Washington County Office for Aging
and
Argyle Central School's Drama Club
Proudly presents

**LITTLE
WOMEN**

April 30, 2020
Dinner at 5:00pm

Show to Follow

at Argyle Central School
5023 State Route 40 Argyle, NY 12809

**Chicken & Homemade Biscuit with Gravy -Mashed Potatoes -Green
Beans & Gingerbread with whipped cream**

\$5.00 Suggested Contribution

Open to Washington County Seniors 60+

Tickets Available at Washington County Office For Aging

383 Broadway—Ft. Edward, NY 12828

From March 9th to April 20th

(Tickets will NOT be available at the door)

For Additional Information please call: (518) 746-2578

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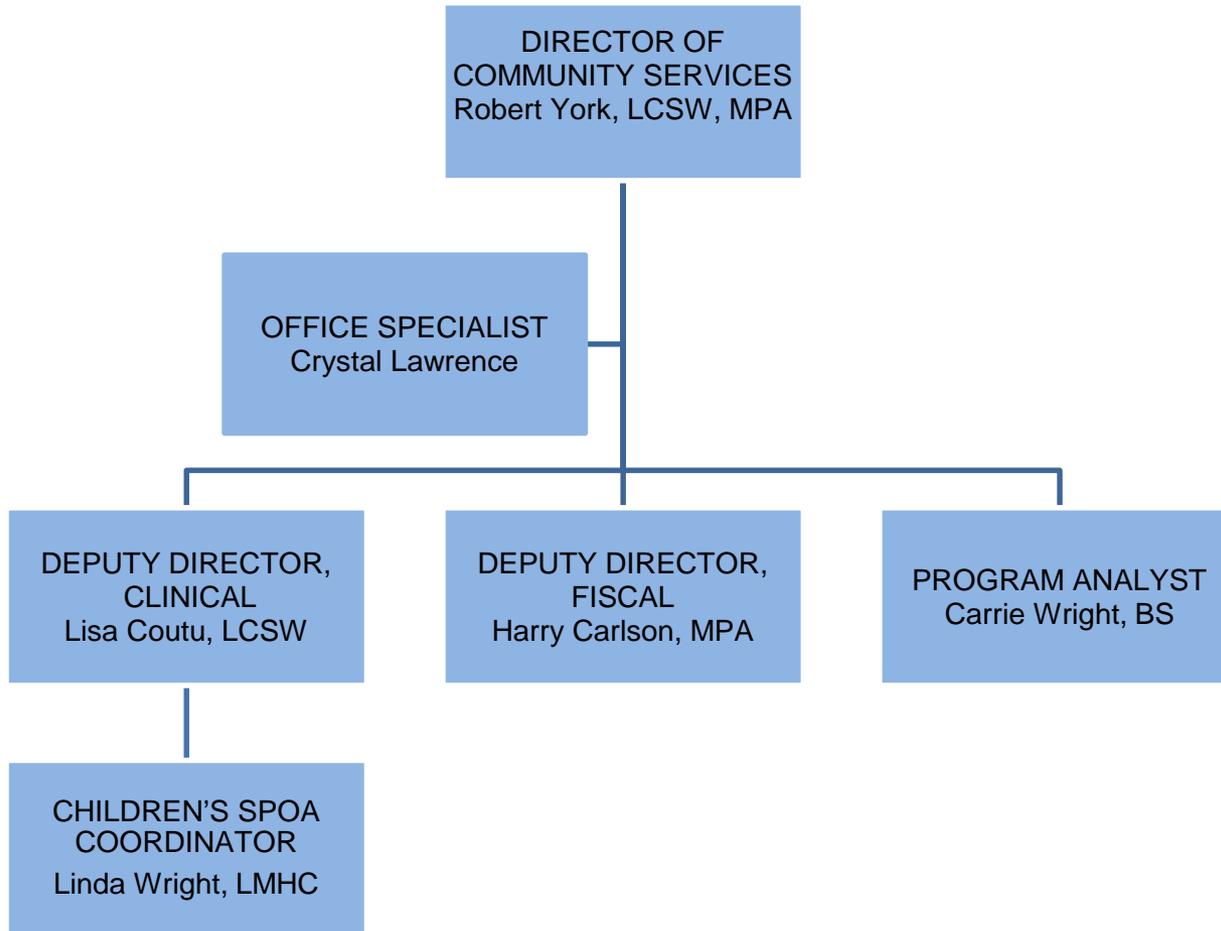
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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



State Agencies

- NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH)
- NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
- NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

New York State Mental Hygiene Law

- MHL Article 41 directs local governments to either “provide or arrange for” “preventive, rehabilitation, and treatment services” for the “mentally ill, the developmentally disabled, and those suffering from the disease of alcoholism and substance abuse”.

New York State Mental Hygiene Law

- MHL Article 41 requires the establishment by the county of a Local Governmental Unit (LGU), given authority in accordance with Article 41 to provide or arrange for local services.
- The Office of Community Services is the local governmental unit (LGU) given this authority by both Warren and Washington Counties.

Shared Local Governmental Unit

- Warren and Washington Counties have executed an Inter-municipal Agreement which details the sharing of one administrative office, the Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties.
- Administrative costs are totaled and split between the two counties, through an annual chargeback to Washington County.

New York State Mental Hygiene Law

- MHL Article 41 requires each local governmental unit (LGU) to have a Community Services Board (CSB).
- In counties with a population less than 100,000, the CSB can consist of either 9 or 15 members. Our counties each have nine-member boards.
- CSB members serve four year terms; officers are elected for two-year terms.

Washington County Community Services Board

- Heather Adams-Wendell, Chair – Parent, Service Provider
- Tammy DeLorme, Vice-Chair – Commissioner, Wash. Co. Social Services
- Desiree Boucher, MS Forensic Mental Health – Mental Health Program Spec., NYS Dept. of Corrections
- Claire Bromley, LMSW – Social Worker, BOCES
- Michelle Burke, RN – Former Health Coordinator, Hudson Falls Schools
- Vacancy – (Formerly Sam Hall)
- Linda Michaud – Parent
- Mary Alice Murphy – Former Public Health Administrator
- Patricia Hunt, RN – Director, Washington County Public Health

Warren County Community Services Board

- Kimberly Brayton, JD, Ph.D., Chair – Psychologist, Private Practice
- Joan Grishkot, Vice-Chair – Former Director, Warren County Public Health
- Christina Bessen – Parent, Former Warren County Probation Officer
- Belinda Bradley – Former Mental Health Program Director
- James P. Dexter – District Superintendent of Schools, WSWHE BOCES
- Holly Irion-Sweet, LMHC – Counselor, SUNY Adirondack
- Amy Molloy, MSW – Director of Education, NYS Mental Health Assoc.
- Maureen Schmidt – Former Commissioner of Social Services
- Cynthia Wasson – Parent

New York State Mental Hygiene Law

- MHL Article 41 requires the direction and administration, by each LGU, of an annual local comprehensive planning process.
- This is accomplished through a subcommittee structure.
- The Local Services Plan for Warren and Washington Counties is posted on the County websites.

New York State Mental Hygiene Law

MHL Article 41 requires each Community Services Board (CSB) to have separate subcommittees for:

- Mental Health
- Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
- Developmental Disabilities

New York State Mental Hygiene Law

The CSB Subcommittees provide venues for

- Service system planning
- Implementation/coordination of local services
- Provider collaboration
- Information sharing
- Multi-stakeholder problem solving

New York State Mental Hygiene Law

- Subcommittees are comprised of CSB members, LGU staff, service providers, service recipients, and family members.
- Subcommittees meet at least quarterly throughout the year.

Contract Agencies - Washington

Agency	2020 Contract
Behavioral Health Services (Glens Falls Hospital)	\$620,287
Community, Work and Independence, Inc. (CWI)	\$31,799
Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse	\$346,960
Liberty House Foundation, Inc.	\$130,223
PEOPLE, Inc.	\$152,623
Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health	\$913,654
ACCA (Substance Abuse Residential Services)	<u>\$290,177</u>
Total	\$2,485,723

Contract Agencies - Warren

Agency	2020 Contract
Addictions Care Center of Albany	\$571,447
Behavioral Health Services (Glens Falls Hospital)	\$634,845
Community, Work and Independence, Inc. (CWI)	\$45,678
Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse	\$349,987
Liberty House Foundation, Inc.	\$269,106
Northern Rivers Family Services (Parsons)	\$1,027,204
PEOPLE, Inc.	\$143,027
Wait House	\$33,396
Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health	\$937,889
C&Y Planned Respite (various)	<u>\$26,000</u>
Total	\$4,038,579

Contract Agencies

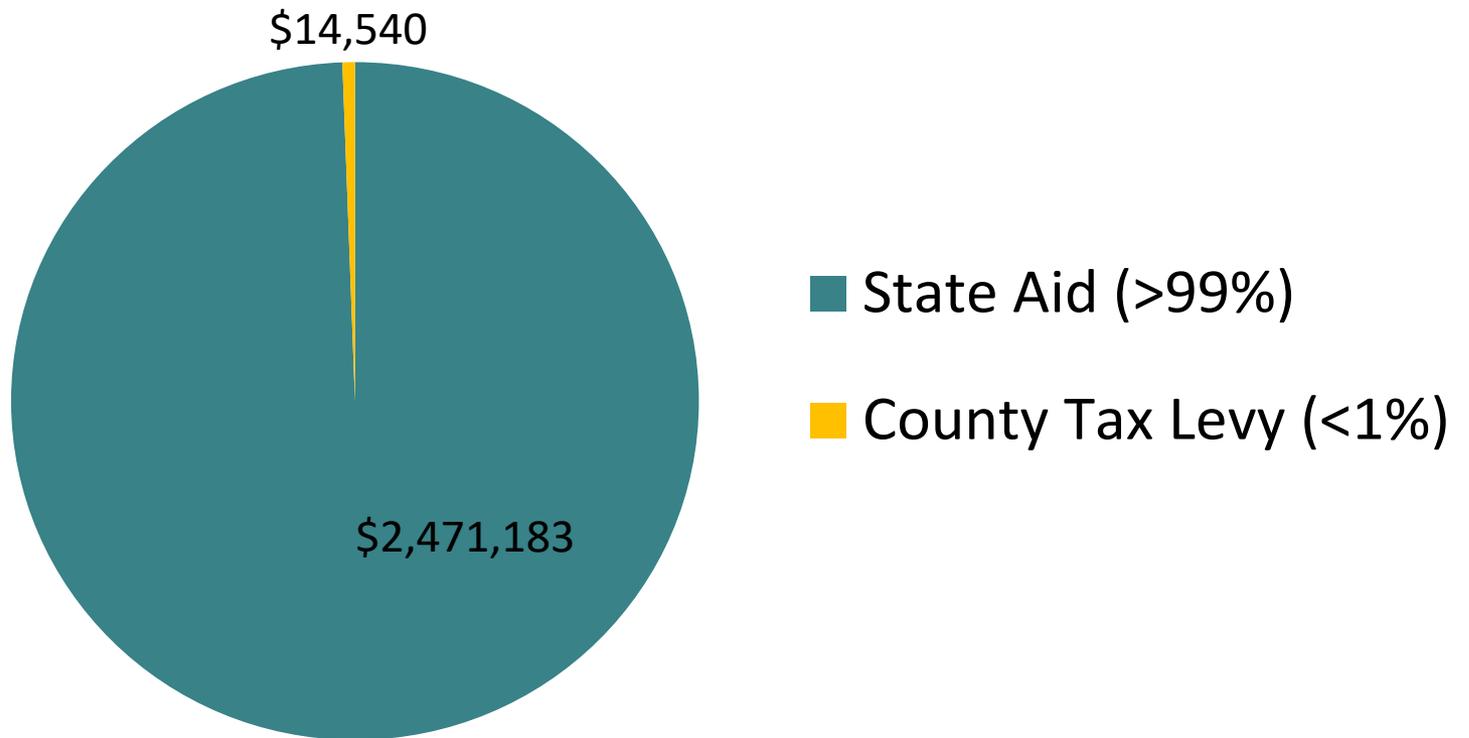
- Addictions Care Center of Albany (ACCA) www.theacca.net
- Behavioral Health Services (Glens Falls Hospital) www.glensfallshospital.org
- Citizen Advocates, Inc. www.citizenadvocates.net
- Community, Work and Independence www.cwinc.org
- Council for Prevention www.councilforprevention.org
- Liberty House Foundation www.libertyhousefoundation.net
- Northern Rivers Family Services/Parsons Child and Family Center www.northernrivers.org
- PEOPLE, Inc. www.people-usa.org
- Wait House Homeless Youth Shelter www.hycwaithouse.org
- Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health www.wwamh.org

Some Additional Local Governmental Unit Responsibilities...

- Fiscal Management/Reporting
- Single Point of Access (SPOA) Process
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program
- Certificate of Need/Expansion of Service Approvals
- Overall System Coordination
- Emergency Removals (MHL 9.45 “pick-up orders”)
- Coordinate County Disaster Mental Health Team
- SAFE Act Reporting
- Active involvement with various regional healthcare planning structures and initiatives to lower costs, improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the health and behavioral health care systems and to improve outcomes for the residents of our Counties

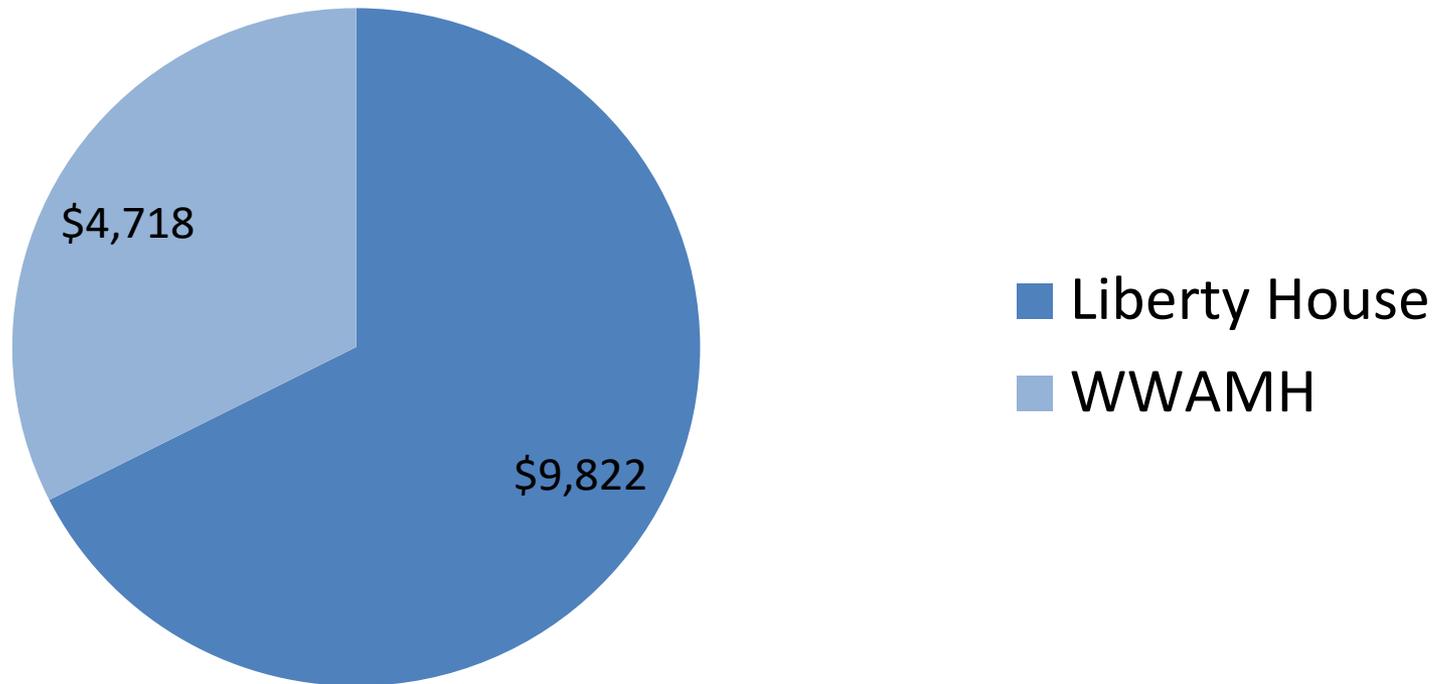
State Aid vs. County Tax Levy – Washington (2020)

Contract Funding (\$2,485,723)



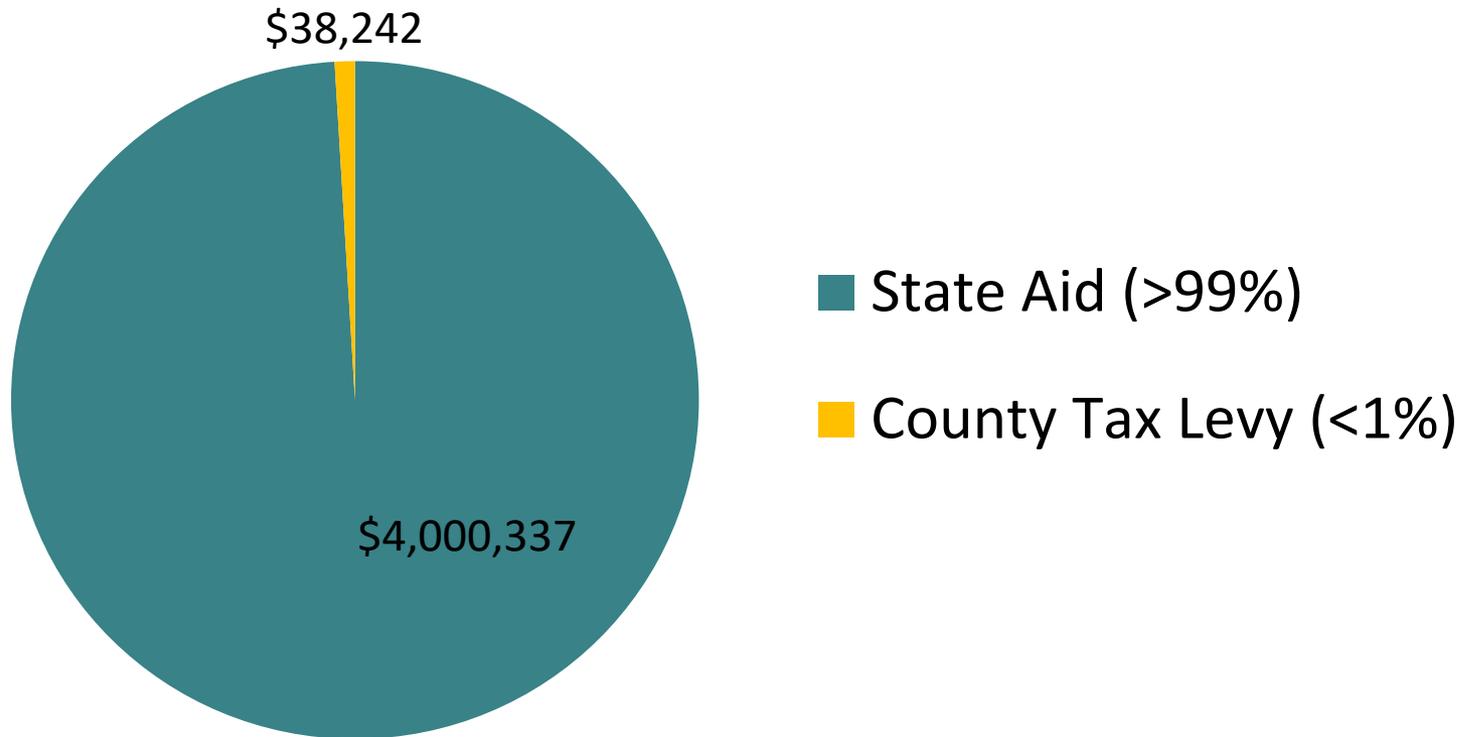
2020 County Funding by Agency - Washington

County Funding (\$14,540)



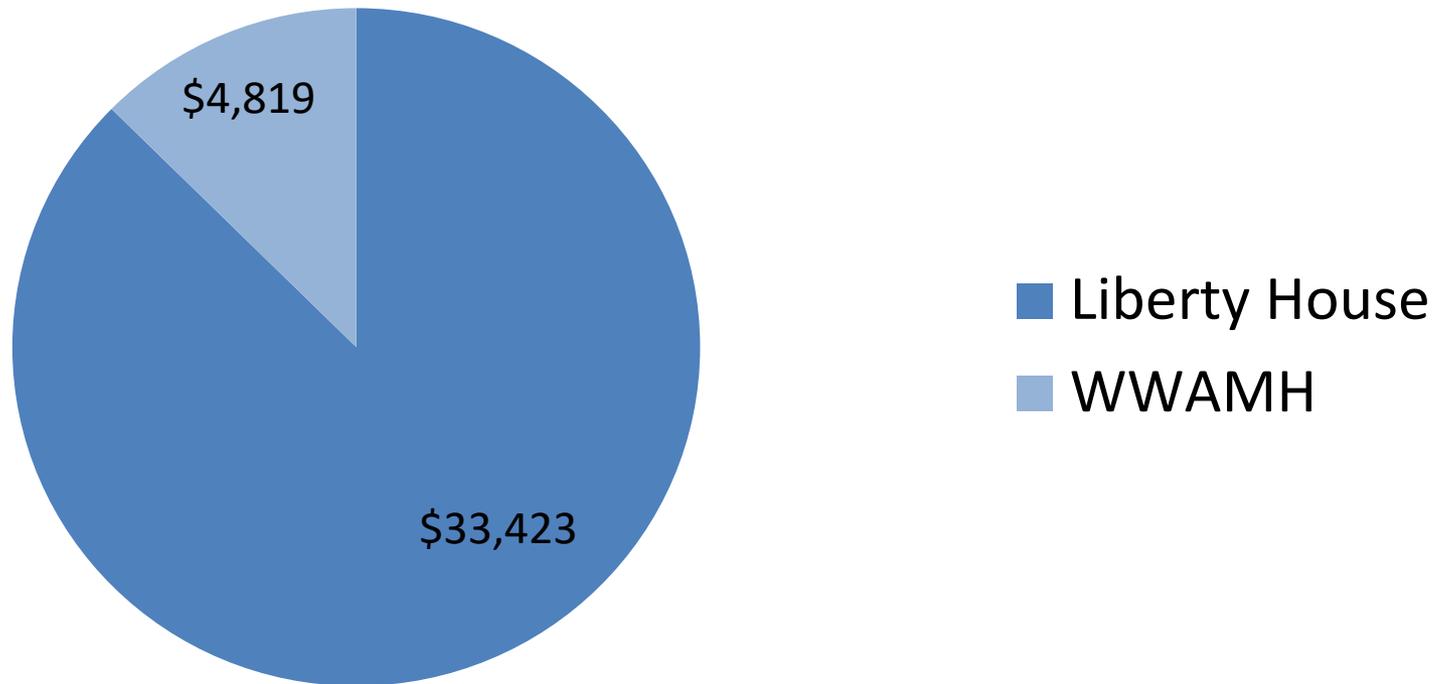
State Aid vs. County Tax Levy – Warren (2020)

Contract Funding (\$4,038,579)



2020 County Funding by Agency - Warren

County Funding (\$38,242)

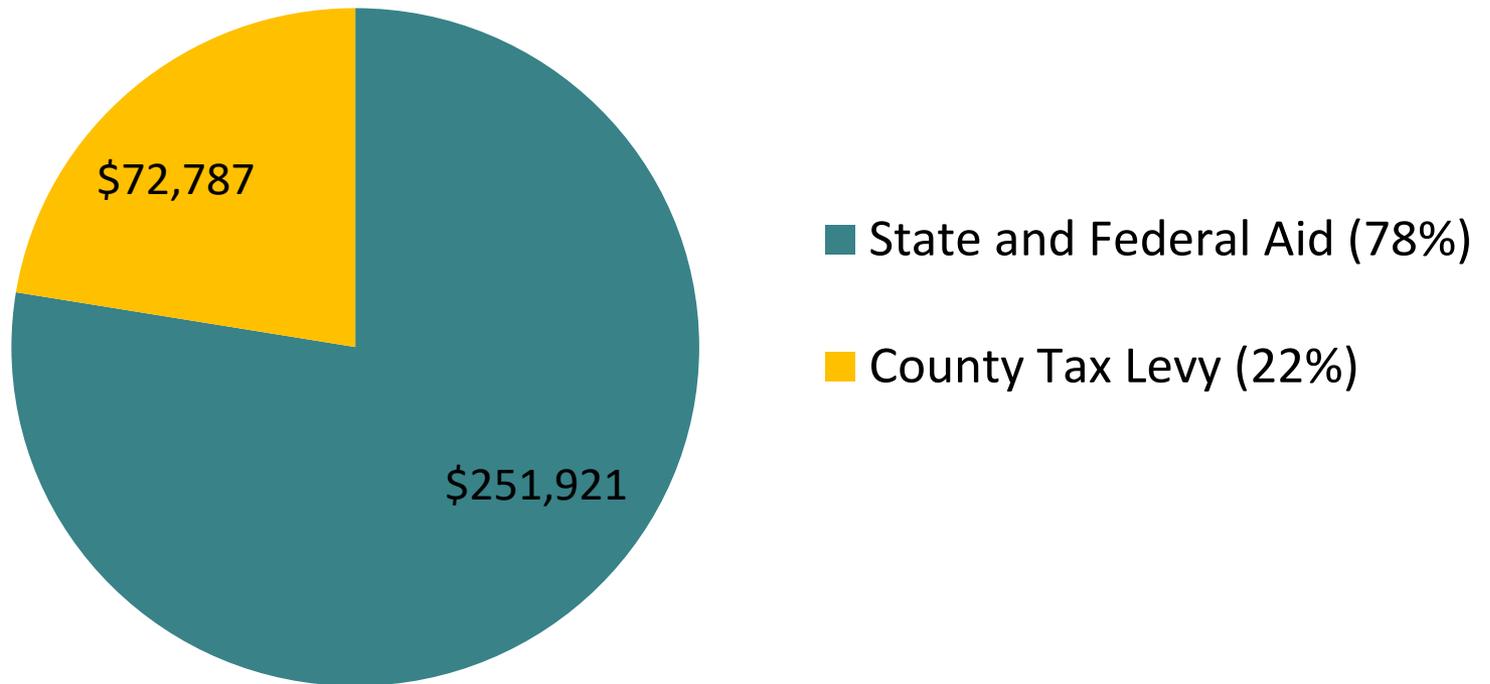


Administration

	2020 Budget
Warren County Administration	\$340,198
Washington County Administration	<u>\$324,708</u>
Total	\$664,906

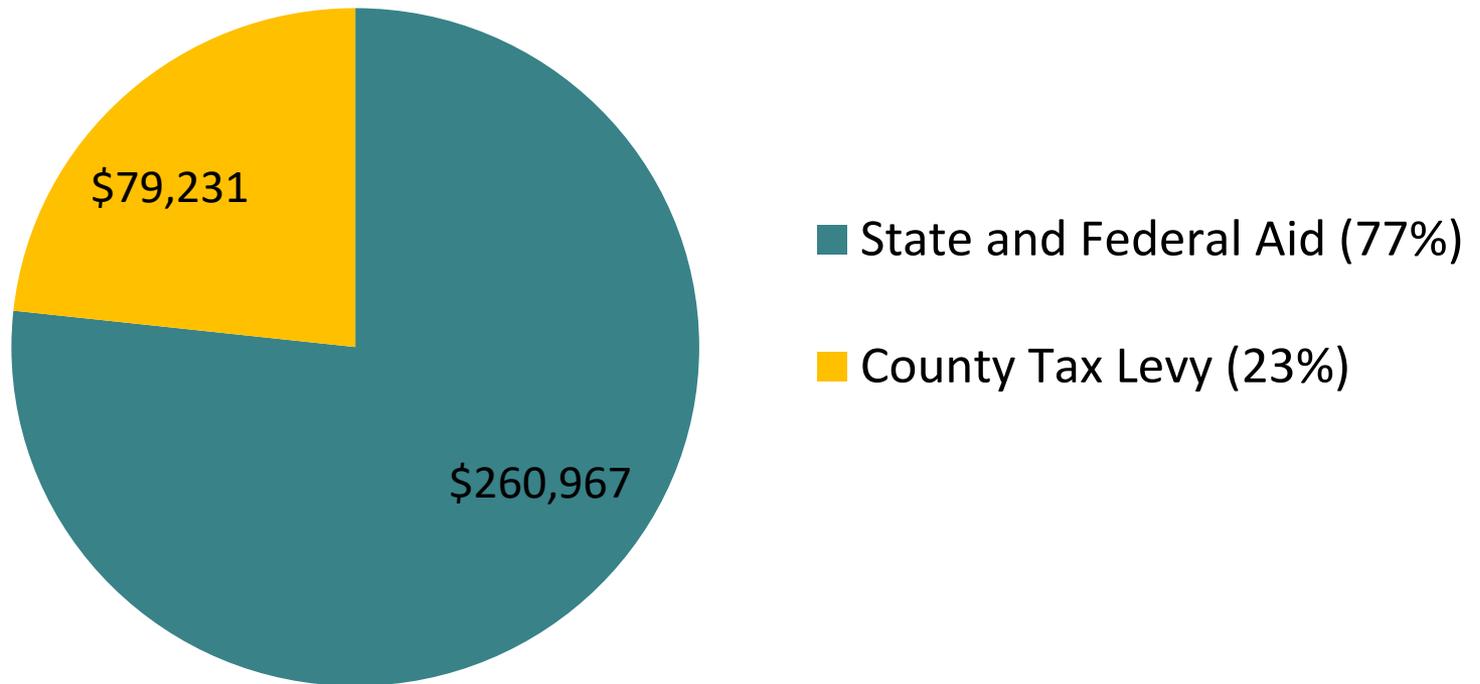
Washington Admin – State/Federal Aid vs. County Tax Levy (2020)

Admin Funding (\$324,708)

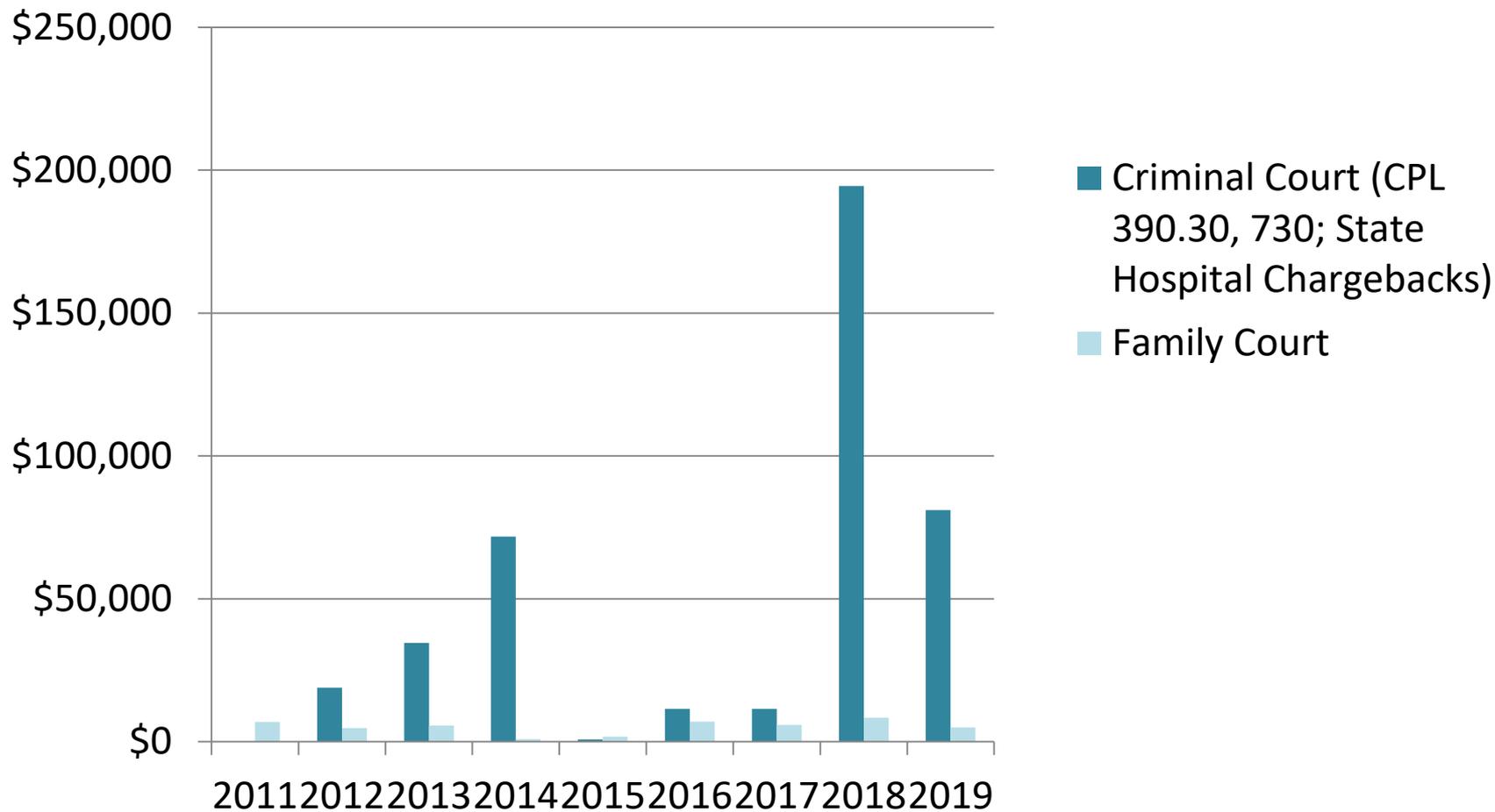


Warren Admin – State/Federal Aid vs. County Tax Levy (2020)

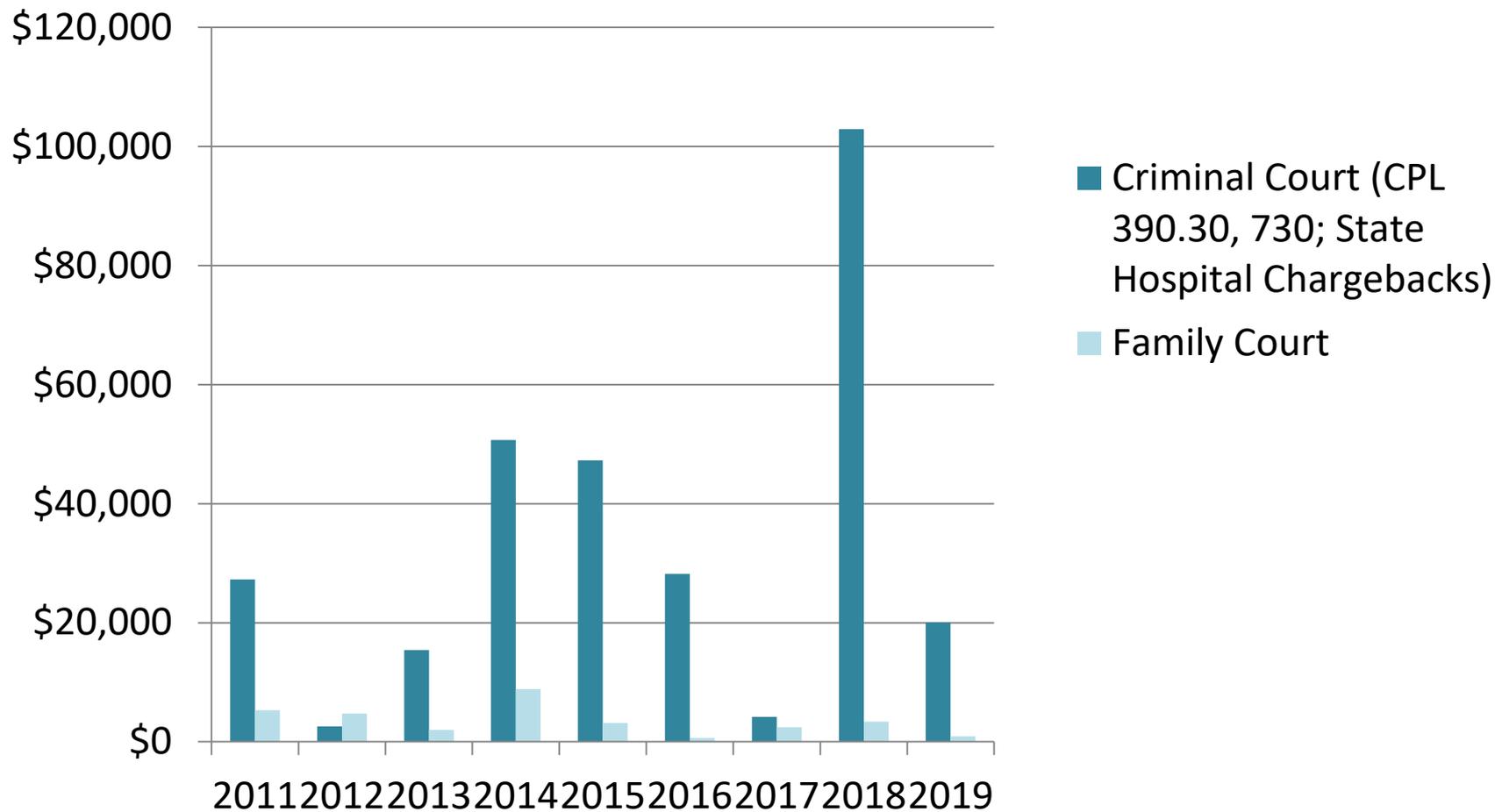
Admin Funding (\$340,198)



Court-Ordered Psychiatric Expenses – Washington



Court-Ordered Psychiatric Expenses – Warren



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