

# TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

April 7, 2026  
8:30 AM

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – March 3, 2026
  
- **FINANCIAL**
  - Budget
  
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - None
  
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - Cost Avoidance Letter – FEDS Program
  - Discharged Foster Children
  - County Vehicles
  - Spencer Big M – Skimming Incident
  - TCC Report
  
- **PERSONNEL**
  - Tiffany Albright was hired as Office Specialist II effective 3/9/26
  - Ethan Barry was hired as Caseworker effective 3/9/26.
  - Amber Johnson was promoted to Grade B Supervisor effective 3/9/26
  - Heather Strohl was hired as Social Welfare Examiner effective 3/23/26
  
- **RESOLUTIONS**
  - Amend Resolution No. 50-26; Appropriation of Funds and Amend 2026 Budget
  - Appropriation of RSP Funds and Amend 2026 Budget
  
- **PROCLAMATIONS**
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month (repeat)
  
- **ADJOURNMENT**



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## Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

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ACCOUNTS FOR: General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJUST	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET		PCT USE/COL
<b>46010 Social Services Administration</b>								
46010 418110	Repayments of SNAP	-1,500	0	-1,500	.00	-1,500.00	17.6%*	
46010 436100	State Aid-Social S	-2,160,000	-2,224,121	-390,691.00	.00	-1,833,430.00	17.6%*	
46010 446100	Federal Aid-Social	-2,100,000	-2,222,991	-598,893.00	.00	-1,624,098.26	26.9%*	
46010 446110	Federal Aid - SNAP	-615,625	-615,625	-116,175.00	.00	-499,450.00	18.9%*	
46010 446150	Federal Aid-Flexib	-1,912,396	-1,912,396	-703,206.00	.00	-1,209,190.00	36.8%*	
46010 510010	Full Time	4,932,147	4,973,804	965,640.85	.00	4,008,163.25	19.4%	
46010 510020	Part Time/Temporar	160,013	160,013	32,695.18	.00	127,317.66	20.4%	
46010 510030	Overtime Pay Only,	100,000	100,000	13,753.70	.00	86,246.30	13.8%	
46010 510050	All other(On Call),	37,600	37,600	17,830.24	.00	19,769.76	47.4%	
46010 520070	Chairs	1,200	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%	
46010 520090	Computer	3,000	3,000	.00	.00	3,000.00	.0%	
46010 520200	Office Equipment	1,000	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%	
46010 520220	Printer	1,500	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%	
46010 530100	Data Processing	92,921	92,921	.00	.00	92,921.00	.0%	
46010 530300	Legal	13,812	13,812	.00	.00	13,812.00	.0%	
46010 530551	Maintenance in Lie	166,733	166,733	.00	.00	166,733.00	.0%	
46010 530582	Security Services	18,000	18,000	.00	.00	18,000.00	.0%	
46010 540010	Advertising	2,900	2,900	.00	.00	2,900.00	.0%	
46010 540040	Books	3,834	3,834	1,295.56	.00	2,538.44	33.8%	
46010 540070	Car Maintenance	7,000	7,000	410.31	.00	6,589.69	5.9%	
46010 540140	Contracting Servic	1,063,000	1,121,629	41,974.39	.00	1,067,860.34	4.8%	
46010 540180	Dues	6,400	6,400	5,508.00	.00	892.00	86.1%	
46010 540190	Education Reimburs	3,270	3,270	.00	.00	3,270.00	.0%	
46010 540201	Food stamps/Client	4,000	4,000	1,282.70	.00	2,717.30	32.1%	
46010 540210	Garbage/Shredding	6,200	6,200	1,200.42	.00	4,999.58	19.4%	
46010 540220	Automobile Fuel	20,000	20,000	2,044.98	.45	17,954.57	10.2%	
46010 540270	Insurance-Liabilit	59,795	59,795	.00	.00	59,795.46	4.0%	
46010 540320	Leased/Service Equ	9,000	9,000	419.49	.00	8,580.51	4.7%	
46010 540330	Legal Fees	3,000	3,000	977.85	.00	2,022.15	11.4%	
46010 540360	Meals/Food	100	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%	
46010 540370	Medical Expense	50	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%	
46010 540420	Mileage Expense	23,000	23,500	6,251.62	.00	17,248.38	26.6%	
46010 540441	Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	-524.04	.00	1,424.04	5.1%	
46010 540480	Paternity Testing	30,000	30,000	25,025.25	.00	4,974.75	83.4%	
46010 540485	Postage	10,500	10,500	2,244.47	.00	8,233.47	21.6%	
46010 540487	Printing/Paper	15,500	83,256	40,405.41	9,430.69	33,419.90	59.9%	
46010 540581	Program Expense	85,000	85,000	16,933.81	3,973.77	64,092.42	24.6%	
46010 540620	Security Systems &	94,443	94,443	.00	.00	94,443.00	.0%	
46010 540640	Software Expense	2,400	2,400	390.04	.00	2,009.96	16.3%	
46010 540640	Supplies (Not Offi							



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A6010 540660 Telephone	19,000	618	19,618	3,322.90	.00	16,294.70	16.9%
A6010 540733 Training/All other	32,000	0	32,000	5,910.00	.00	26,090.00	18.5%
A6010 540810 Nyschg-Cseu	0	0	0	-1,380.38	.00	1,380.38	100.0%
A6010 540820 Nyschg-Ebics	40,000	0	40,000	3,366.00	.00	36,634.00	8.4%
A6010 540840 Nyschg-Legal	20,000	0	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.0%
A6010 540850 Nyschg-Training	5,200	0	5,200	.00	.00	5,200.00	.0%
A6010 581088 Social Security F	741,877	0	746,626	139,118.18	.00	607,507.82	18.6%
A6010 583088 Social Retirement F	398,361	4,749	401,915	76,094.38	.00	325,821.10	18.9%
A6010 584088 Workers Compensati	93,945	1,250	95,195	25,045.59	.00	70,149.85	26.3%
A6010 585588 Disability Insuran	4,496	63	4,559	1,106.67	.00	3,452.17	24.3%
A6010 586088 Health Insurance F	1,485,469	25,835	1,511,304	426,004.91	.00	1,085,299.41	28.2%
A6010 588988 Exp Fringe	1,205	17	1,222	307.07	.00	915.41	25.1%
TOTAL Social Services Administration	3,031,150	23,117	3,054,268	47,310.28	26,371.76	2,980,585.51	2.4%
<b>A6050 Public Facility For Children</b>							
A6050 436100 Stateaid-Child Adv	-210,362	-113,192	-323,554	.00	.00	-323,553.79	.0%*
A6050 436100 CAC26 State Aid-Soc	0	-850,365	-850,365	.00	.00	-850,365.00	.0%*
A6050 510010 Fulltime	105,377	0	105,377	1,647.95	.00	103,729.05	1.6%
A6050 510010 CAC26 Fulltime	0	316,709	316,709	5,885.40	.00	310,823.60	1.9%
A6050 510050 All other-on call,	45,500	0	45,500	.00	.00	45,500.00	.0%
A6050 520090 Computer	0	650	650	.00	.00	650.00	.0%
A6050 520210 Other Furniture	0	2,761	2,761	.00	.00	2,761.05	.0%
A6050 540140 Contracting Servic	0	96,780	96,780	11,210.67	.00	85,569.57	11.6%
A6050 540140 CAC26 Contracting S	0	232,270	232,270	.00	.00	232,270.00	.0%
A6050 540180 Dues	460	0	460	.00	.00	460.00	.0%
A6050 540180 CAC26 Dues	0	2,440	2,440	425.00	.00	2,015.00	17.4%
A6050 540191 Electric Utility	4,100	0	4,100	.00	.00	4,100.00	.0%
A6050 540191 CAC26 Electric Util	0	24,000	24,000	1,334.16	.00	22,665.84	5.6%
A6050 540420 Office Supplies	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
A6050 540420 CAC26 Office Suppli	0	2,026	2,026	.00	.00	2,026.00	.0%
A6050 540487 Program Expense	5,000	3,001	8,001	-198.00	.00	7,648.50	4.4%
A6050 540487 CAC26 Program Expen	0	6,481	6,481	.00	.00	6,481.00	.0%
A6050 540550 Rent/Lease	22,800	0	22,800	.00	.00	22,800.00	.0%
A6050 540550 CAC26 Rent/Lease	0	114,000	114,000	5,740.00	.00	106,340.00	6.7%
A6050 540640 Supplies (Not Offi	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A6050 540640 CAC26 Supplies (Not	0	3,000	3,000	.00	.00	3,000.00	.0%
A6050 540660 Telephone	1,678	0	1,678	76.88	.00	1,601.12	4.6%
A6050 540660 CAC26 Telephone	0	8,000	8,000	210.00	.00	7,790.00	2.6%
A6050 540733 Training/All other	2,200	10,000	12,200	.00	.00	12,200.00	.0%
A6050 540733 CAC26 Training/All	0	5,500	5,500	650.00	.00	4,850.00	11.8%



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AG050 581088 State Retirement F	21,586	0	21,586	195.83	.00	21,390.17	.9%
AG050 581088 CAC26 State Retirem	0	23,110	23,110	489.60	.00	22,620.40	2.1%
AG050 583088 Social Security Fr	11,591	0	11,591	172.46	.00	11,418.54	1.5%
AG050 583088 CAC26 Social Securi	0	21,750	21,750	435.75	.00	21,314.25	2.0%
AG050 584088 Workers Compensati	2,733	0	2,733	47.39	.00	2,685.61	1.7%
AG050 584088 CAC26 Workers Compre	0	7,341	7,341	118.50	.00	7,222.50	1.6%
AG050 585588 Disability Insuran	131	0	131	2.22	.00	128.78	1.7%
AG050 585588 CAC26 Disability In	0	543	543	5.55	.00	537.45	1.0%
AG050 586088 Health Insurance F	43,222	0	43,222	506.26	.00	42,715.74	1.2%
AG050 586088 CAC26 Health Insura	0	82,923	82,923	1,265.65	.00	81,657.35	1.5%
AG050 588988 EAP Fringe	35	0	35	.59	.00	34.41	1.7%
AG050 588988 CAC26 EAP Fringe	0	272	272	1.50	.00	270.50	.6%
TOTAL Public Facility For Children	56,751	0	56,751	30,223.36	2,470.00	24,057.64	57.6%
<b>AG055 Day Care</b>							
AG055 418550 Repayments Of Day	0	0	0	-200.00	.00	200.00	100.0%
AG055 427010 Refunds Of Prior Y	0	0	0	-3,319.00	.00	3,319.00	100.0%
AG055 436550 State Aid-day Care	-2,601,922	0	-2,601,922	-436,060.00	.00	-2,165,862.00	16.8%*
AG055 540487 Day Care Program E	2,478,504	0	2,478,504	454,679.05	.00	2,023,824.95	18.3%
TOTAL Day Care	-123,418	0	-123,418	15,100.05	.00	-138,518.05	-12.2%
<b>AG070 Services For Recipients</b>							
AG070 436700 RTA State Aid-Servi	-37,960	0	-37,960	.00	.00	-37,960.00	.0%*
AG070 446700 Federal Aid-Servic	-80,000	0	-80,000	-22,771.00	.00	-57,229.00	28.5%*
AG070 540487 Title XX Program E	163,000	0	163,000	27,560.55	.00	135,439.45	16.9%
AG070 540487 RTA Program Expense	37,960	0	37,960	.00	.00	37,960.00	.0%
TOTAL Services For Recipients	83,000	0	83,000	4,789.55	.00	78,210.45	5.8%
<b>AG101 Medical Assistance</b>							
AG101 418010 Repayments Of Medi	-20,000	0	-20,000	-26,813.99	.00	6,813.99	134.1%
AG101 436010 State Aid-Medical	0	0	0	-41,471.00	.00	41,471.00	100.0%
AG101 446010 Federal Aid-Medica	0	0	0	-41,537.00	.00	41,537.00	100.0%



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A6101 540487 Medical Program E	20,000	0	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.00%
TOTAL Medical Assistance	0	0	0	-109,821.99	.00	109,821.99	100.00%
<b>A6102 Medical Assistance - Mmris</b>							
A6102 540487 MMIS Program Expen	8,323,885	0	8,323,885	2,090,829.00	.00	6,233,056.00	25.1%
TOTAL Medical Assistance - Mmris	8,323,885	0	8,323,885	2,090,829.00	.00	6,233,056.00	25.1%
<b>A6109 Family Assistance</b>							
A6109 418090 Repayments Family	-250,000	0	-250,000	-35,006.38	.00	-214,993.62	14.0%*
A6109 436090 State Aid-Family A	0	0	0	-563.00	.00	563.00	100.0%
A6109 446090 Federal Aid-Child	-1,030,000	0	-1,030,000	-119,989.00	.00	-910,011.00	11.6%*
A6109 540487 Family Assist Prog	1,800,000	0	1,800,000	226,188.95	.00	1,573,811.05	12.6%
TOTAL Family Assistance	520,000	0	520,000	70,630.57	.00	449,369.43	13.6%
<b>A6119 Child Care</b>							
A6119 418190 Repayments Of Child	-295,000	0	-295,000	-69,235.27	.00	-225,764.73	23.5%*
A6119 436190 State Aid-Child Ca	-1,490,000	0	-1,490,000	-383,843.00	.00	-1,106,157.00	25.8%*
A6119 446190 Federal Aid-Child	-700,000	0	-700,000	-165,999.00	.00	-534,001.00	23.7%*
A6119 540487 Foster Care Progra	3,640,885	0	3,640,885	682,146.99	.00	2,958,738.01	18.7%
TOTAL Child Care	1,155,885	0	1,155,885	63,069.72	.00	1,092,815.28	5.5%
<b>A6123 Juvenile Delinquent Care</b>							
A6123 418230 Repayments Of Juve	-5,000	0	-5,000	-117.28	.00	-4,882.72	2.3%*
A6123 436230 State Aid-Juvenile	-105,000	0	-105,000	.00	.00	-105,000.00	.0%*
A6123 436230 RTA State Aid-Juven	-700,000	0	-700,000	.00	.00	-700,000.00	.0%*
A6123 540487 JD Program Expense	675,000	0	675,000	5,441.14	.00	669,558.86	.8%
A6123 540487 RTA JD Program -RTA	700,000	0	700,000	13,096.32	.00	686,903.68	1.9%
TOTAL Juvenile Delinquent Care	565,000	0	565,000	18,420.18	.00	546,579.82	3.3%



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<b>A6129 State Training Schools</b>							
A6129 540487 OCFs Local Program	490,000	0	490,000	337,560.00	.00	152,440.00	68.9%
TOTAL State Training Schools	490,000	0	490,000	337,560.00	.00	152,440.00	68.9%
<b>A6140 Safety Net</b>							
A6140 418400 Repayments Of Safe	-100,000	0	-100,000	-41,185.74	.00	-58,814.26	41.2%*
A6140 436400 State Aid-Safety N	-203,000	0	-203,000	-32,362.00	.00	-170,638.00	15.9%*
A6140 446400 Federal Aid-Safety	-20,000	0	-20,000	.00	.00	-20,000.00	.0%*
A6140 540487 Safety Net Program	900,000	0	900,000	165,353.11	.00	734,646.89	18.4%
TOTAL Safety Net	577,000	0	577,000	91,805.37	.00	485,194.63	15.9%
<b>A6141 Energy Crisis Assistance Progr</b>							
A6141 418410 Repayments Of Home	-150,000	0	-150,000	-42,417.93	.00	-107,582.07	28.3%*
A6141 446410 Federal Aid-Home E	130,000	0	130,000	37,234.00	.00	92,766.00	28.6%
A6141 540487 HEAP Program Expen	20,000	0	20,000	53.05	.00	19,946.95	.3%
TOTAL Energy Crisis Assistance Progr	0	0	0	-5,130.88	.00	5,130.88	100.0%
<b>A6142 Emergency Assistance To Adults</b>							
A6142 436420 State Aid-Emergenc	-15,000	0	-15,000	-4,553.00	.00	-10,447.00	30.4%*
A6142 540487 EAA Program Expens	30,000	0	30,000	1,593.58	.00	28,406.42	5.3%
TOTAL Emergency Assistance To Adults	15,000	0	15,000	-2,959.42	.00	17,959.42	-19.7%
TOTAL General Fund	14,694,253	23,117	14,717,371	2,651,825.79	28,841.76	12,036,703.00	18.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	-14,672,765	-1,150,669	-15,823,434	-3,239,174.59	.00	-12,584,259.46	
TOTAL EXPENSES	29,367,018	1,173,786	30,540,805	5,891,000.38	28,841.76	24,620,962.46	



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GRAND TOTAL	14,694,253	23,117	14,717,371	2,651,825.79	28,841.76	12,036,703.00	18.2%
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<b>CD Federal Employment Programs</b>							
CD6293 424010	Interest And Earn	0	0	-522.96	.00	522.96	100.0%
CD6293 447910	Federal Aid-Feder	-279,783	-279,783	-2,682.94	.00	-277,100.06	1.0%*
CD6293 510010	Full Time	173,687	173,687	37,822.64	.00	135,864.36	21.8%
CD6293 540010	Advertising	250	250	.00	.00	250.00	.0%
CD6293 540130	Contracts	12,000	12,000	.00	.00	12,000.00	.0%
CD6293 540420	Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
CD6293 540480	Postage	260	260	.00	.00	260.00	.0%
CD6293 540733	Training/All Othe	800	800	.00	.00	800.00	.0%
CD6293 581088	State Retirement	24,849	24,849	7,780.86	.00	17,068.14	31.3%
CD6293 583088	Social Security F	13,343	13,343	2,881.25	.00	10,461.75	21.6%
CD6293 584088	Workers Compensat	3,147	3,147	853.02	.00	2,293.98	27.1%
CD6293 585588	Disability Insura	151	151	39.96	.00	111.04	26.5%
CD6293 586088	Health Insurance	49,756	49,756	13,280.28	.00	36,475.72	26.7%
CD6293 588988	Eap Fringe	40	40	10.62	.00	29.38	26.6%
TOTAL Federal Employment Programs		0	0	59,462.73	.00	-59,462.73	100.0%
TOTAL Federal Employment Programs		0	0	59,462.73	.00	-59,462.73	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES		-279,783	-279,783	-3,205.90	.00	-276,577.10	
TOTAL EXPENSES		279,783	279,783	62,668.63	.00	217,114.37	



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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	59,462.73	.00	-59,462.73	100.0%

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**Office of Temporary  
and Disability Assistance**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**BARBARA C. GUINN**  
Commissioner

**RAJNI CHAWLA**  
Executive Deputy Commissioner

March 25, 2026

Elizabeth Myers, Commissioner  
P.O. Box 240  
Owego, NY 13827

Dear: Commissioner Myers:

One of OTDA's highest priorities is maintaining the integrity of our welfare programs. This not only ensures that benefits are issued to those New Yorkers that are truly entitled, but it also maintains public confidence in our abilities to control fraud, waste and abuse.

Program Integrity initiatives, listed on the attached page, play an enormous role in keeping costs down and preventing assistance funds from being provided to ineligible individuals.

Attached is the most recent data available on the cost avoidance your county has achieved through these initiatives. We hope you will find this information helpful, particularly in any budget discussions you may have. For further information on cost avoidance calculations, please review 24-INF-04.

We commend your investigative staff for their efforts and for working together with your eligibility staff to provide these savings to your county, to the State of New York and to the Federal Government. Should you or your staff have questions on any of the data provided, please do not hesitate to contact me at 518.402.0013 or [Rebecca.Lynch@otda.ny.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Lynch@otda.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

*Rebecca Lynch*

Rebecca Lynch, Director  
Program Integrity

cc: Denise Liske

**Cost Avoidance for Program Integrity Initiatives  
Calendar Year 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025  
TIOGA**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Number of Application Denials, Case Closings, or Grant Reductions</b>	<b>Estimated Cost Avoidance</b>
<b>Front End Detection System (FEDS)</b>	Detecting fraud at application	106	\$634,122
<b>Verified Employment Data (VED) Computer Match</b>	Detecting unreported income on TANF adult cases	3	\$3,168
<b>Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Computer Match</b>	Detecting out of state residency and duplicate benefits	5	\$14,340
<b>Prison Computer Match</b>	Detecting incarcerated individuals	1	\$1,572
<b>Intentional Program Violations (IPV)</b>	Disqualification Sanctions for those Found Guilty	0	\$0



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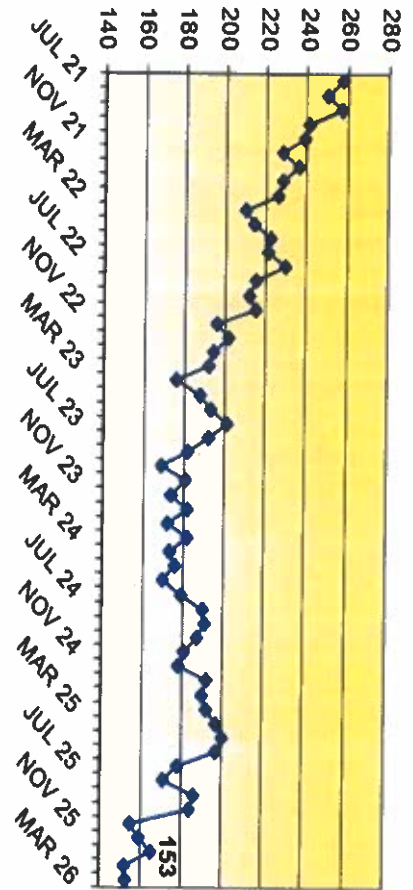


**CASELOAD CHANGES - 2026**

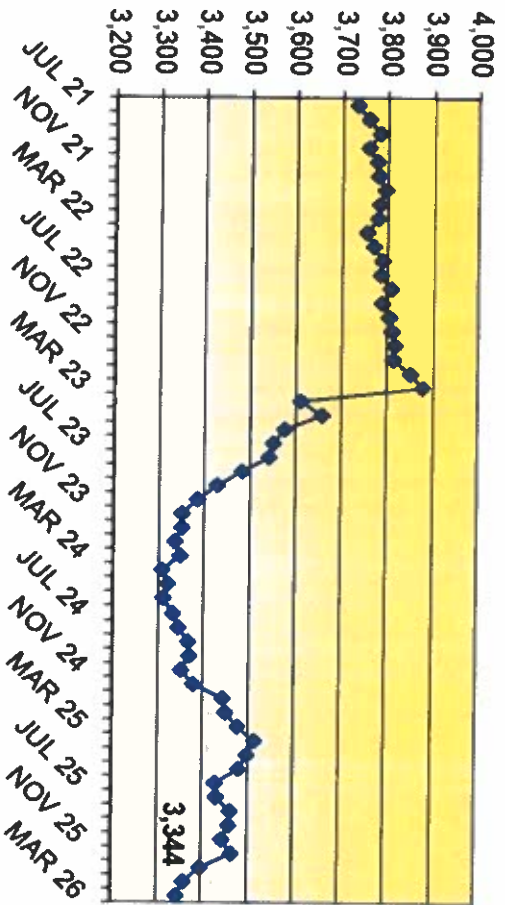
**TIOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Cases</b>			
	<b>12/31/2025</b>	<b>3/31/2026</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>FA</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>SNA Singles</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>SNA Families</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>Total TA</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>MA-Only</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>1907</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>MA-SSI</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>1039</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total MA</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>2946</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>SNAP</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>2588</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Day Care</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Individuals</b>			
	<b>12/31/2025</b>	<b>3/31/2026</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>FA</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>SNA Singles</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>SNA Families</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-32%</b>
<b>Total TA</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>MA-Only</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>MA-SSI</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total MA</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>SNAP</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Individuals On Medicaid</b>			
	<b>12/31/2025</b>	<b>3/31/2026</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>MA</b>	<b>3,191</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>ADC-FC</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>3,344</b>	<b>-3%</b>

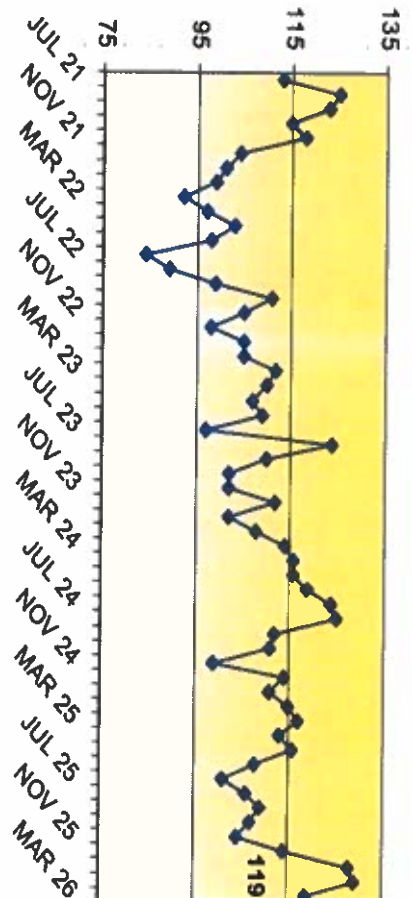
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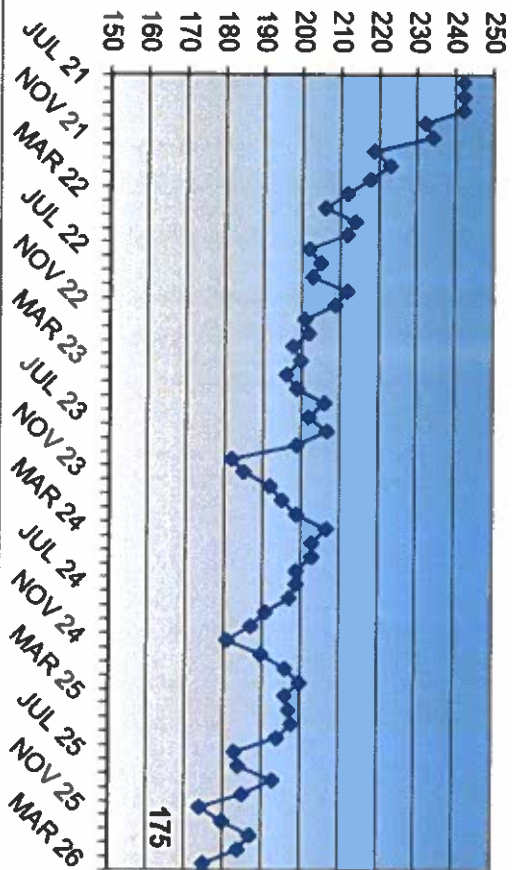
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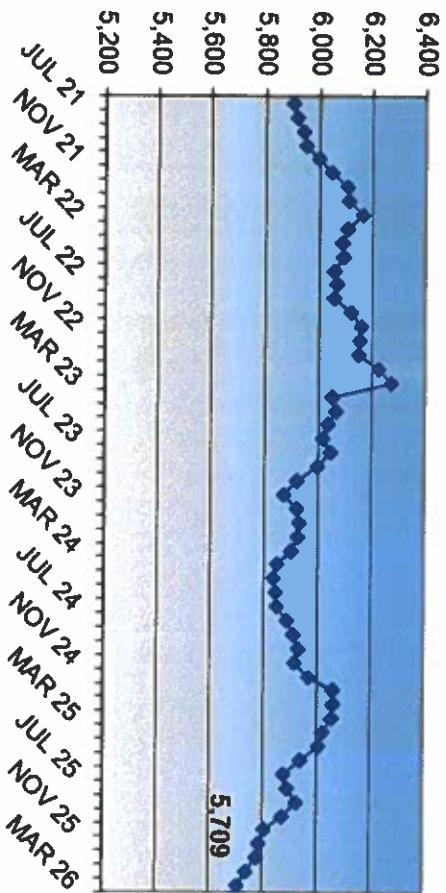
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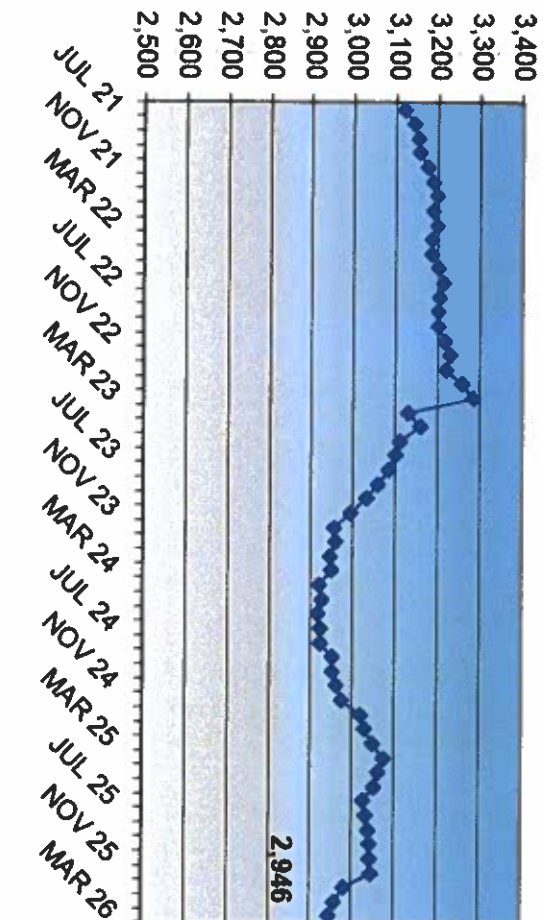
**Temporary Assistance Caseload**  
July 2021 - March 2026



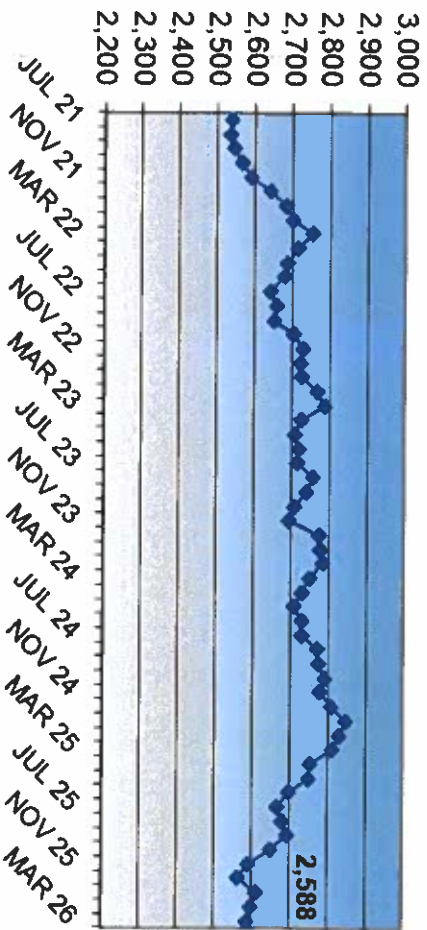
**Total Transitional Supports Caseload**  
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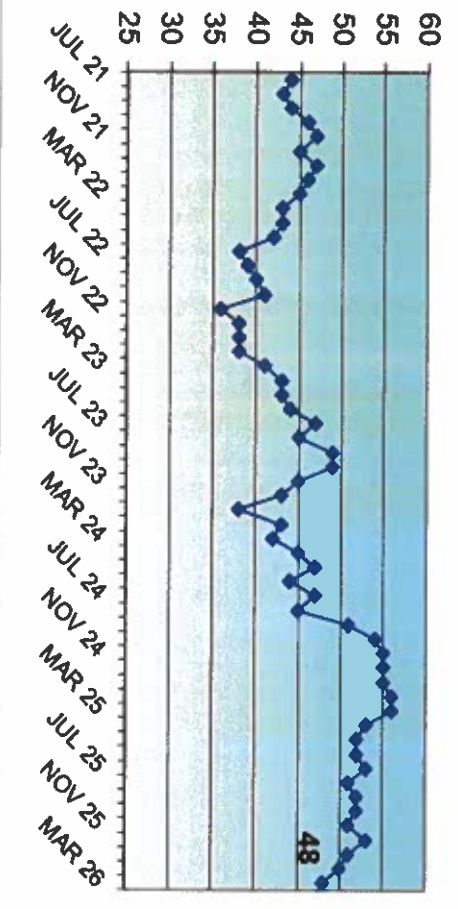
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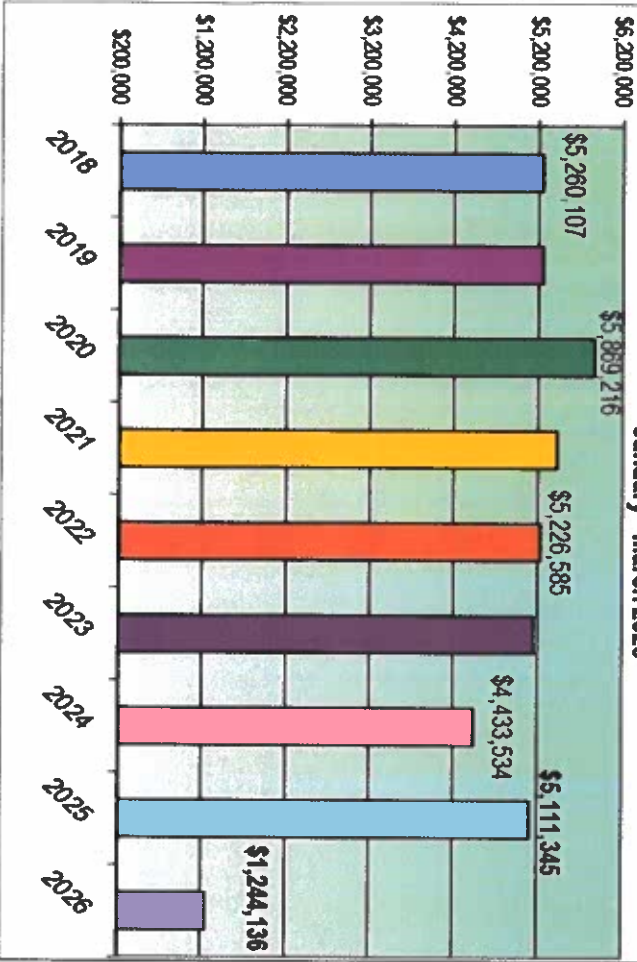
**Total SNAP Caseload**  
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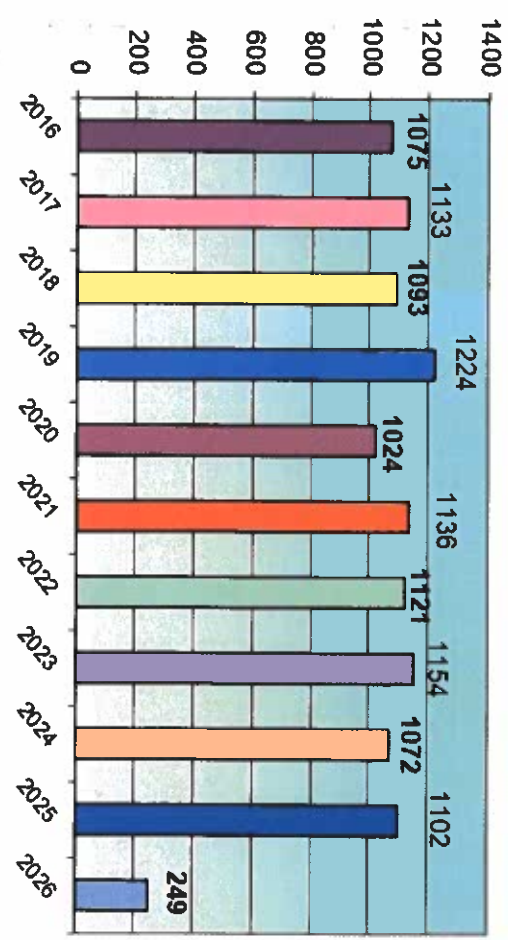
**Children in Foster Care  
at End of Month  
July 2021 - March 2026**



**Child Support Collections  
2018-2025  
January - March 2026**



**Child Protective Services  
State Central Register Reports (Hotline)  
2015 - 2025 Annual Totals  
January - March 2026**





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## COMMITTEE MEETING 4/7/26

Current open job postings in Tioga =217

70 new Unemployment claims opened in March, 68 had effective claim dates in March, there were 13 seasonal claims, and 2 were older claims that just opened.

Unemployment Rates: "NYS DOL will soon announce the updated dates for our press releases concerning the monthly employment reports for January, February, and March. 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."

	Dec '25	Nov '25	Dec '24
Tioga	3.7	3.5	3.5
NYS	4.4	4.5	4.2
US	4.1	4.3	3.8

It's been a busy month at the Tioga Career Center! We had a great turnout at the Waverly Job Fair, with a much bigger crowd than last year. This was a perfect chance for us to meet local businesses and start planning more job fairs right here at our center.

On the individual side, we served 43 DSS customers and helped one person land a job. We also assisted two ABOD/WIOA participants with their career needs. Overall, March was a success for connecting our community with new opportunities.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 26 AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 50-26;  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2026 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 50-26 appropriated \$850,365 in 2026 for five (5) years from the Office of Children and Family Services to assist in the operation of the Child Advocacy Center starting October 1, 2025; and;

WHEREAS: The actual expenditures for October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 has been determined and;

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

RESOLVED: That this resolution shall amend Resolution No. 50-26 and that the budget in the following accounts be reduced by the revenue claimed and the expenditure made in 2025:

A6050.436100 CAC26 State-Child Advocacy Center	\$ (54,377.60)
A6050.510010 CAC26 Full Time Expense	\$ (15,239.29)
A6050.581088 CAC26 State Retirement Fringe	\$ (937.69)
A6050.583088 CAC26 Social Security Fringe	\$ (1,134.23)
A6050.584088 CAC26 Workers Comp Fringe	\$ (299.33)
A6050.585588 CAC26 Disability Insurance Fringe	\$ (14.84)
A6050.586088 CAC26 Health Insurance Fringe	\$ (2,773.08)
A6050.588988 CAC26 EAP Fringe	\$ (3.94)
A6050.540140 CAC26 Contracting Services	\$ (26,814.95)
A6050.540191 CAC26 Electric Utility	\$ (889.68)
A6050.540487 CAC26 Program Expense	\$ (105.25)
A6050.540550 CAC26 Rent/Lease	\$ (5,700.00)
A6050.540660 CAC26 Telephone	\$ (374.32)
A6050.540733 CAC26 Training/All Other	\$ (91.00)

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 will be carried forward into the New Year.

REFERRED TO: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 26 APPROPRIATION OF RSP FUNDS AND  
AMEND 2026 BUDGET  
SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Social Services has received a Rental Supplement Program (RSP) allocation to provide rental supplements to individuals and families, both with and without children, who are experiencing homelessness or are facing an imminent loss of housing, regardless of immigration status; and

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

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

From: A6010.436100 State Aid: Social Services Admin \$ 124,850

To: A6010.540487 Program Expense \$ 124,850

And be it further

RESOLVED: That available funds on 12/31/26 of the original \$124,850 will be carried forward into the New Year.

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

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WHEREAS: The Tioga County Department of Social Services received 1072 reports of alleged abuse/neglect involving 2378 children in 2025 and

WHEREAS: Child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on the involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS: The effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS: Programs like Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lourdes PACT, Catholic Charities, Hillside's Regional Permanency Center, CASA-Trinity, and Liberty Resources offer support and educational services to families so families can help their child achieve his/her full potential within the community; and

WHEREAS: All citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and prevention activities within the community, and become involved in supporting parents and families so that children can live in safe, nurturing homes; now therefore

THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, does hereby proclaim April 2026 as

### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in Tioga County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to ensure that all children are raised in safe, nurturing families, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Dated:

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TRACY MONELL  
CHAIR  
TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Health & Human Services

The regular meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was held in the Legislative Conference Room, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 8:30am.

#### Present:

Mr. William Standinger	Chair of the Committee
Ms. Jo Ellen Rose	Legislator
Mr. Andrew Aronstam	Legislator
Mr. Ray Bunce	Legislator
Ms. Sarah Begeal	Interim Director of Community Services
Mr. Chris Korba	Director of Administrative Services (MH)
Ms. Liz Myers	Commissioner of Social Services
Ms. Mickelle Andrews	Director of Administrative Services (DSS)
Ms. Heather Vroman	Deputy Public Health Director
Mr. Denis McCann	Director of Administrative Services (PH)

#### Guests:

Ms. Cathy Haskell	Legislative Clerk
Mr. Jackson Bailey	County Administrator
Mr. Tracy Monell	Chair of the Legislature

Legislator Standinger asked for a motion to approve the February 2, 2026, HHS Committee minutes as written. Motion made. Seconded. Motion carried.

### **MENTAL HYGIENE**

1. Financial
  - Mr. Korba states 2025 accruals are not finished, still moving parts. Overall, 2025 is shaping up well.
2. Old Business
  - Criminal Psych – Resident listed on invoice as “covered” through to the end of April unless is discharged earlier or reevaluated and extended. Mental Hygiene has enough budget to cover criminal psych invoices through April, unless more residents enter court ordered care.
3. New Business
  - Jail Social Worker – Mental Hygiene and Sheriff's department are working together to create a previously contracted position to a

county paid social worker position providing the same services to the jail. A resolution has been created.

- AOT Position – Assisted Outpatient Treatment. Ms. Begeal stated she talked about this position in a previous committee meeting. The State Aid money received for this is more than needed. A portion of the money will be returned to the State.

4. Personnel

- Brean Schaffer, LMSW started 2/23/26 – Owego Clinic
- Rebecka Deretz, LMSW starting 3/23/26 – Tioga Central Schools

5. Resolutions: Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Create and Fill One Full-Time Senior Clinical Social Worker (Jail) Position
- Reappointing member to Community Services Board

6. Proclamations

- None.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Financial

- Mr. McCann noted there are still accruals for 2025. Although the amount is not yet finalized, 2025 will return significant savings in local share from Public Health. The largest contributors to the savings in decreased expenses and additional received revenues were considered in the 2026 submitted budget that had a large reduction in local share for Public Health. In 2026, there are no surprises or concerns

2. Old Business

- None.

3. New Business

- February Agency Report included an increase of Flu and RSV. This will continue to be monitored closely. Tickborne illness cases are starting to show, awareness is already getting out to the public.

4. Personnel

- Interviews are being conducted for a Weights & Measure position.

5. Resolutions: Legislators approved resolutions to move forward

- Authorization to apply for Grants for Traffic Safety program.
- Authorize appointment of part-time Speech Language Pathologist. (side note: this position has been vacant for two years)

## 6. Proclamations

- Public Health Week: April 6 – 12, 2026

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### 1. Financial

- Ms. Andrews stated DSS also has moving parts for 2025. There are still adjustments/accruals to be made in the 2025 budget. Foster Care will remain high in 2026.

### 2. Old Business

- None

### 3. New Business

- Federal Funding impacts. (Overview attached)
  - Shift in Admin costs. State funds 75% while the County covers 25%.
  - County Share of SNAP Benefit Payments (eff 10/1/27). Anything over 6% NYS will owe. Cost will be passed down to the Counties.
  - ABAWD Expansion (eff. 3/1/26) Individuals must work/volunteer for 80 hours per month to keep their benefits.
    - Legislator Rose asked if this includes disabled adults. Ms. Myers replied that all adults are included, however, there are exceptions.
  - Medicaid and other impacts:
    - ABAWD Work Requirements
    - Medicaid Global Cap
    - Federal Withholding of TANF, Child Care Assistance, Social Services Block Grant
- Transportation - Ms. Myers reports this is part of the DSS Strategic Plan. Rural Health Network of South-Central New York is going to put out an RFP for someone to conduct a study regarding what transportation access looks like in Tioga County.
- Tioga Career Center will be attending a Job Fair at Waverly HS.
  - Legislator Rose asked if TCC focused on unemployed youth or is it broader. Ms. Myers responded that it is broader. Ms. Myers

- added that the CCE operates a youth employment program within the center.
- Legislator Rose asked if TCC had any connections with opportunities within the Towns or County. Ms. Myers was going to look into this.
  - TCC's personnel costs will soon become a budget challenge after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Rollover funds are currently covering the cost.
  - Collaboration with Probation
    - Money received from the State will be used to provide a Therapist for children in the Raise the Age program.
  - Joy MacNaughton was awarded Supervisor of the Year
  - Child Abuse Awareness is next month.
    - Working with Building & Grounds to light the Courthouse blue
4. Personnel
- Sarah Moore was promoted to Deputy Commissioner effective 2/7/26.
  - Crystal Wagstaff was promoted to Office Specialist III effective 2/7/26.
  - Kelly Dean was promoted to Social Services Investigator effective 2/7/26.
  - Kaylee Slezak was hired as Social Welfare Examiner effective 2/9/26.
  - Tiffani Valentine was hired as Office Specialist II effective 2/21/26. Her Seasonal HEAP OSI position ended in 2/2026.
  - Joy MacNaughton was promoted to Case Supervisor Grade A effective 2/21/26.
5. Resolutions: Legislators approved resolutions to move forward
- Authorize Contract with Liberty Resources (Co-location)
  - Authorize Contract with Liberty Resources (MST)
  - Authorize Contract with Catholic Charities for Boys of Courage
6. Proclamations
- None

**ADJOURNED:**

Health & Human Services Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:05am

**Executive Session**

- Motion made by Mr. Andrew Aronstam. Seconded by Mr. Ray Bunce
- Purpose: DSS Personnel Matter
- Time Commenced: 9:10am

- Attendance: Ms. Liz Myers, Mr. Bill Standinger, Ms. Jo Ellen Rose, Mr. Andrew Aronstam, Mr. Ray Bunce, Mr. Jackson Bailey, Mr. Tracy Monell, Ms. Cathy Haskell, Mr. Peter DeWind (9:20)
- Time Adjourned: 9:27am

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