

2024 Annual Report

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Healthy People in
Healthy Communities

WYOMING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT **MISSION**



The Wyoming County Health Department strives to engage, educate, and empower every member of our community to achieve their full potential of health, safety, and well-being.

WYOMING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CORE VALUES



TEAMWORK



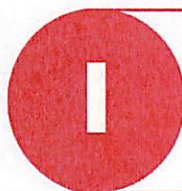
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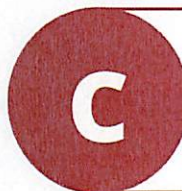
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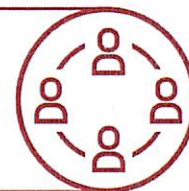
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COLLABORATION



SUPPORTIVE



INTRODUCTION

In 2024 the Health Department experienced higher-than historic levels of attrition. There were nine (!) separations during the year, for various reasons including resignations, retirements, and grant funding expiration. Each time there is an employee separation, the HD evaluates position duties versus the needs of the HD and grant deliverables. In 2024, the HD was pleased to welcome Healthy Families Program staff: Jessica VanDerlaske, Sarah Ushurova and Kimberly Jelassi; Fiscal Officer Stephanie Hendrickson; Health Insurance Enrollment Specialist Elly Snyder; Harm Reduction Educator Karley Copeland and Public Health Technician Christopher Eddy.

Given the staffing changes, extra attention was devoted to onboarding new team members, as well as refreshed training and ongoing professional development for all staff. The addition of a monthly standing staff meeting has proven to be an outstanding means to share information, enhancing internal communication and team building as we continue working on elements of PHAB Accreditation. Special recognition to Lisa Perez for excellence in leading the monthly meetings, keeping us productive and on point. The Strategic Plan is nearing completion, with thoughtful participation by all staff in developing a document that highlights objectives, goals and measures in the following areas:

Improve public health	Champion health equity
Optimize agency infrastructure	Prepare for emerging threats
Improve communication internally and externally	

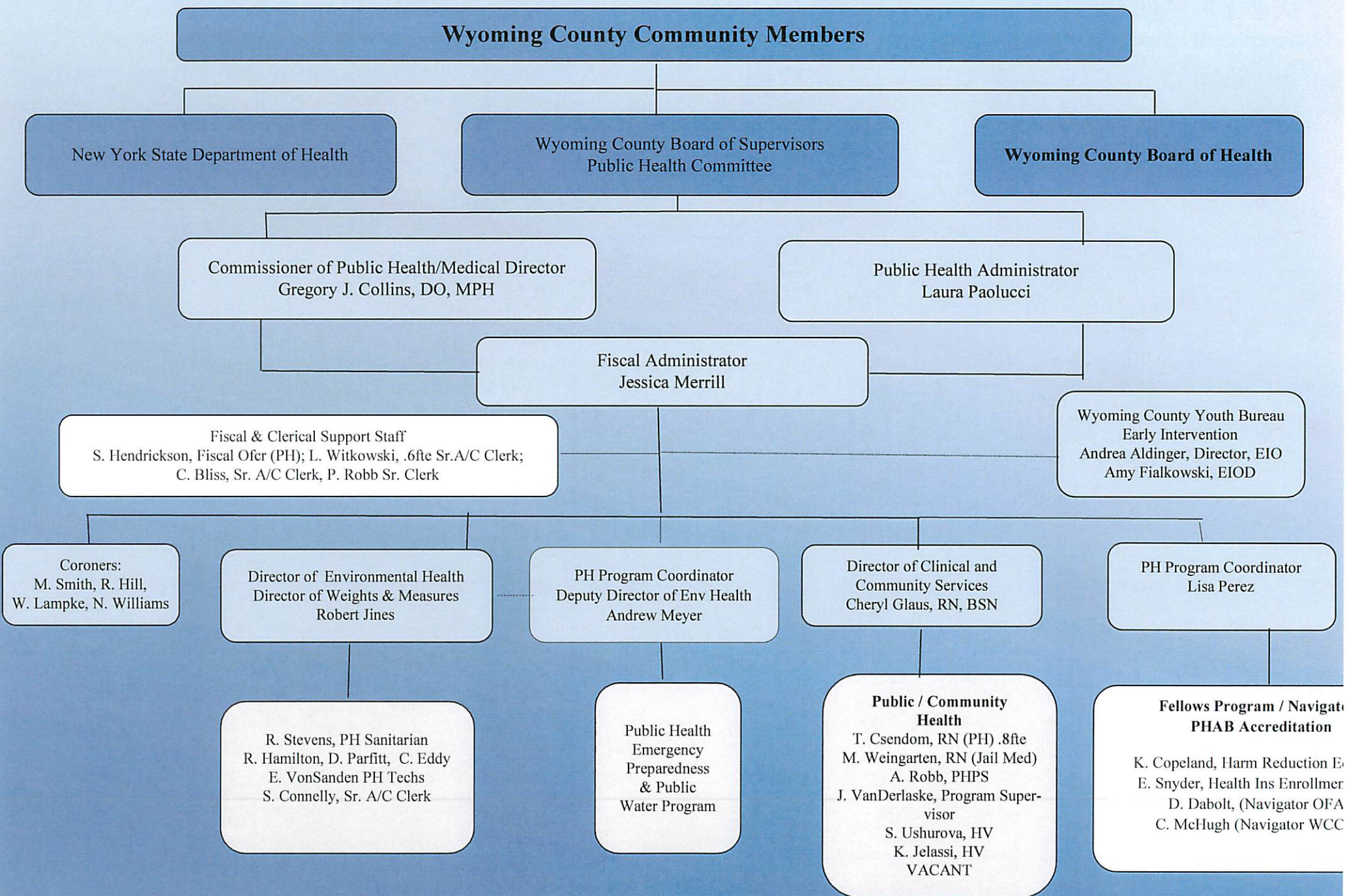
Other HD highlights in 2024 include the following:

- Re-engaged with residents and community-based organizations on core PH initiatives. Special recognition to HD team members for their outstanding energy and creativity, representing the HD at many events with organizations throughout our communities
- Monitoring HPAI (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza) national and statewide updates
- NYSDOH Agricultural Worker Seasonal Influenza initiative
- Onboarded the Healthy Families Program staff, effective July 1, 2024
- Kickoff the NYSDOH Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Planning process
- As a result of advocacy by NYSACHO, the HD was able to surrender the Licensed Homecare Service Agency designation, resulting in a reduction of regulatory and compliance requirements;
- Continued working purposefully on steps to improve Health Department stability and efficiency by undertaking projects associated with PHAB

The Health Department will continue to seek new opportunities, grant funding and partnerships to improve the health and wellness of Wyoming County residents. Goals for 2025 include:

- Continue training newer employees, assuring time for transfer of learning and coaching with more experienced team members;
- Work cooperatively with GO Health on the NYS Department of Health Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Planning process. The goal is to create a meaningful planning document that will be a strategic resource; special thanks to Allison Robb for leading the process for the WCHD!
- Continue focus on Harm Reduction programming, including outcome-based planning involving the Wyoming County Harm Reduction Committee and the Genesee-Orleans-Wyoming CARES Alliance;
- Meaningful participation in County-wide website refresh with IT – thank you to Lisa Perez and Coreen Bliss for their ongoing contributions and willingness to “jump in”!
- Seek operational improvements, training and cross-training to assure the HD remains nimble and prepared to respond to potential changes in priorities and funding from NYS and/or the Federal government;
- Improve depth and reach of the Wyoming-Genesee Healthy Families Partnership;
- Continue to seek and develop new partnerships for the benefit of Wyoming County residents (Every Child, HIDTA, WNY Children’s Environmental Center, Evergreen Health, Fidelis and others).

Wyoming County Health Department (March, 2025)



FISCAL REPORT

The Wyoming County Health Department funding sources include NYS Department of Health Article 6 State Aid, grants, fees for service and taxpayer levy. For 2024 note the following:

A large portion of the Wyoming County Department of Health's funding is received through NYS (48%) and Federal (19%) funding. In 2024, the Wyoming County Department of Health held the following grants:

<i>Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention</i>	<i>Navigator / Health Insurance Enrollment</i>
<i>Child Safety Seat</i>	<i>CDC Public Health Infrastructure Grant</i>
<i>Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</i>	<i>Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs</i>
<i>Drinking Water Enhancement Program</i>	<i>Early Intervention Administration</i>
<i>Immunization Action Plan (IAP)</i>	<i>Public Health Emergency Preparedness</i>
<i>Zoonosis Program (Rabies)</i>	<i>Healthy Families</i>
<i>COVID ELC</i>	<i>COVID Vaccine Response</i>
<i>COVID ELC Fellows</i>	<i>NYS Petroleum Quality Grant</i>

Each grant funds specific programs that serve the residents of Wyoming County. Coupled with NYSDOH Article 6 State Aid, grants provide a very important component of the Wyoming County Department of Health's overall funding stream.

The Health Department ended 2024 with a County Levy of \$624,764.00, which is 20% less than the budgeted levy of \$784,557.00. The Coroner and Weights & Measures programs finished 2024 35% under the revised budgeted levy. This decrease in levy was largely due to an increase in Weights & Measures revenue, as more devices were inspected than in previous years, providing additional revenue. Additionally, the Health Department was able to identify a minor funding stream to offset expenses associated with Coroner program activities.

In 2024, the Wyoming County Department of Health made strategic adjustments to its operations in response to both fiscal realities and changing program needs. A significant change occurred in July when the sub-contract for the Healthy Families Program with Community Action was terminated, and the program was brought directly under the Health Department's administration. This transition resulted in the relocation of the program to newly refurbished office space in the building, now occupied by two Home Visitors and the Healthy Families Program Supervisor. All expenses related to furnishing these offices were covered by Grant funds.

Similarly, the Health Department integrated the part-time Navigator position previously subcontracted into the department itself. By combining this role with a vacant 0.6 FTE position, the Health Department successfully created a full-time Navigator position, further enhancing the department's capacity to serve residents. Both the Healthy Families and Navigator positions remain fully funded by grants.

The year 2024 also saw the conclusion of several COVID era grants, including the COVID ELC, COVID ELC Fellows, and the COVID Vaccine Response Grants. These grants were instrumental in supporting various essential projects. Notably, they provided funding for:

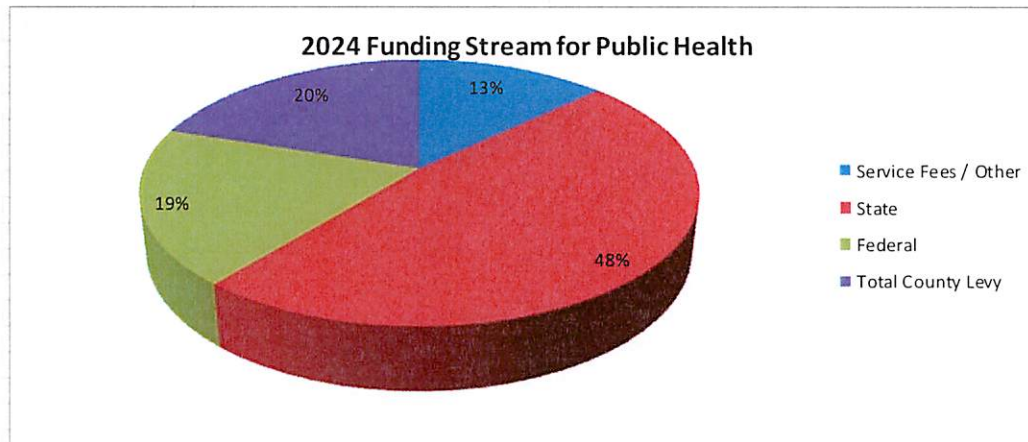
- **Generator Replacement:** Ensuring continuity of services during power outages.
- **Pick-up Truck Purchase:** Supporting the mobility of staff for field operations.
- **Office Furniture Replacement:** Updating aging furniture to improve workspaces and staff efficiency.

By utilizing grant funding for these capital projects, the Health Department was able to minimize the impact on the County Levy, while simultaneously enhancing the quality of services and the physical infrastructure of the department.

As we reflect on 2024, the Wyoming County Department of Health remains focused on efficient funding management, the continuation of key health programs, and the optimization of grant resources, remaining committed to serving the health and well-being of Wyoming County residents.

Wyoming County Department of Public Health (Including Early Intervention)

	2024 Budget Revised	2024 Actual Figures	Variance
Service Fees / Other	405,993	396,806	(9,187)
State	1,550,135	1,482,977	(67,158)
Federal	783,481	593,831	(189,650)
Total Revenue:	2,739,609	2,473,615	(265,994)
Personal Svc	1,548,640	1,477,871	(70,769)
Capital	59,863	54,263	(5,600)
Contractual	1,047,623	798,732	(248,891)
Fringes	868,041	767,514	(100,527)
Total Expenses:	3,524,166	3,098,379	(425,787)
Total County Levy	784,557	624,764	159,792 ***Under Budgeted Levy -20%



	2024 Budget Revised	2024 Actual Figures	Variance
W&M	10,136	15,568	
Coroners	12,900	18,750	
Total Revenue:	23,036	34,318	11,282
W&M	47,965	39,756	
Coroners	138,741	100,717	
Total Expenses:	186,706	140,473	(46,233) 57,514
Total County Levy	163,670	106,156	-35% **Under Budgeted Levy

Ten Year Comparision

Year	County Levy	Health Dept Budget	Percent of Levy
2017	484,665	2,720,575	18%
2018	602,183	2,882,638	21%
2019	702,031	2,844,907	25%
2020	620,509	2,794,708	22%
2021	555,119	2,941,011	19%
2022	576,228	2,908,966	20%
2023	618,290	3,394,698	18%
2024	624,764	3,098,379	20%

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The Environmental Health Division is obligated to educate, guide, review and enforce the regulations as outlined in the New York State Sanitary Code and the Sanitary Code of Wyoming County.

➤ **Staff – Director, Part Time Deputy Director, (5) Field Staff, (1) Admin/Fiscal Support**

➤ **Assists other State Agencies**

- NYS Department of Conservation

(Public Water Supplies, Air Quality, Ground & Surface Water Contamination, Spills)

- NYS Agriculture and Markets

(Initial Retail Store Complaints/Investigations, Facility Water Supply Protection)

➤ **Assists other County Departments**

- WC Building & Fire Codes

(Water/Sewage System Requirements, Complaints)

- WC Soil & Water and WC Water Resource Agency

- WC Emergency Services

In January, this office submitted comments to NYSDOH for inclusion in their comprehensive review of Village of Attica's Water Treatment plant upgrade. If the submitted plans are complete and approved soon, bidding and construction may begin within the year. NYSDOH plan review times for drinking water projects have increased significantly due to a higher number of projects that are applying for recently increased funding opportunities.

In March staff assisted facilities regarding Solar Eclipse activities. Facilities included some campgrounds with limited early opening for the event, as well as some mobile food operations occurring around the county. None of the activities discussed were determined to approach the size of a mass gathering.

Following the May Board of Health meeting, letters were sent to a tobacco sales facility notifying them of the Board's decision to uphold the charge of selling a flavored vape to a minor, as per the Hearing Officer's recommendation.

In June a Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) was reported for Silver Lake. The Village of Perry was notified and the bloom was evident for just a few days, and did not reappear. Water sampling for microcystin toxin from the plant intake and finished water is planned weekly when a visible HAB is noted on Silver Lake. Previous years raw water occasionally showed low levels of toxin being detected. When toxin was detected, the normal plant operation was able to reduce them to a level that was not detected in finished water.

Also in June, this office held another opportunity for community public water systems to come to participate in an open discussion/summary presentation for the Lead service line inventory (LSLI) which is due by mid-October of this year. Challenges in completing the inventory were discussed, and questions answered from those systems.

During the late summer months this office worked closely with officials and water system operators from the Village of Warsaw regarding an increase in chlorine demand while treating their raw water. Investigation and testing of tributaries to the Village's intake basin determined a significant source of ammonia leaching from a large stockpile of discarded potatoes. Working with plant operators, treatment techniques were identified to ensure proper treatment of raw water to avoid any potential health advisories or boil water orders. Work by the farmer with technical assistance from the NYSDEC resulted in mitigation of the leaching ammonia.

In partnership with the Wyoming County Sheriff's office, an enforcement action was undertaken in August, for flavored vape sales. As part of the enforcement, a sizable quantity of flavored vapes were confiscated by the Sheriff's Department.

One enforcement action was initiated in September, for sales of flavored vapes to an inspector. Partnership with the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department resulted in confiscation of 821 flavored vapes from the facility.

The EPA's deadline for Community and Non-transient-non-community (NTNC) water systems to create a complete service line inventory was October 16th with the purpose of discovering service lines made of lead, or galvanized lines downstream of a lead line that has since been replaced (galvanized requiring replacement). The inventory includes both the System owned portion and the customer owned portion of the service line, which are often made of different materials and replaced at different times. While systems that were installed in the recent past had an easier time because of records, systems with older infrastructure and incomplete records have a higher percentage of unknown lines. Each service line will be mapped on the NYSDOH website. https://health.data.ny.gov/Health/New-York-State-Lead-Service-Line-Inventory/j63k-4n92/about_data.

The Health Dept organized a water operator training held in November, to provide Continuing Education credits for drinking water operators. Community and Non-Transient-Non-Community Drinking water systems that serve more than 25 people are required to have an operator. There were 45 attendees who received 5 credit hours towards recertification. Also in attendance were representatives from NYS DOH, and several subject matter expert presenters.

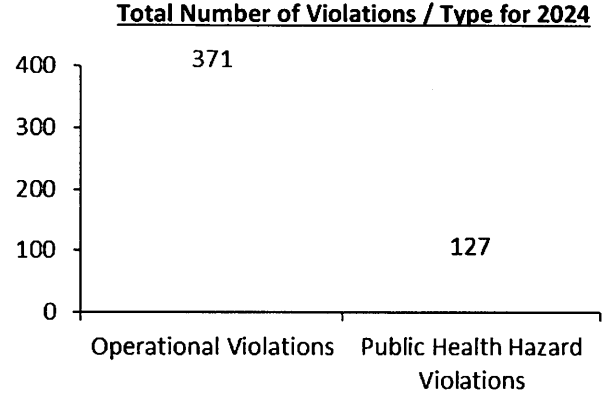
Two boil water orders were issued in December. One was at an apartment complex that had chlorinator issues. The other included a water conservation order, in the Village and Town of Warsaw which had a significant water main break in one of their transmission mains from the plant to the Village. The initial leak was fixed late in the day of the leak, Saturday 12/14/2024, but additional issues prevented recharge of the system after it was significantly drained from the initial main break. Samples were collected, and Boil water order was lifted Thursday 12/19/24. This office assisted the Village with notification of food service establishments, recommendations and leak detection.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS & COMPARISONS

2023 2024

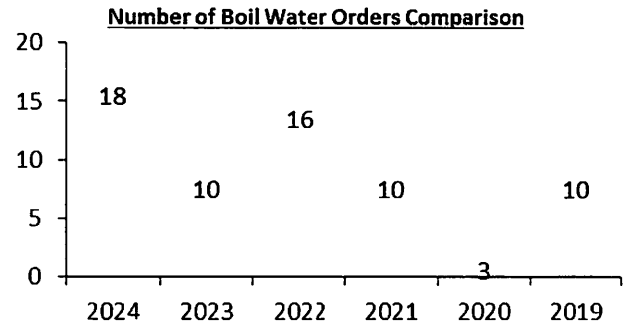
Community Environmental Health & Food Protection Program

Migrant Farmworker Housing	11	10
Food Service Establishment	275	268
Community Dinner Events	233	213
Recreational Campground	19	18
Temporary Residence	20	19
Swimming Pool	27	28
Bathing Beaches	7	7
Mobile Home Park	15	15
Children's Camps	13	14
Tanning Facility	5	2
Agricultural Fairground	1	1
Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishment	6	6
Operational Inspections	496	545



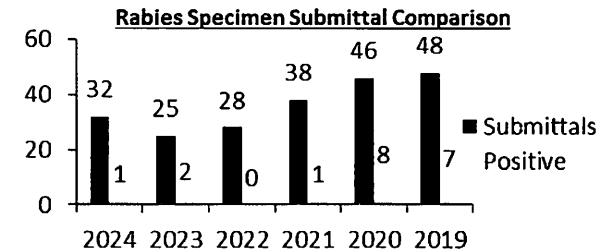
Water Supply Program

Community	29	28
Non-Transient Non-Community	5	5
Non-Community	64	66
Individual Water Supply (Public)	5	7
Public Water Samples Collected	504	500
Private Water Samples Collected	324	325
Surface Water Quality Samples Collected	22	20
Water System Plans Approved	8	4
Onsite Wastewater System Permits	87	68
Property Transfer Inspections	333	288
Water Operators Training Course	1	1



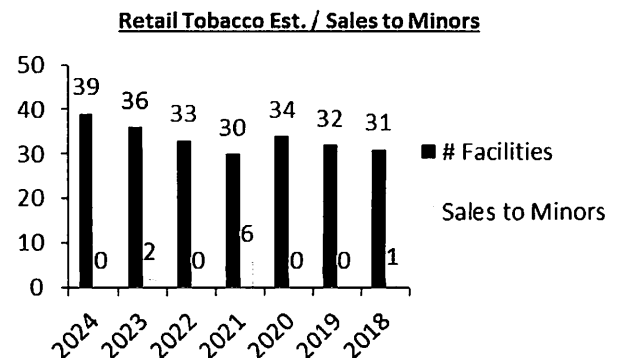
Rabies Program

Animal Bite Investigations	86	126
Specimens Submitted for Testing	25	32
Positive Rabies Confirmations	2	1
Human Post Exposure Treatment	8	8
Rabies Vaccination Clinics	5	5
Total Number of Animals Vaccinated	858	992



Miscellaneous Program Areas

Nuisance Complaints	43	45
Mass Gatherings	3	3
Retail Tobacco Establishments	36	39
Lead Program Investigations	28	17
Lead Program Cases Closed	28	13



Enforcement Proceedings Initiated

2023	24
2024	32

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING & COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT

1Q Highlights:

- One (1) COVID vaccine administered
- Fourteen (14) PCR COVID tests completed
- COVID variant JN.1 estimated to be 97.7% of cases
- Met with Jill Kaczor, NYSDOH Public Health Program Nurse, for updates to program areas
- Zoetek calibrated medical equipment
- COVID Isolation guidelines changed
- MOU signed with WCCHS for Rabies Post Exposure management. Initial and follow-up vaccines will now be administered at WCCHS in the ED/ASU with WCHD prior approval

2Q Highlights:

- No COVID vaccines administered
- Two (2) PCR COVID tests completed
- D. Schultz RN, COVID Response Coordinator resigned
- May 8, 2024 NYS Department of Health declares seasonal Influenza season to be over
- H5N1 / Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) situational updates begin
- New York State Department of Health announced Syphilis investigations will be the responsibility of local health departments beginning in 2025, including determining new versus existing cases, working with providers to ensure treatment

3Q Highlights:

- Two (2) COVID vaccines administered
- Nineteen PCR COVID tests completed (testing discontinued as of September 20th)
- The State Commission of Correction conducted a survey of the Jail Medical Program at the Wyoming County Jail from July 24-26th
- The "Bridge Access" Program ended in August. During the period of pandemic response, the CDC developed a "Bridge Access" Program for adult COVID vaccination. This program made COVID vaccines free for adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover COVID vaccine costs at pharmacies, health centers and health departments around the country. Since Bridge Access Program ended, COVID vaccines will remain free at WCHD for adults without insurance through the *Vaccines For Adults (VFA) program*.
- Syphilis case investigation training provided at the WCHD by NYSDOH on August 15th & September 26th
- New guidelines for Respiratory Isolation and Restrictions to Reduce Transmission of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in **Community Settings** (outside of NYC) are expected soon. Per NYS Department of Health, this is not a mandate, but rather up to LHD's whether they are implemented. The goal is to combine individual and population outcomes perspectives, examine benefits and harms to the community and individual, and consider the fair treatment of individual and groups of people with TB in order to reduce inequities for people living with TB.
- Tuberculosis training provided in person to nursing staff by NYSDOH September 9th
- HPAI H5N1 update: The NYSDOH Seasonal Flu Vaccine for Agricultural Workers Initiative is in the planning phase with community partners Cornell Cooperative Extension, Finger Lakes Community Health and Oak Orchard Community Health Center. Anticipated vaccination to begin mid/late October.

4Q Highlights:

- Two (2) COVID vaccines administered
- The NYSDOH 2024 Farmworker Flu Vaccination Initiative is ongoing. Working collaboratively with Finger Lakes Community Health, to date there have been 145 vaccines administered at 27 Wyoming County farms.
- A NYSDOH Health Advisory for Marburg Virus in the Republic of Rwanda was issued. The intent is to alert clinicians to be aware of the potential for imported cases and provide guidance. Marburg virus disease (MVD) is a rare, severe viral hemorrhagic (bleeding) fever.
- WCHD received the maximum possible award in fulfillment of the New York State Department of Health Year 12 Performance Incentive Award, for a project to prevent chronic disease via the promotion of physical activity.

2024 PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM REPORT

Activity	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	YTD 2024	FY 2023
MCH visits Total	0	0	2	1	3	16
MCH Referrals	2	7	4	6	19	63
MCH PHN (1x visit)	0	0	1	1	2	16
MCH LHCSA cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Communicable Disease Reports	40	89	61	60	250	163
Communicable Disease Visits	1	0	1	1	3	0
Latent TB Case Management Clients	0	0	0	0	0	6
Active TB Case Management Clients	0	0	0	0	0	0
LHCSA Direct Observation TB Therapy Visits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denver Developmental Screenings	0	0	0	0	0	31
Hearing Screens	7	0	0	0	7	0
HIV Tests	10	10	3	7	30	24
Lead Case Mgmt Client (New)	2	1	4	4	11	19
Lead Case Mgmt total	25	25	24	23	97	107
Lead Home Visits	3	1	0	5	9	19
Lead Tests @ WCHD	0	1	4	1	6	3
TB Tests	23	40	28	41	132	159
Hep C Tests	11	10	3	7	31	20
Smoking Cessation referrals	1	3	1	2	7	5
Immunization Clinic Attendance	36	19	58	78	191	202
Immunizations Administered	57	12	54	246	369	215
AFIX/IQIP	3	3	6	3	15	12
Child Safety Seats Fitted	1	1	8	10	20	5
Child Safety Seats Fitted & Distributed	22	7	21	7	57	26
Rabies Pre-Exposure Cases	3	4	2	0	9	10
Rabies Post-Exposure Cases	1	2	5	0	8	8
Rabies Titers	0	0	0	0	0	6
Navigator Applications (New)	111	62	70	66	309	249
Narcan Reports (Usage)	1	0	0	1	2	0
Narcan Kits Replaced	220	131	60	77	488	139
New Clients Narcan Trained	65	108	20	8	201	122
Inmates Receiving Health Services (new)	42	59	46	46	193	219
# of Sick Call Inmates	405	383	339	366	1493	1995
UAS Visits	15	5	3	9	32	0
LHCSA Visits (total =mch, dot, lead)	0	0	0	0	0	0
COVID-19 vaccinations	1	0	2	13	16	26
Prevention Center Clients	2	3	2	2	9	9
VAERS / Incidents / Complaints	0	0	1	1	2	2

2024 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	YTD 2024	FY 2023
Babesiosis / Anaplasmosis	0	0	0	0	0	1
Campylobacteriosis	2	3	3	2	10	9
Candida Auris	0	0	0	0	0	0
CR-Enterobacteriaceae	2	1	3	1	7	4
Chlamydia	8	14	11	20	53	53
COVID-19	279	34	185	142	640	1,191
Cryptosporidiosis	1	2	1	1	5	1
E-Coli 0157 Shiga Toxin	0	1	1	0	2	1
Giardia	2	0	5	0	7	2
Gonorrhea	4	1	2	5	12	6
Hamophilus Influenza	1	0	0	1	2	0
Hepatitis B Chronic	0	0	1	2	3	1
Hepatitis B Acute	0	0	0	1	1	0
Hepatitis C Chronic	4	6	4	7	21	11
Hepatitis C Acute	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B Chronic - PRISON	0	0	0	1	1	0
Hepatitis B Acute - PRISON	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis C Chronic - PRISON	0	2	1	0	3	1
Hepatitis C Acute - PRISON	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legionella	0	1	4	0	5	3
Lyme Disease	9	15	19	12	55	68
Measles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meningitis	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mpox	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mumps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perinatal Hep B	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	0	0	0	5	5	0
Q Fever	1	1	0	0	2	1
Salmonella	2	2	1	0	5	2
Shigella	0	0	0	0	0	1
Strep Pneumonia	3	0	0	2	5	3
Strep Group A	0	2	0	0	2	0
Strep Group B	1	0	0	0	1	0
Syphilis	0	2	3	0	5	2
TB Latent	0	0	0	0	0	5
VISA Vancomycin-intermediate Staph	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Nile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yersiniosis	0	2	1	0	3	0
Zika	0	0	1	0	1	0

CORONER REPORT

Wyoming County has five Coroners, elected for four-year terms; they are:

Michael Smith (2022 – 2025), Wyoming	Renee Hill (2024-2027), Attica
Neil Williams (2024-2027), Arcade	William Lampke (10/2024-2025),
Dr. Jennifer Prutsman-Pfeiffer (2022-7/24), Darien Center	

In 2024, there were 196 community fatalities responded to by Coroners, versus 193 in 2023. In 2024, Coroners' reimbursement rates were \$100 per hospice/comfort care case, \$150 per community case and \$200 for cases at NYS Correctional Facilities, plus mileage. Note the case volume below:

M. Smith	58	William Lampke	15
R. Hill	66	N. Williams	57
J. Prutsman-Pfeiffer	0		

Arcade: 26	Attica: 31	Bennington: 11	Castile: 12
Covington: 3	Eagle: 1	Gainesville: 3	Genesee Falls: 2
Java: 18	Middlebury: 0	Orangeville: 7	Perry: 36
Pike: 3	Sheldon: 3	Silver Springs: 3	Warsaw: 22
Wethersfield: 14	Wyoming: 1		

When a death occurs in the community, a Coroner is contacted by Wyoming County Dispatch, to investigate circumstances and determine cause and manner of death. Coroners are generally assigned a geographic quadrant of Wyoming County for response purposes. If cause and manner can be reasonably determined, and a physician will sign the death certificate, the decedent is released to a Funeral Home and required paperwork is completed by the Coroner via DAVE (the NYSDOH Database Application for Vital Events) to file a death certificate. If cause and manner of death cannot be determined, or there is not a physician available/willing to sign the death certificate, the case is referred to the Medical Examiner for autopsy. Wyoming County contracts with the Monroe County Medical Examiner (MCME) for these services. When a case is referred to the MCME, the decedent is transported by a contracted Wyoming County Funeral Home at a cost of \$250 to WCCHS, \$500 to MCME and \$600 for NYS Correctional Facility responses. The Wyoming County Funeral Homes that provide this service are: Robinson Hackimer (Warsaw), WS Davis (Arcade), Marley (Attica) and Eaton-Watson (Perry). Certain cases must be referred to the MCME, including: MVA, suicide, suspected overdoses, pediatric and incarcerated individuals.

MCME requires an annual contract for Medical Examiner Services, wherein an estimate of volume must be provided by the WCHD to obtain contracted services at a contracted rate (\$2,100 for full/partial autopsies and \$1,600 for B&D). Annual cost is based on this estimate. If the County overestimates volume, the full contracted cost is due and payable. Similarly, if the County underestimates volume, additional cases beyond the contracted numbers are payable at a higher rate (\$2,500 and \$1,800 respectively). This contract format can be unfavorable if there is a change in expected trends (for example cases due to unintentional overdose, suicide or communicable disease fatalities). Ongoing attempts to negotiate a more favorable format resulted in an adjustment to the 2023 Agreement, allowing application of contracted payment between category types. Concerns about the timeliness of MCME services prompted WCHD to enter into an Agreement with NMS Laboratory for post mortem lab testing; this has improved timeliness of lab results, although autopsy results are sharply lagging with some case reports outstanding from 2022. This is an issue region-wide and not unique to MCME but rather a byproduct of attrition and a shortage of qualified professionals to complete the specialized work. L. Paolucci participation on a statewide workgroup around the Coroner/Medical Examiner system of care has been a productive source of information to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the Wyoming County program. From this group came participation in the SUDORS Program through the NYSDOH, wherein Counties are reimbursed \$150 for sharing data related to suspected community overdoses in Wyoming County.

In 2024, there were 196 Coroner attended deaths with 26 Cases referred to MCMC: 16 Full / Partial and 10 Blood & Descriptive. Revenue offset to Coroner-related expenses is a chargeback to New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision for cases at Attica or Wyoming Correctional Facilities (these must be referred to MCME). There were seven DOCCS cases in 2024.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REPORT

The Department of Weights and Measures is responsible for assuring measurement accuracy in commerce throughout Wyoming County in accordance with Article 16 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. The Department is tasked with inspecting and testing all commercially used weighing and measuring devices, including scales of all sizes, liquid metering devices and farm bulk tanks. The Department is also charged with testing retail petroleum products within the county under the Petroleum Product Quality Program to ensure the quality of gasoline and diesel fuel in Wyoming County.

Program updates 2024

Wyoming county staff completed 514 device inspections, collected 50 gasoline samples and 10 diesel fuel samples. Staff continued training with State Specialists and continues to work to cross train in the various device inspection techniques. The department also worked with staff from the office of the State Comptroller to complete an audit of activities within the department.

Inspection Statistics Weighing Devices

Scale Type	Devices in County	Inspections 2024*	Inspections 2023*
Computing Scale	64	66	96
Pre-Pack Scale	49	50	37
Customer Scale	9	9	4
Vehicle Scale	26	32	25
Monorail Scale	5	6	5
Prescription Scale	6	8	6
Livestock Scale	7	16	5
Platform Scale	40	41	29
Hopper/Batch Scale	4	3	2
TOTALS		231	209

Liquid Measure Devices

Meter Type	Devices in County	Inspections 2024*	Inspections 2023*
Petroleum Pump	229	236	225
Milk Tank / Milk Meter	250	16	9
Fuel Truck Meter	27	32	15
TOTALS		284	249

* Inspection numbers include rechecks on devices that were found out of tolerance.