

Cayuga County Administrator's MONTHLY REPORT

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Please find our latest edition of the County Administrator's Monthly Report. The Monthly Report is designed to provide up-to-date data and information on the operations of County Government. Within you will find monthly updates from departments and contract agencies, and special reports.

The cover page this month highlights some of the great work our county team is performing. The top left photo was taken during one of our planning meetings to relaunch the Employee 1st program. The other photos highlight our Emergency Management Office and Health Department.

Emergency Management had a busy month, kicking off the Continuity Of Operations Planning (COOP), responding to emergency outages at the Northbrook Heights Assisted Living Facility, and coordinating several departments financial reporting to FEMA for the 2017 Lake Ontario Flooding. There was also a Floor Marshal training for the County Office Building evacuation plan. The COOP is an especially important initiative as it helps ensure the County is prepared to maintain essential functions across a broad spectrum of hazards and emergencies.

On a related topic, the Health Department successfully conducted a Strategic National Stockpile Drill on February 26 and 27. The SNS is the nation's largest supply of potentially life-saving pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for use in a public health emergency such as bioterrorism or a pandemic.

Both EMO and Health also collaborated with the Planning Department on a variety of initiatives, including the FEMA reporting, SNS drill, and a number of water issues in the Village of Aurora. Steve Lynch, Jim Orman, and I also attended the Village of Aurora Public Information meeting, at which Eileen O'Connor (Health Dept.) and Doug Selby (Water & Sewer Authority) both spoke about harmful algal blooms and longer term water supply planning.

On behalf of the Cayuga County employees and department heads, we hope the Legislature finds this report an informative tool that assists them in serving their constituents as policymakers, and we hope it provide transparency and useful information to the community at large. As always, we look forward to hearing your feedback!


J. Justin Woods, JD, MPA
County Administrator

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County Administrator's Office

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- Assisted emergency power outage at Northbrook Heights.
- Attended Briefing on Water Supply Issues in the Village of Aurora with Treasurer, Health/Planning Departments, and Water & Sewer Authority.
- Established Administrator's Cabinet of key advisors. Members include Steve Lynch, Fred Westphal, Jim Orman, Lynn Marinelli, Mike Russell, Lloyd Hoskins, Steve Tobin, and Bill Dashnaw.
- Met with DSS & IT Staff about the CPS/APS Northwoods Software.
- The Deferred Compensation Committee met and unanimously recommended joining the [New York State Deferred Compensation Plan](#).
- Organized several departments regarding fleet management solutions, including possibly leasing, rather than purchasing new vehicles.
- Held Audit-scoping Meeting with Treasurer and Auditors.
- Strategized projects/scoping about Emerson Park w/ Departments of Planning, Parks, and the Emerson Foundation.
- Kicked off Continuity of Operations Planning w/ EMO and consultant.
- Met w/ Town Highway Superintendents regarding shared services.
- Met with the City regarding shared services related to stormwater/parking projects behind County Office Building, Fire/EMO/911, and City Courts.
- Attended Lyons Bank Ribbon cutting.
- Proposed Chair's changes to bylaws, and am now, serving as Chair's designee on CEDA Board.
- Relunched Employees 1st and released recent issue of Cayuga Chatter.
- [Monthly Radio Interview](#), and [Inside Government TV Appearance](#).
- Spoke with the Boy Scout Troop 58 in Fleming about citizenship.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

County Attorney's Office Frederick Westphal, Esq. *Attorney*

- Chief Assistant County Attorney started February 12th
- Responded to approximately 38 FOIL requests in the month of January
- Opened and prosecuted JD in the month of January
- Prosecuted and represented on support matters
- Monitored various RPTL Tax Assessment cases
- Responded to various and sundry department questions and Legislator concerns
- Filed papers in the Marshall brothers matter
- Filed papers in the RPTL article matter
- Drafted and reviewed several dozen county contracts
- Coordinated Amicus curiae brief with Village of Union Springs in U.S. Supreme Court case in the Matter of Upper Skagit Indian Tribe v Sharline Lungren and Ray Lundgren. This case involves land rights and Indian nation sovereignty. Though the case takes place in Washington State, the Supreme Court's ruling could affect Indian nation territories and local municipalities across the country. It could also impact litigation involving Union Springs and Cayuga Nation members regarding Lakeside Entertainment, a nation-owned gambling facility on Cayuga Street in the village

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County Building Inspector's Monthly Report

- OTHER INSPECTIONS:

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County Clerk's Office

Susan M. Dwyer

County Clerk

Clerks Recording Office:

- Total remitted to County Treasurer: \$324,446.38
- 1,129 land documents: Deeds, Easements, Mortgages, Mortgage discharges & assignments, etc. (this includes electronically-submitted recordings)
- 116 Business Certificates: DBA/Partnership/Corporation – new, amendments, discontinuances
- 209 Passport Applications submitted to the US Department of State; 68 Passport Photos for renewal of passports
- 136 Passport Photos for passport renewals
- 461 Judgments filed and docketed: Supreme Court, lower courts, State of NY
- 74 Notary Public transactions: new and renewals – (this does not include the number of documents that were notarized by staff as free service mandated by the State of New York)
- 210 Supreme Court Index Numbers Issued: Supreme Court cases started this month
- 44 Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Transactions: new, continuation, termination, search
- 31 Survey maps filed
- 9 Military Discharges filed (Clerk does not charge any fee to Veterans to file or obtain copies)
- Provided Small Business Counseling by SCORE in office on 2nd Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Successfully advocated for the State DMV to provide more Class D Driver's Test dates in our county
- Saturday, March 10: The County Clerk's Office and the County Veteran's Office will be partnering to offer a *Passport & Veteran Discount Card Day* at Fingerlakes Mall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Records Retention Center:

- Health and Human Services shredding continues
- Scanning Projects completed for the following departments: Veterans, Civil Service/HR, Planning, and the County Attorney
- Scanning project in progress for Probation Dept.

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- Obsolete records from all County Departments are being shredded. This is also known as the *Annual Purge*.
- Records requests for January & February: 306
- Documents scanned in January & February: 55,368

Historian's Office:

- 77 queries for information received and processed via written, email, phone and in-person requests.
- Continued to evaluate and reorganize special collections and archived materials.
- Researched, identified and sent photos to the Exhibit Designers for the new Equal Rights Heritage Center in Auburn.
- County Historian gave one public lecture to residents of the Stryker Home in Auburn.
- Office staff collectively advanced work on design of a comprehensive database for photographs in the collection.
- Office received a used micro-form reader from the County's Surrogate Court.

Department of Motor Vehicles:

- Total transactions processed in our local DMV Office in January & February: Approx. 10,300 which includes all of the following types of transactions:
- Registrations, Licenses (All classes); Driver's Permits, Insurance, Surrendered Licenses and License plates, Restricted/Conditional Licenses, Duplicates of all DMV documents, Fee Payments, Driver Abstracts, Motor-Voter, and Dollars for Life Donations.
- Total online transactions from people in Cayuga County in January: 2,953
- Total January DMV Retention for in-office and online transactions: \$86,861.74
- Preparing our quarterly DMV newsletter, *The Transporter Reporter*, which will be sent to area auto/boat dealers in March.

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sheila Smith

Clerk of the Legislature

AUDITING:

- Completed auditing for the effective date of 03/01/18, no problems.

CODIFICATION:

- Based on recommendation of County Administrator, sent an e-mail to General Code for codifying our Local Laws. They are going to follow up with a phone call for more information and will give a quote on the cost. Codifying Local Laws is now mandated by the State.

POLICY GROUP INFORMATION ADDITIONAL:

- Co-Chairing policy work with Lloyd Hoskins at the request of County Administrator. Policy group will meet Thursday, March 1. We will look at the travel policy first. A plan will be developed and brought to committee for approval. We will work as a group to decide which ones are a priority and will work from there.

FLEET MANAGEMENT:

- A list of all county vehicles has been forwarded to Enterprise Fleet Management. They will get back to us with a plan and we will look to move this forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There were 49 Resolutions on the agenda, 3 were tabled at the meeting, and all others were approved.
- There were 54 appointments on the February agenda, all were approved. Appointment letters will go out Thursday, March 1.
- Continue working to update and integrate committee agendas with new report.

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Information Technology

Stephen D. Tobin

Chief Information Officer

The Information Technology team works diligently to provide a wide variety of support to departments county-wide and offers the following department updates:

- Attended the USDA Rural Prosperity listening Tour on the evening of February 8th held at SUNY Finger Lakes Community College. I attended as Rural Broadband was on the Agenda, which is critical to Cayuga County businesses and residents that do not yet have broadband access. While the agenda included several valuable rural programs and was very interesting and informative, Rural Broadband was not a topic of significance. During the audience feedback portion at the end of the presentation inquiries were made about any available broadband updates and nothing of substance was forthcoming from the USDA representative. The third round of the Broadband Program was announced by Governor Cuomo in January and there was discussion regarding that as well as some other good discussion among interested participants, but nothing of substance to report.
- Published the February Cyber Newsletter for employees on the county's intranet portal.
- Distributed MS-ISAC alerts to IT staff and the user community.
- Upgraded our data backup software to the latest version.
- Deployed our mobile device content delivery system to Legislators.
- Upgraded our file analysis system software to the latest version.
- Upgraded our Cyber Exposure reporting system for servers and workstations to the latest version.
- Completed upgrade of our Mobile Device Management system to the latest version.
- Continued to work with our CAD vendor in support of their efforts to correct a few on-going post deployment issues and remaining deployment related projects.

- ***Closed 277 Support Tickets for February 1-27.***

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Board of Elections

Cherl A. Heary (R)

Katie Lacey (D)

- Completed the Directory of Officials. Printed version will be delivered to offices on March 5. Online version will be available on our website and updated throughout the year.
- Updated and expanded Election Inspector Manual. Printing will take place in-house.
- Evaluated impact of proposed early voting on county costs.
- Continued to work with State Board and State CBI to identify potential cyber security issues.
- Processed 783 name/address changes and absentee ballot request (126 new registrations).
- Katie participated in the One Amendment One Vote Program at the National Women's Hall of Fame.

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Veteran's Service Agency

Larry Wilt

Director

- In the month of February our office will continue to prepare, present and appeal claims for federal benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Specifically Vietnam veterans dealing with Agent Orange related diseases.
- The office is increasing service connected claims through the Veterans Administration (VA) by compensating veterans that were stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina from Aug. 1st, 1953 to Dec. 31st, 1987 due to the water contamination during that time. The VA will compensate for the following conditions if he/she is diagnosed with Adult Leukemia, Aplastic Anemia, Bladder, Kidney, & Liver Cancer, Multiple Myeloma, Non – Hodgkin's lymphoma and Parkinson's disease.
- Larry Wilt attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) scheduled meeting to find ways of keeping members and how to create revenue to keep the club open.
- The Veterans Service Office (V.S.O.) will continue to conduct meetings with veterans and/or their dependents and handle all operations of the Veteran's Office.
- The agency continues to look for new benefits that may come available to our disabled and wartime vets.
- Larry and Chris went to Swietoniowski-Kopeczek Post #1324 to discuss upcoming membership drive for the club in March.

PUBLIC WORKS

Buildings & Grounds

Parks & Recreation

Gary Duckett, *Buildings & Grounds Supervisor*

Doug Dello Stritto, *Parks Maintenance Supervisor*

Buildings and Grounds and Parks have been busy with various projects. Highlights are listed below:

- Boat Launch Update: We are working with the vendor to make some repairs and improvements to the boat launch including repositioning the concrete block walls and installing boat bumpers.
- C&S Engineers has installed the 4 ceiling fans in the peak of the ballroom. They will be insulating the peak in March.
- 2018 season parking passes for Emerson Park are now available in the park office Monday – Thursday 7:00am till noon.
- The hours for Emerson Park have been Dawn to Dusk for many years. The Park Commission considered a request from a patron to allow the park to be open later in the evening but the Commission decided not to change the hours.
- The Ward W. O’Hara Agricultural Museum and the Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr. Educational Center winter hours are Sun 11-4, Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat 10-4. The staff have been busy updating and enhancing the exhibits.
- The City and County have been working to finalize the plan to improve the drainage behind the County Office Building. During construction county employees will be allowed to park in the City parking garage with a county parking pass.

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County Highway Department

Bill Dashnaw

Special Assistant to County Administrator

Dan Bowen

Acting County Highway Superintendent

- North Division Street Bridge reopened Feb. 16th. All the work is done except for the final black top that will be installed when the black top plants reopen in the spring.
- We have been out “rating” the condition of our roads so we can determine a road paving plan for construction season. The road plan will be submitted to the Legislature for approval in March.
- Two vacant positions that were authorized to fill have been filled. The start date for these employees is March 12th.
- Advocacy day in Albany is March 6th and 7th. There is a bus leaving Auburn with some town highway superintendents. Advocacy Day is an opportunity for approximately 600 Town and County Superintendents to meet with our Senate and Assembly representatives to talk about the need for more State funds dedicated to CHIPS, Pave NY, Extreme Winter and Bridge NY funds. We are also joined by our associate members (vendors, consultants and others) in these efforts.
- Mother Nature has been nice to us for the end of February, so the snow and ice control has been minimal allowing us to do other maintenance activities.
- Feb.22nd Bill, Rich, and I went to a Bridge NY seminar in Syracuse to get information on bridge and culvert funding applications for 2018. We will be submitting 4 bridge and 4 culvert applications. This program is very competitive.
- We have a concrete box structure on Parcell road with a deck failure causing a lane closure. We will be ordering a new box culvert and will install it as soon as it is available.

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Water & Sewer Authority

Jeanine Wilson

Director of Operations

WATER

- No report received.

SEWER

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MASTER REGIONAL PLAN AND REPORT

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Weights & Measures

Larry G. Roser

Director

- This month I purchased 12 gas samples at 5 different gas stations: Speedway on North Street, Kwik Fill on Grant, D&L Truck Stop, Kwik Fill on West Genesee, and Express Mart on State Street. All 12 samples passed. We test for octane, cetane, sulfur, ethanol and flash point, along with other elements.
- This month I tested a new scale at the County Health department. It failed and they will be sending it back for repair or replacement. There were also 2 older ones that were off and may be replaced. These are non-commercial scales.
- New Hope Mills had 1 scale out back that was off against the customer. It has been ordered Stop-Use for sale over. They also need to replace their UPS scale with a more appropriate scale.
- Byrne Dairy had 3 of their pump chambers replaced. They have been tested and passed. Speedway on North Street had 1 of its pump chambers replaced. It was tested and failed against the customer 2.6 cents per gallon. It was ordered Stop-Use. It has been repaired and now passes.
- While at both stations I checked the 5 credit card readers associated with these pumps and found no skimming devices, (used to steal your identity).
- There is a new manufacturer in the area, Nutripharms on North Division Street. They produce mixes for use by pharmaceutical companies. Their scale has been tested and passed.
- Auburn Antique CO-OP on McMaster Street has moved to be Auburn Trading Post on Crane Brook Drive. They purchase gold. The scale is the same scale they have had and still passes.
- Eldred Hay Grain & Seed LLC has a large 5,000 lb. scale that failed =3 lbs. at 400 lbs. We recalibrated it and it now passes +1 lb. at 3,078 lbs.
- The Brikett Mills in King Ferry has a 2,000 lb. capacity scale that failed +29 lbs. at 1,000 lbs. It was ordered Stop-Use. It has been recalibrated and is scheduled to be retested March 1.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Department of Planning & Economic Development

Stephen F. Lynch, AICP

Director

- OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED RULES & REGULATIONS UPDATE. The Planning Department, along with the County Health Department, is co-leading the effort to revise and update the 1984 Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations (“OLWRR”). This project represents a significant time and energy commitment from the Planning Director and a majority of the senior staff. Internally, the department has facilitated a series of extended staff work sessions, bringing together the Health Department, SWCD, CCE, the City of Auburn and the NYS DEC Finger Lakes Hub. The next project milestone is creation of a narrative draft outlining proposed revisions/additions to the OLWRR and rolling them out sequentially to the project Steering Group, Stakeholders, Municipal Partners and the Public.
- OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED INSPECTION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSITION. The Planning Department and Health Department are working together with the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council (“OLWMC”), the SWCD, the Town of Owasco and the City of Auburn to transition the full administrative/employment responsibilities for the Owasco Lake Watershed Inspection Program (“WIP”) from the County Soil & Water Conservation District to the OLWMC, which is a 501C3 Local Development Corporation. To date, all of the parties to the transition have approved municipal or board resolutions supporting the change. The work ahead involves finalizing the proposed administrative details and setting a date for the actual shift, which will likely be toward the end of summer.
- OWASCO LAKE NINE-ELEMENTS (9-E) PLAN. The Planning Department is continuing the development of the 9-E Plan for Owasco Lake and its watershed, which will augment and inform the adopted Owasco Lake Watershed Management Plan and point to specific mitigation measures to reduce the level of pollutants reaching Owasco Lake. The work is funded by a \$35K NYSDOS grant and requires a significant time commitment from Associate Planner Michele Wunderlich, the project lead.

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- OWASCO FLATS WETLAND CREATION PROJECT. This water quality improvement project is receiving funding from two (2) NYS Environmental Facility Corporation “Green Infrastructure Grants Program” grants - \$715K Grant from 2011 and \$600K Grant from 2017. Phase I of the wetland construction has been permitted and authorized and will be started shortly. We are moving forward with grant administration and project set-up for the second round of grant funding and looking to continue the project without any breaks. County Environmental Engineer Bruce Natale is the project lead, assisted by a number of departmental staff. We may be working with the Administrator and the Legislature to secure a graduate student intern for the summer to help with this and related water quality projects.
- EMERSON PARK \$482K CFA GRANT –DEAUVILLE ISLAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. The Department has received the notice of award for the 2017 CFA Grant for Emerson Park Improvements. We will be meeting with the NYS Office of Parks & Historic Preservation Grants Manager to kick off the project. Planning will administer the capital improvements grant working closely with Doug Dello Stritto from the Parks & Trails division. We anticipate that planning and construction will span the 2018 and 2019 construction seasons. Staff Planner David Nelson, AICP, will be leading the project for the department.
- MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANNING UNDERWAY AND PENDING. Over the past two years, the department has been actively working with Towns and Villages to development land use and municipal planning projects to benefit our communities. In many cases, the department has secured state funding to offset the costs to our municipal partners. The following projects are underway or pending:
 - Town of Moravia Comprehensive Plan -2017 CFA Grant Award
 - Town of Mentz Zoning Ordinance Update
 - Town of Moravia Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance Update
 - Village of Union Springs / Town of Springport LWRP
 - Town of Victory Agriculture and Farmland Protection Planning Grant Application
 - Village of Cayuga Mansfield Block Redevelopment - Technical Assistance Grant Application
- \$250K CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY NYSERDA GRANT. The Planning Department has received notice of award for this NYSERDA grant which will allow the County to: (1) Upgrade Interior Lighting at the County Jail; (2) Purchase two Electric Hybrid Vehicles; (3) Install up to two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; and (4) Work with technical consultants on strategic and operational plans for the County Power Agency (“CCPUSA”).

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Employment & Training Cayuga Works Career Center

Ann Kubarek

Director

- In February, 2018 over 750 people used the services of the Cayuga Works Career Center.
- In February, 2018, 126 individuals participated in the various employment and job readiness workshops that are offered at the Career Center.
- Currently, there are 302 jobs posting for Cayuga County listed in the New York State Job Bank, <https://newyork.us.jobs/index.asp> which is the database the New York State Workforce Development system uses to centralize job postings for area employers. This platform is available to employers at no cost to post there job openings and to interface with available workers.
- On February 1, 2018 a mini-job fair was held in Spartan Hall on the Cayuga Community College Campus. Fourteen employers participated and 90 job seekers attended.
- Cayuga Center issued a WARN on February 22, 2018 related to the closure of their residential programs, affecting 119 workers. Staff is working with the Human Resources department at Cayuga Centers to help plan services for individuals that will be losing their employment. On February 27, 2018, staff attended a job/service provider fair at Cayuga Centers to explain services available to affected workers. This will be an on-going process through May, 2018.
- Career Center partner agencies are working to complete the Infrastructure Cost Sharing agreement by the end of March, 2018.
- Staff will be attending New York Association of Training & Employment Professional Youth conference to learn and participate in programming directed at enhancing the services we provide to youth.

Cayuga Economic Development Agency

Tracy Verrier

Executive Director

- **Bylaw Amendment:** The CEDA board approved a change to the CEDA bylaws that allows the Chair of the Legislature to designate the County Administrator to serve in the Chair ex officio seat on the board. The amendment reads: “By action of the Board on March 1, 2018, the Chair of the Legislature may either serve on the Board or the Chair may designate the County Administrator to serve for the duration of the Chair’s term of office, or until a successive Chair elects to serve on the board.”
- **IDA Activity:** The Inns of Aurora submitted an application for the renovation of the Shakelton property into a 12 room inn. The Initial Project Resolution was approved by CCIDA in February. A public hearing will be scheduled and the Authorizing Project Resolution will likely be on the agenda for the March meeting.
- **Grant Activity:** Currently 9 projects are considering state funding through the Consolidated Funding Application process
- **Business Visitations/Meetings:** This year, CEDA staff has met with 14 existing businesses and 15 entrepreneurs, as well as responded to 5 attraction leads. *As of 2/22/2018
- **Marketing:** CEDA has started an ad campaign on Google that is yielding positive results in terms of referrals to our website. Level of success in generating inquiries and leads is still to be determined as the campaign is new. We will be doing some testing in terms of content in the coming months to see what yields the best results.
- **Small business marketing event:** Maureen planned and hosted a small business marketing workshop called “Open for Business Online”. This was a live video presentation with industry experts from Google, Facebook, Constant Contact, and Square.
- **Economic Forecast Luncheon:** Over 110 people attended the luncheon to hear a presentation about workforce development trends and strategies.
- **Personnel- Technical Specialist:** The new Economic Development Technical Specialist, Samantha Fruge, will start March 1. This position is responsible for staffing contracted entities (CCIDA, AIDA, ALDC, and loan programs), assisting applicants for loans and incentives, doing underwriting and cost benefit analysis for loan and incentive applications, compiling and updating demographic and economic data needed, and other research and program related activities that arise.

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- Personnel- Economic Development Specialist: Bruce Sherman's last day was February 22, 2018. The job descriptions for this position and the Business Development Specialist position (currently Maureen Riester) have been rewritten to better align the skill sets needed for different types of clients. One of these positions is posted, but there is still room for adjustment based on the right candidate.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County Douglas Ververs *Executive Director*

- CCE will be represented at the two day HAB Summit at SUNY-ESF on March 5-6 by Judy Wright, Sr. Resource Educator.
- A Community Seminar is being jointly planned with the Planning Department on March 19th in Moravia on Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Presenters will be from the NYS Hemlock Initiative Research Institute at Cornell. Location is at the Moravia Masonic Hall.
 - <https://blogs.cornell.edu/nyshemlockinitiative>
- CCE Cayuga is investigating becoming a member of the iMap Invasives Certified Trainers Network coordinated at SUNY-ESF.
- Our 2018 4H Youth Tractor Safety Program will be conducted throughout the Month of March and early April. CCE, BOCES, Volunteer Fire Department personnel and agri-equipment retailers are all partnering in these efforts. Registration includes a National Training Manual for each youth as well as a concluding driving event for all participants.
 - [Blogs.cornell.edu/cceecayuga](https://blogs.cornell.edu/cceecayuga)
 - Email: cayuga@cornell.edu

Soil & Water Conservation District

Doug Kierst

Executive Director

- Conducted construction site inspections on two (2) SPDES permitted sites. One is an agricultural operation, the other is a municipal site.
- Taught NYS DEC endorsed 4 hour training for contractors, municipal officials, engineers and other groups that may be interested in learning about erosion and sediment control methods. The next workshop is scheduled for March 21, 2018.
- Participated on a committee with Cayuga County Planning Department, Cayuga County Health Department, NYS DEC and Cornell Cooperative Extension to review the agricultural based components of the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulations.
- Participated in on-going discussions with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, County SWCDs and NYS DEC Staffs pertaining to the Harmful Algal Bloom initiative announce by Governor Cuomo. The SWCD was asked to participate in informational sessions and to serve on a moderated panel discussion at the HAB Summit that will be held on March 5 & 6 at SUNY-ESF, in addition to offering suggestions on potential projects and anticipated workload to implement non-point source remediation projects.
- Processed Soil Group Worksheets for Agricultural Assessments, in preparation for the Town Assessors March 1, 2018 deadline. Agricultural properties in all the towns, and even the City of Auburn, are required to have a current soil group worksheet in order to qualify for an agricultural exemption.
- Continue working with recent grant awards from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the NYS DEC.
- Submitted three (3) grant applications to the Climate Resilient Farm Program administered through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- Closed out four (4) grant projects that were implemented and certified completed through the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Projects that were completed included Silage Leachate Collection Systems, Water and Sediment Control Basins (WASCoBs), Animal Mortality Composting Pad and Barnyard Management System.
- Met with landowners and go through the multi-tiered evaluation and planning process through the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Program.

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- Participated in an Agency Awareness Day at The Natural Resources Center to inform County residents about the local agencies available for assistance with agricultural related concerns.
- Assisted several residents with drainage and erosion concerns that occurred as a result of the recent snowmelt and rainfall events.

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Convention & Visitor's Bureau (Tourism Office)

Meg Vanek

Executive Director

Public Relations

- Press Tours
 - 2/15 & 2/16, Renee Gordon, Philadelphia Sun, African American & Women's Rights History interests -Seward House, Tubman Home, Willard Chapel, Fort Hill Cemetery & Springside Inn tours.

Editorial Placements

- 1/19/18, The 50 Best Places to Visit in the USA, Best Products, 647K unique monthly visits, Long Point Winery, Village of Aurora, Aurora Inn highlights – direct result of press tour.
- February 2018, A Sommelier's Guide to the Best Wine Region You've Never Heard of, Fathom, 617k unique monthly visits, Inns of Aurora, Heart & Hands highlights
- 2/12/18, A new Generation of Winemakers is taking Finger Lakes Wines Beyond Riesling, Plate, 12,119 unique monthly visitors, Heart & Hands feature
- 2/13/18, Spring Break Road Trips Your Crew Will Love, New Jersey Family, 94.5 unique monthly visitors, Tubman Home highlight
- Spring 2018, Luxury Included: Our Four Diamond Tour, Member Connection, 875,000+ readers, Inns of Aurora

Occupancy/RevPar/ADR

- Occupancy for January 2018 was 31.5%
- ADR for January was \$87.95
- RevPar for January was \$27.67

Audit

- Cuddy & Ward has completed our 2017 Audit and have provided draft financial statements to me to review.
- The 2017 Audit will be presented to the CCCVB Audit & Finance Committee on March 27.
- The 2017 Audit will be presented to the full board for approval at the April 3 board meeting.
- The 2017 Audit will be presented to the County Planning Committee on April 10.

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY

Assigned Counsel | Stop DWI Youth Bureau

Lloyd E. Hoskins, *Director*

ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM:

Article 18-B of the County Law requires Cayuga County to administer an Assigned Counsel Program that provides for the assignment and funding of participating panel attorneys to persons accused of a crime who are financially unable to obtain counsel.

In addition to providing legal counsel to indigent persons charged with a crime, assigned counsel is also provided for Family Court matters (support, neglect, and visitation), parole appeal and revocation hearings, SORA level determinations, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court, Behavioral Health Court, Counsel at First Appearance and appeals made to the Appellate Court.

COUNSEL ASSIGNMENTS FOR [JANUARY] PROVIDED BELOW:

- Family Court: 63, Year To Date 63
- County Court: 3, Year To Date 3
- Auburn City Court: 49, Year To Date 49
- Justice Court: 28, Year To Date 28
- Parole Appeal: 10, Year To Date 10
- Appellate Court: 0, Year To Date 0
- TOTAL ASSIGNMENTS JANUARY: 153; YEAR TO DATE: 153

COUNSEL AT FIRST APPEARANCES- [JANUARY]:

- Auburn City Court: 97; Year To Date: 97

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STOP DWI PROGRAM

The goal of the Cayuga County STOP-DWI program is to reduce the rate of alcohol and other drug-related injuries and fatalities through the creation and funding of programs relating to enforcement, prosecution, rehabilitation, public information and education.

DWI ARRESTS: [JANUARY]

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: 0, Year To Date 0
- Auburn Police Department: 5, Year To Date 5
- New York State Police: 5, Year To Date 5

TOTAL DWI ARRESTS [JANUARY]: 10; YEAR TO DATE: 10

BAC (Blood/Alcohol Content): [JANUARY]

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: n/a, Average BAC To Date n/a
- Auburn Police Department: .14, Average BAC To Date .14
- New York State Police: .11, Average BAC To Date .11

AVERAGE AGE DATA: [JANUARY]

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: n/a, Average Age To Date n/a
- Auburn Police Department: 29, Average Age To Date 29
- New York State Police: 45, Average Age To Date 45

GENDER DATA: [JANUARY]

- Cayuga County Sheriff's Office: Male 0, Female 0, Year To Date, Male 0, Female 0
- Auburn Police Department: Male 4, Female 1, Year To Date, Male 4, Female 1
- New York State Police: Male 3, Female 2, Year To Date, Male 3, Female 2

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E-911 Center

Denise Spingler

911 Administrator

Center Updates:

- Resolution to fill two vacancies
- UPS in the backup center is being replaced Monday 3/5/18
- Working on 2018 PSAP and SIEC Grant funding /allocations
- Continuing to work on concerns raised by Cayuga County Fire Chiefs

11,716 Calls for Service 1/1/18 – 2/28/18

Emergency Communications System Updates

- April meeting with Motorola to discuss maintenance agreement for 2019+
- Master Site maintenance decreased 15k from last year

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Sheriff's Department

David S. Gould

Sheriff

- Investigations have been initiated, in conjunction with an awarded Domestic Violence Grant.
- Provided assistance to the Auburn Police Department with a barricaded subject dealing with mental health issues. The matter was resolved with no incident.
- Provided SWAT Team assistance to the Auburn Police Department with a suicidal subject.
- Provided an Evidence Technician to assist the Auburn Police Department to process a crime scene.
- The SWAT Team partnered with the NYS Environmental Conservation Police Special Operations Group for training.
- The Criminal Investigation Division provided instruction to the BOCES Criminal Justice class.
- Members of the Criminal Investigation Division partnered with the Drug Free Coalition to record radio ads (WAUB) and videos featured on Facebook to promote the disposal of unwanted medications/drugs in designated drop boxes throughout the county.
- Court and County Office Building security personnel was trained to administer Narcon if necessary.
- Added a third Security Officer for assignment at the County Office Building.
- Investigated an unattended infant death; no crime determined.

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Emergency Management Office

Niel Rivenburgh

Acting Director, Cayuga County EMO

- On February 2, 2018, at 6:00 pm, the City of Auburn Fire Department notified County Emergency Services of an electric infrastructure failure at the Northbrook Heights Assisted Living Facility in Auburn. Power went down to the facility, including the heating systems. 104 residents and staff were affected. The facility initiated their plans to relocate residents to family, reducing the onsite number of residents to 63. Emergency Services and Auburn Fire Department mitigated issues as they arose. A generator was brought in by the facility, restoring temporary power to the facility at 2:00 am. Temporary heating was supplied by Cayuga and Cortland County Hazardous Materials response resources to keep the residents on site and out of a shelter. Residents were sheltered in place, in heated common areas through the overnight and until the facility could be rewarmed. The Red Cross supported with cots and County Highway Department supported with emergency fuel for the generator until a contractor could be put in place by the facility. The incident was reported up the County Administrator and to NY State OEM regional staff by County OES, and to the NY State Department of Health (mandated reporting) by the Northbrook Administrator. Permanent power was restored to the facility on February 6, 2018.
- County OES and others (Administration, Planning, Highway, Parks, and the Budget Officer) participated in the initial FEMA Applicants Briefing and a FEMA Public Assistance Scoping meeting relative to 2017 Lake Ontario flooding for Cayuga County. OES staff attended the Fair Haven Scoping meeting that followed. Projects and potential claims continue to be developed.
- County OES, Sheriff's Office, 911, and IT met with representatives from FirstNet and AT&T to gather information about the National FirstNet initiative and its value / efficacy for Cayuga County. FirstNet is a Federal initiative, endorsed and supported by Governor Cuomo. AT&T is the service provider who won the NY State RFP for supporting the FirstNet initiative in New York.
- County OES has had initial training on a new mass notification system provided by New York State for local use. In the past, the platform was known as NY-Alert. This new capability will be a re-boot of NY-Alert, and has been given to the County for both internal and external use. The NY State launch of the program is scheduled for some time in May 2018.

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- County OES has been working with FEMA and State OEM to become eligible to use the Federal mass notification system, known as IPAWS. This is a slow process, which starts with internal training / certification, is followed by approval from NY State and FEMA, and culminates with a Legislative agreement to terms of use. It will take several months to get through.
- County OES continues to monitor Lake, River, tributary levels with the inconsistent weather patterns that are all over the map. Seneca River is high, not more than normal for most February's. Planning with Fair Haven has started relative to potentially high Lake Ontario levels for this spring. There is a meeting scheduled with Cayuga, Wayne, and Oswego Counties, local government partners, and first responders, to hear from the National Weather Service about Lake forecasts, projections, and expectations. That meeting is scheduled March 6th, at the Oswego Town Volunteer Fire Department. Additional local planning will commence from there.
- County OES attended the NY State Emergency Managers Association conference in February. Great opportunity to network with our peers from across the State and with our State partners.

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Coroner's Office

Dr. Adam Duckett, MD

County Coroner

Coroner's Office provides the following Case/Call Summary:

Age @ Time of Death:	
00-10	
11-20	
21-30	2
31-40	
41-50	1
51-60	2
61-70	1
71-80	2
81-90	
91-100	

- Unidentified bones (
- Total Calls through [MONTH] 2018 = 5
 - Sent to OCME: 5
 - Signed by PCP: 4
 - Signed by Dr. Duckett:
 - TOTAL = 9

Number of Calls Received, by Month:	
January 2018	4
February 2018	5
March 2018	
April 2018	
May 2018	
June 2018	
July 2018	
August 2018	
September 2018	
October 2018	
November 2018	
December 2018	

- Total Calls/Cases responded to as of [February], 2018 = 9

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Probation Department

Jay DeWispelaere

Director

- New Probation Officer position: Congratulations and welcome to Probation Officer Nicholas Flanigan. Nick joined the department as a lateral transfer from Tompkins County Probation. Originally from Union Springs, Nick now resides in the City of Auburn. An officer with three years' experience, Nick will handle cases in the southern part of the county.
- Department restructuring; a new department hierarchy for the department was introduced at the March 2nd staff meeting; see attached chart. This represents a significant change in the department's day to day operations.
- Raise the Age; guidelines for implementing Raise the Age have been received from several state agencies, including Office of Court Administration and the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives. Planning groups made up of involved departments within the county (District Attorney, Courts, Sheriff, County Attorney, County Administrator, Assigned Counsel, and Social Services) are now engaged in reviewing these recommendations with the goal of formulating a county plan. The date for implementation of the first phase of Raise the Age is October 1, 2018. County Administrator has assigned Probation to take the lead on Cayuga County's Plan.
- Probation Department staff would like to recognize Sr. Probation Officer Joanna LoBisco. On January 29, 2018 Officer LoBisco was sworn in as a member of the New York State Probation Officer's Association Executive Board. NYSPOA is the professional organization for Probation Officer's in the State of New York and is a resource for training and information for probation staff. Congratulations Joanna.

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CAYUGA COUNTY PROBATION MONTHLY STATS FOR FEBRUARY

PROBATION DEPARTMENT METRIC	2017	2018
Total Number of Probation Supervision Cases	862	818
New Probation Supervision Cases	22	17
Court Ordered Presentence Investigation Requests	28	39
Court Ordered Presentence Investigations Completed	44	21
Number of Violations of Probation Filed	10	8
Number of Predispositional Investigation Ordered	1	1
Number of Predispositional Investigation Completed	3	0
Number of Alco-Sensor Intoximeter Tests Given	249	268
Restitution Collected	\$17,501.20	\$15,866.69
Surcharge Collected	\$950.97	\$799.37

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Mental Health | Dept. Social Services

Raymond Bizzari

Director of Community Services

MENTAL HEALTH

- Cayuga County has worked to develop a multi-discipline, multi-organizational response to addiction in our community. Cayuga County Departments, agencies and stakeholders were aggressive in supporting existing efforts while working to expand services without unnecessary duplication.

Prevention, Outreach and Education:

- An effective Drug Free Coalition with membership across all sectors: business, clergy, law enforcement, providers, parents, youth, schools, health department, media, etc. developed several on-going strategies that target, youth, schools, businesses and the community. Prescription drop-off, prescriber education and outreach, social norming, community events, local laws on synthetics, pharmacy outreach, public forums and media coverage are ongoing activities. These efforts are now funded by a 5 year \$500,000 SAMHSA DFA Grant.

Enhancing and increasing treatment opportunities/alternate pathways into treatment:

- Expanded access to OASAS outpatient clinics. Added a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner to the largest provider to manage and coordinate psych medications prescribed for individuals in recovery to avoid unintended addictions by substituting one for the other.
- A Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner trained in yoga that is effective in treating trauma and addictions. This yoga is performed in chairs and we plan to train all therapists, school staff and prescribers county wide in this practice. This yoga has shown efficacy in both processing trauma and managing recovery by coupling the yoga with titrating medications to get people off meds.
- Changed staffing pattern in the County Clinic to have social worker/CASACs provide cognitive behavioral therapy in conjunction with Vivitrol treatment as an alternative treatment pathway.
- Added additional suboxone providers in the community. 2 county MH prescribers are certified suboxone providers as well.
- A successful Vivitrol program in the jail with a dual track discharge for primary MH diagnoses and primary substance use diagnoses. \$30,000 OASAS grant supplements this work.

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- Integration of primary care/substance abuse services at East Hill.
- Using OASAS Part 820 regulations to redesign residential services to better serve folks in early stages of recovery with stabilization services.
- Hospital planning a 10 bed in-patient program.
- Regional Crisis Center opened in 2017 and goes 24/7 in April 2018.
- OASAS Targeted Response (STR) Grant that created a Center of Treatment Innovation which deploys 3 peer support positions, creates a mobile evaluation/treatment/medication management opportunity for the community.
- Regional assets in the form of 2 family navigators and 1 peer navigator deployed and integrated.
- STR and regional assets co-located at 12 South which operates as a volunteer run Recovery Center. Moving MH State Aid programming in to help with staffing and coverage. A private/public/foundation funded strategy to purchase a property and move all those services to create a peer run Recovery Center with all assets co-located is planned for 2018.
- Increasing integration of cross-system services so as not to lose individuals served by multiple agencies.
- Increased NARCAN training opportunities and grant funds to purchase kits.
- Increase in the number of support groups offered for individuals in recovery and their families.

Increasing the community's capacity to respond:

- Embedding a behavioral health specialist in Child Protective Services to assist with the increase in, and better serve, families where parents experiencing substance abuse issues that affect their ability keep their kids safe.
- Continual recruitment of partners to increase our capacity to mobilize and reach underrepresented members of our community.
- Identifying, and bringing resources to coordinated and integrating strategies, reducing duplication and sending coherent messages.
- County joining opiate lawsuit may bring additional resources and some measure of justice.
- More county residents are in treatment now than in 2016. Crisis stabilization beds and medication assisted treatment (MAT) account for the largest percentage of this increase and this tells us that some individuals are not comfortable with the traditional inpatient/outpatient recovery paths. The positive impact of integrating peers into the treatment system cannot be overstated and is a contributing factor in more people accessing treatment.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Highlights for DSS:

- The 2nd and 3rd floor move was completed the weekend of 2/17. Medicaid is now located on the 2nd floor and all Temporary Assistance/Employment services are on 3. We will be able to streamline the workflow, reduce the number of interviews (reducing traffic in the bldg.), reduce redundancy and unnecessary copying and be better able to adapt to the constant regulatory changes affecting these programs.
- The Department has 61 kids in foster care down from 90 a few years ago.

Stuff to Pay Attention to:

- County has to submit a Raise the Age Implementation plan to the state that reflects full implementation costs and strategies.
- Cayuga Centers closing and its potential impact on respite availability.

Ongoing/Forthcoming DSS Projects:

- Public Hearing on the DSS Services plan is scheduled 2/28.
- We continue to explore the Northwoods IT solution for child welfare case work, and have briefed the County Administrator on the benefits of such a (??)

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Health Department

Kathleen Cuddy, MPH

Public Health Director

Public Information:

- Kathleen Cuddy was the February 13th speaker from the Health Department for Steve Penstone's morning show on Finger Lakes Radio. We spoke in general about water quality, preparedness, maternal and child health and other programs offered by the department.
- Other methods of public outreach routinely utilized by the Cayuga County Health Department include:
 - Media releases for urgent and time sensitive issues
 - Newspaper articles in The Citizen for scheduled topical information
 - The **Cayuga County Health Department Facebook** site; be sure to “**LIKE**” us for the most current updates
 - Cayuga County Health Department website : www.cayugacounty.us/health
 - Outreach events and special programs; like Cancer screening, Family Fun Day
 - Speaking Engagements; e.g. schools and organizations
Targeted written communications like physician updates, letters with school districts
 - Participation in Coalitions and Community Organizations; e.g. School nurses meetings, Early Childhood Coalition, Nurse Family Partnership Coalition, ABC Cayuga

Flu Season:

- Flu continues to be widespread across the state and in Cayuga County. Flu vaccine is available and still recommended. If you develop flu like symptoms, talk with your health care provider about appropriateness of using anti-viral medication.

Strategic National Stockpile Drill:

- The annual mandated Strategic National Stockpile Drill was performed over a two day period on February 26 and 27, 2018. The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is the nation's largest supply of potentially life-saving pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for use in a public health emergency such as bioterrorism or a pandemic. Day one began with automated voice messaging and email communication to necessary staff along with equipment gathering

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and transportation to the receiving site. Day two involved working with the Girl Scouts to perform the hands on full scale exercise receiving, sorting and packaging assets (girls scout cookies). There were nearly 70 distribution sites requiring hundreds of cases containing thousands of assets sorted, quality checked and distributed. This gave Public Health staff the chance to test emergency plans and training, and at the same time, to give back to our community. Under the management of Janine Clifford, Scott King with support from Michele Wunderlich and numerous dedicated Health Department staff members, the drill was an impressively efficient exercise and tremendous success.

Public Health Preparedness Drill:

- Public Health Preparedness Drill is scheduled for Thursday April 26, 2018 at BOCES. This year's mandated scenario is to screen and vaccinate hundreds of people through a clinic in two hours. Mark your calendars now to participate in this public health exercise to receive your surprise "asset". More detailed information will be forthcoming.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Task Force:

- A presentation was given to the County Legislature on February 27th regarding the work of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Task Force and issues related to lead poisoning in our community. This presentation will also be provided to the Auburn City Council in the coming weeks.

Harmful Algal Bloom Summit:

- The Governor's Initiative of the Harmful Algal Bloom Summit in central New York will be held in Syracuse March 5-6, 2018. Invited participants include Kathleen Cuddy and Eileen O'Connor from the Cayuga County Health Department and Steve Lynch and Michele Wunderlich from the Cayuga County Office of Planning and Economic Development.

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Office for the Aging

Brenda Wiemann

Director

- Through the collaboration of the Elderly and Disabled Task Group of the Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County, a letter to the editor was submitted to the Citizen expressing concern for the shortage of home health aides in Cayuga County.
- Filled the new P/T Aging Services Specialist Volunteer Coordinator position effective 2/26/18 to implement plans to improve and enhance the essential volunteer component of the Home Delivered Meal service.
- Began meetings to plan the 2018 Senior Moments Fair scheduled for September 14th. We have reserved the Finger Lakes Mall and scheduled a spot on the city calendar to hang the banner for 2 weeks prior to the event.

WAYS & MEANS

Treasurer's Office

James H. Orman

Treasurer

- Coordinated with the towns concerning the first payment of county/town tax payments. Melinda Kostreva facilitates this and has developed an excellent relationship with all 23 towns.
- Our department will be analyzing the development of a purchasing card process. Jen Indelicato and I will be evaluating the details of this and how it may interact with our current ACI/Credit Card rebate program. We do not anticipate this being a long process and hope to conclude during March.
- In 2007 the Cayuga County Health Insurance Consortium was an informal group meeting occasionally. It was comprised of current and retired employees from Soil & Water, Cayuga Community College and Cayuga County government. Today it is a formally recognized committee (by the County Legislature). Recently the consortium added employees of the City of Auburn government to bring the number of participants to over 1700. We are currently in conversation with Auburn School District to discuss their joining the consortium. I serve as the Treasurer of the consortium. Pam Landon, Cortney Haberlau and Kristy Capone (of our payroll/health benefits unit) serve as advisors. Terry Debiaw (of our financial unit) serves as an ad hoc member.
- Our sales tax report (attached) indicates that revenue is up 5.21% over last year. That is a good beginning of the year. This revenue is the County's second largest revenue (next to the tax levy).

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Department of Real Property Tax Services

Kelly Anderson, CCD

Director

ASSESSMENT & TAX PREPARATION:

- Tax rolls and bills prepared for Village of Weedsport.
- Processed MOU with NYS for Town of Niles revaluation project.
- Completed state owned land and utility appraisals to NYS for towns assessed by county.
- Assessors for Niles and Moravia held regular office hours.
- Reviewed exemption renewals in advance of taxable status date (3/1).

GIS DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE:

- Health Department septic locator.
- Development of Web App building and tax map online (TMO) application.

CUSTOM PROJECTS & OTHER:

- County: Additional data location points for COB drainage solution.
- Buildings & Grounds: Emerson Park Boat launch construction drawings.
- Health Department: start as built measurements and CAD drawings for basement and mezzanine levels.
- Individual parcel owner research: Holbein, 179.00-1-2 & vicinity; Cobb, 127.00-1-33.1 & vicinity.
- Director facilitated Leadership Cayuga Government session.
- Attended annual Real Property Director's Conference.
- Participated in various Article 7 assessment challenge case discussions.
- Reviewed PACE 2.0 financing proposal.
- Participated in ACES pilot software meeting in Albany.

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Department of Human Resources

Michael T. Russell,

Human Resources Administrator

Report on Year-to-Date Personnel Transactions

County Departments:

- **799** Total Transactions for All County Departments

Schools, Towns, Villages, BOCES & Special Districts:

215	Schools
278	Towns
26	Villages
79	BOCES
0	CCC
24	Seymour Library
16	Soil & Water
0	Water & Sewer
638	Total Transactions

1,437 Combined Total of All Personnel Transactions Year-to-Date.

Specific Personnel Actions Taken (Year-to-Date):

Transaction Type	No.
Permanent Appointments	79
Provisional Appointments	6
Contingent-Permanent Appointments	0
End of Probationary Period	18
Layoffs Due to Abolishment of Positions	0
Layoffs Due to Lack of Funds or Work	0
Promotions	5
Reinstatements	1
Removals	121
Resignations	5
Retirements	6
Seasonal Appointments	6
Temporary Appointments	6

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Cayuga County Human Resources Department, continued

Exams Administered & Application Fees Collected:

Exams Administered		Application Fees Collected:	
[February] Only	0	[February] Only	\$375
Year-to-Date	2	Year-to-Date	\$3,015

Human Resources | Civil Service Monthly Report, Feb. 2018:

- Exams Held: [0]
- Exams Related: [0] Announced
- Other Activities:
 - Completed Annual Report
 - Implemented centralized employee onboarding/orientation program
 - Participation in the Continuation of Operations process
 - 1 jurisdictional education meeting held
 - Dept. Leadership participated Collective Bargaining training (ICMA)
 - Conducted complaint investigation
 - Participated in Labor/Management discussions
 - Initial management team meeting
 - Participated in Deferred Compensation deliberations

OTHER REPORTS

Budget Reports

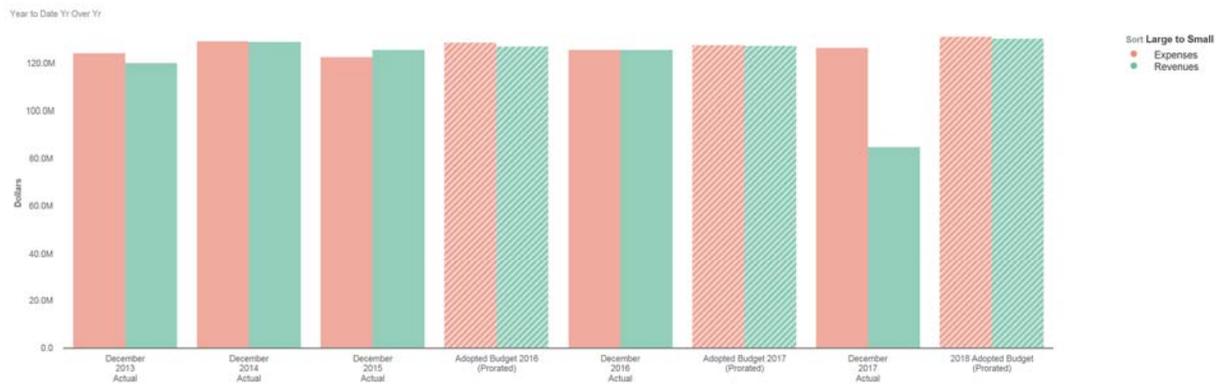
Lynn Marinelli, Budget Director

The following Budget Reports represent three (3) separate funds. Please note that the December 2017 'Actual' budget numbers are not yet final.

Also please note that we are continuing to experiment with ways of reporting budget data based on the available information and with the input of the new Administrator.

General "A-FUND"

Year To Date Yr Over Yr



Fiscal Year Through December (cumulative amounts)

Expand All	December 2013 Actual	December 2014 Actual	December 2015 Actual	Adopted Budget 2016	December 2016 Actual	2016 Variance	2016 Variance	Adopted Budget 2017	December 2017 Actual	2017 Variance	2017 Variance	2018 Adopted Budget
Revenues	\$ 120,609,215	\$ 129,491,371	\$ 126,130,820	\$ 127,421,116	\$ 125,912,291	-1,508,825	-1.18%	\$ 127,559,987	\$ 85,428,088	-42,133,899	-33.03%	\$ 130,709,801
Expenses	124,613,059	129,715,696	123,110,405	129,166,515	126,027,056	-3,139,459	-2.43%	128,040,369	126,939,455	-1,100,914	-0.86%	131,292,393
Revenues Less Expenses	\$ -4,003,844	\$ -224,325	\$ 3,020,416	\$ -1,745,399	\$ -114,765	1,830,634	93.42%	\$ -480,382	\$ -41,513,367	-41,032,985	-8,541.74%	\$ -582,592

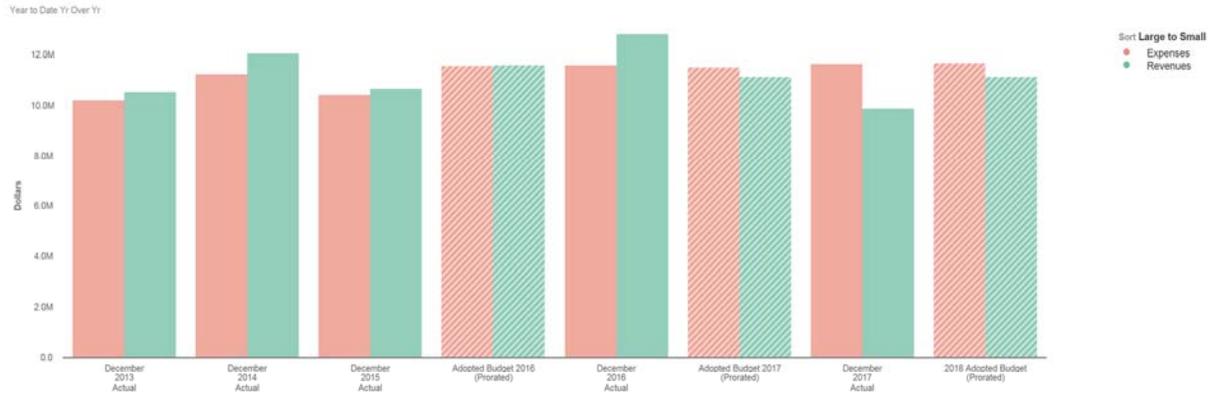
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County Road “D-FUND”

Year To Date Yr Over Yr



Fiscal Year Through December (cumulative amounts)

Expand All	December 2013 Actual	December 2014 Actual	December 2015 Actual	Adopted Budget 2016	December 2016 Actual	2016 Variance	2016 Variance	Adopted Budget 2017	December 2017 Actual	2017 Variance	2017 Variance	2018 Adopted Budget
Revenues	\$ 10,569,218	\$ 12,067,351	\$ 10,698,303	\$ 11,608,251	\$ 12,805,190	1,196,939	10.31%	\$ 11,154,250	\$ 9,924,592	-1,229,658	-11.02%	\$ 11,151,996
Expenses	10,247,132	11,270,764	10,448,378	11,584,899	11,621,450	36,551	0.32%	11,526,563	11,663,578	137,015	1.19%	11,705,357
Revenues Less Expenses	\$ 322,085	\$ 796,588	\$ 249,925	\$ 23,352	\$ 1,183,740	1,160,388	4,969.12%	\$ -372,313	\$ -1,738,986	-1,366,673	-367.08%	\$ -553,361

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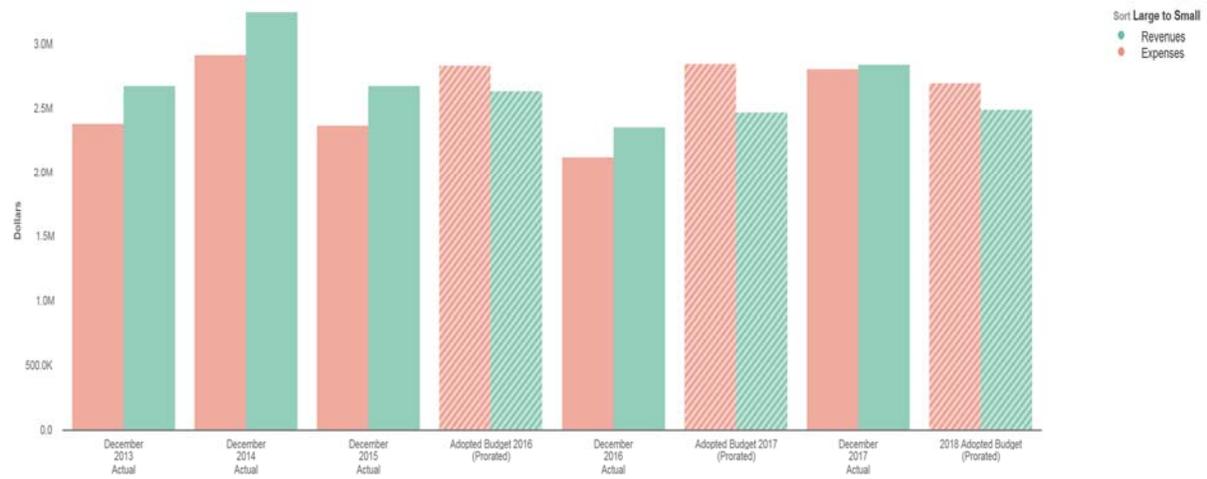
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Road Machinery “DM FUND”

Year To Date Yr Over Yr

Year to Date Yr Over Yr



Fiscal Year Through December (cumulative amounts)

Expand All	December 2013 Actual	December 2014 Actual	December 2015 Actual	Adopted Budget 2016	December 2016 Actual	2016 Variance	2016 Variance	Adopted Budget 2017	December 2017 Actual	2017 Variance	2017 Variance	2018 Adopted Budget
Revenues	\$ 2,682,020	\$ 3,244,028	\$ 2,683,497	\$ 2,645,039	\$ 2,363,371	-281,668	-10.65%	\$ 2,475,600	\$ 2,847,573	371,973	15.03%	\$ 2,496,000
Expenses	2,389,408	2,924,895	2,372,701	2,840,777	2,128,565	-712,212	-25.07%	2,855,480	2,815,213	-40,267	-1.41%	2,704,975
Revenues Less Expenses	\$ 292,612	\$ 319,133	\$ 310,797	\$ -195,738	\$ 234,806	430,544	219.96%	\$ -379,880	\$ 32,360	412,240	108.52%	\$ -208,975

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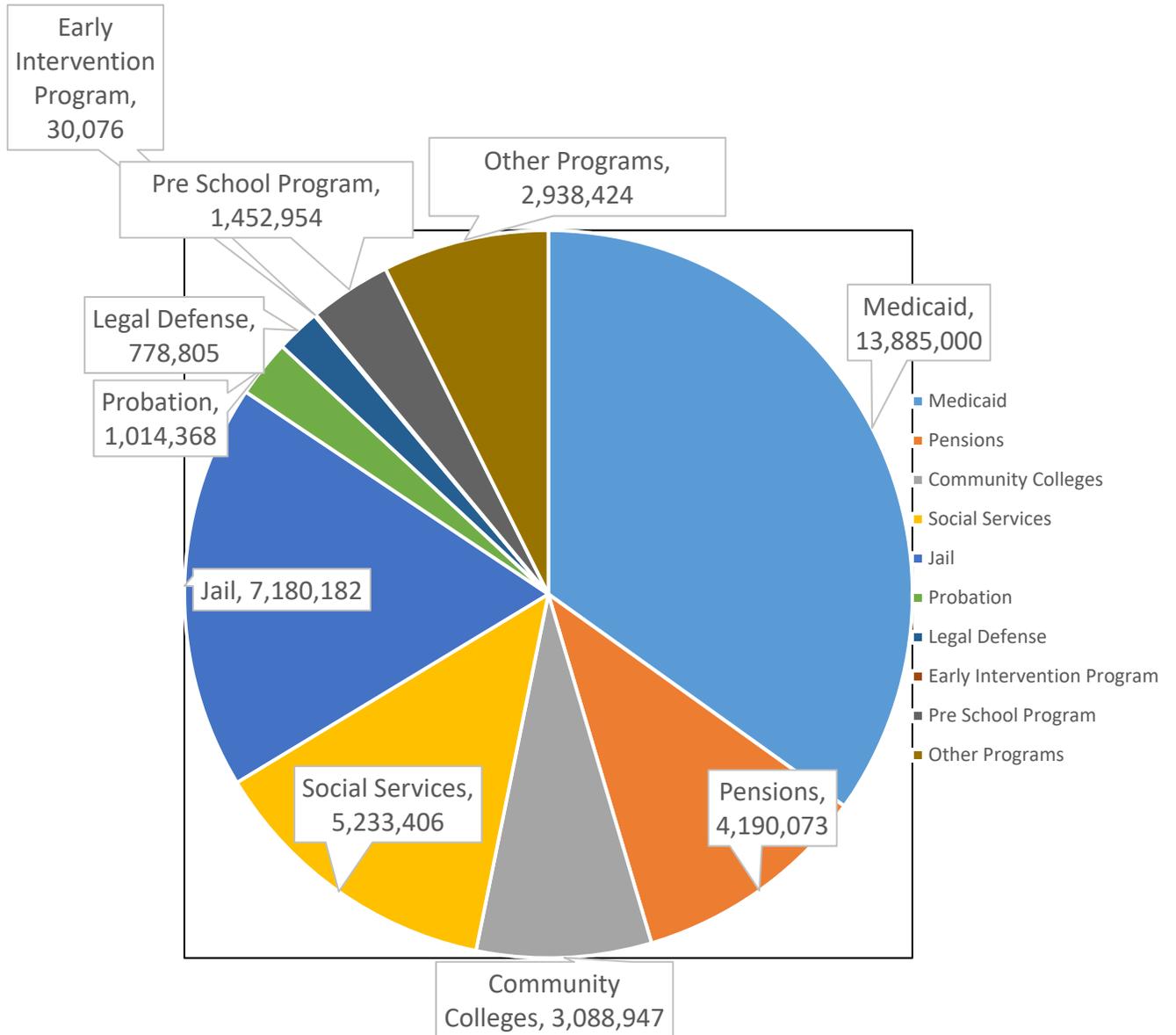
New York State Unfunded Mandates

2018 General Fund Budget	131,292,393
2018 Property Tax Levy	39,792,235
	2018 Unfunded Mandates
Medicaid	13,885,000
Pensions	4,190,073
Community Colleges	3,088,947
Social Services	5,233,406
Jail	7,180,182
Probation	1,014,368
Legal Defense	778,805
Early Intervention Program	30,076
Pre School Program	1,452,954
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Total Mandates	36,853,811
Other Programs	2,938,424
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Total Tax Levy	39,792,235
Mandated as % of Tax Levy	92.62%

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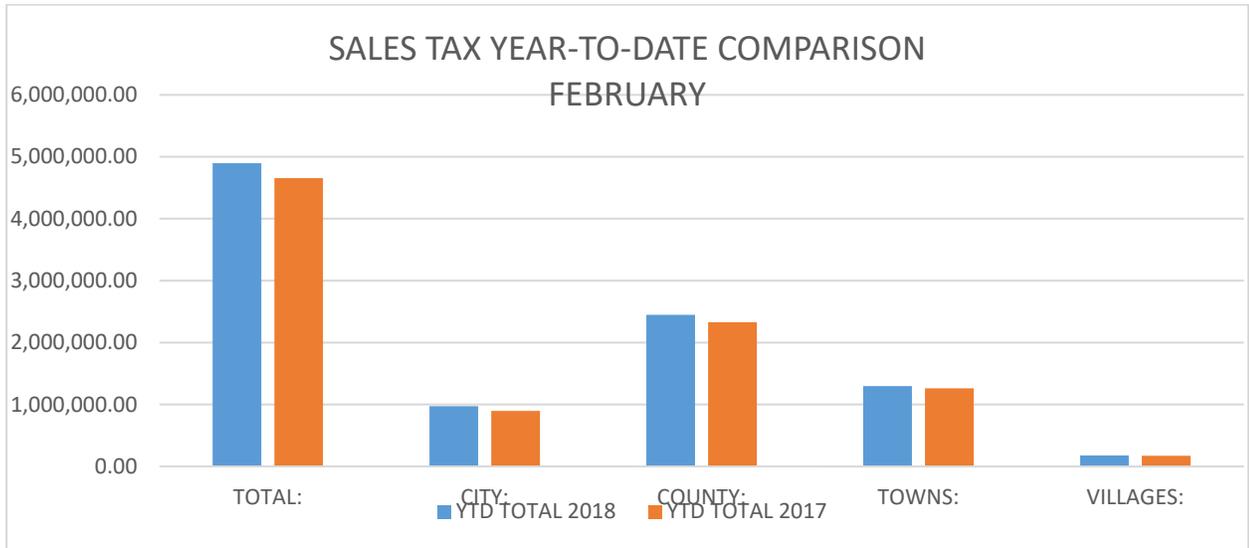
2018 Budgeted Mandates % of Tax Levy



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Sales Tax



Department Updates

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Real Property Tax Services

REPORTS ARE ATTACHED AS SEPARATE DOCUMENTS.

162 real property sales involving 183 parcels processed.

178 tax map changes resulted from filing of new deed descriptions, parcel splits/merges or newly filed survey maps.

11 RPTL Correction of Errors resulting in a \$2,500 or less refund in taxes per taxing jurisdiction per year as follows (statutory requirement to report list to Legislature):

Date	SWIS	Tax Map	Total Credit/Refund		
			County/ Town	School	Village
1/5/2018	53600	231.17-1-37.1	\$ 113.18		
1/5/2018	53600	240.00-1-37.1	\$ (113.18)		
1/10/2018	53000	227.00-1-30	\$ (45.35)	\$ (647.80)	
1/10/2018	53000	237.00-1-34	\$ (50.15)	\$ (716.49)	
1/10/2018	53000	238.00-1-7.4	\$ (17.79)	\$ (254.13)	
1/10/2018	54800	153.02-1-8.-2	\$ (19.51)	\$ (278.74)	
1/16/2018	52800	137.00-1-6.2	\$ (140.38)		
1/16/2018	54600	145.06-1-22	\$ (838.28)		
1/17/2018	53289	27.00-1-37.11		\$ (1,892.24)	
1/19/2018	53000	236.00-1-1.4	\$ (713.01)	\$ (941.57)	
1/19/2018	53000	226.00-1-30.1	\$ (209.04)	\$ (276.04)	

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SOCIAL SERVICES REPORTS

Raymond Bizzari, Director of Community Services

Attached on the following pages, you will find the year 1 evaluation for the SAMHSA System of Care (SOC) grant. SUNY Albany is the contracted evaluator. FAST will end up coordinating the services for the additional individuals needing service due to Raise the Age legislation. This system was built in anticipation of that as NYS changing the age of criminal responsibility was predictable given the signals from the Governor's Office over the last several budget cycles.

The impact of SOC ranges from braided funding streams to maximize services and reduce local share to the identification of services that are most impactful for certain populations which allows us to be more targeted in our responses and achieving measurable outcomes.

Many thanks to staff from MH, DSS, probation, Auburn Schools, BOCES and community providers for their hard work and commitment to what truly is a transformational system and culture change.
– Ray Bizzari

Cayuga County Families Access to Services Team *Year One*



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Project Overview

In October 2016, Cayuga County was awarded a four-year System of Care Expansion grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to enhance their current System of Care (SOC) through an initiative called Families Access to Services Team (FAST). Cayuga County has developed their SOC in two important ways. First, by improving accessibility to services for at-risk children/youth and their families through an expanded multi-systems single point of access process. Second, as displayed in Table 1, by expanding the use of four evidence-based services: SafeCare, Positive Parenting Program (Triple P), Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystem Therapy (MST).

FAST is led by the Cayuga County Community Mental Health Center (CCCMHC) and is comprised of various providers within Cayuga County, including the Auburn School District, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), CCCMHC, Cayuga Counseling, Cayuga Centers, Department of Social Services (DSS), parent partners and Probation.

Table 1. SAMHSA FAST service description and capacity*

FAST Service	Description	Target Age of Child	Maximum Caseload	Duration of Service
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FFT**	Evidence-based, home-based family therapy focused on strengths. FFT develops motivation and behavior change.	10-18	12	Generally 2-4 months, but could be up to 6 months
MST**	Evidence-based, home-based family therapy that focuses on strengths and family-defined goals, while identifying how systems affect the youth and family.	11-18	10	3-5 months
SafeCare	Evidence-based, home visitation parent training program that targets risk factors for child maltreatment.	0-5	30	Up to 6 months
Triple P	Evidence-based, in-home positive parenting intervention focused on promoting healthy relationships and behavior management.	2-12	12	2.5 months

**Information in table obtained from Cayuga County Mental Health*

***Only half of the MST and FFT cases are funded through SAMHSA, only cases funded by SAMHSA are included in the evaluation*

Year One Evaluation Overview

The Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) partnered with Cayuga County to lead this evaluation. The evaluation plan is designed to examine the four SAMHSA-funded services and the goals and objectives within Cayuga County FAST. During year one, the focus of the evaluation consisted of project preparation activities, hiring and training the data collector, establishing data collection procedures, and initial data collection.

The following sections will describe year one evaluation data collection procedures, analyses, findings and recommendations.

Methods

Data on families came from two sources: administrative records and youth and caregiver interviews. Service providers supplied administrative records data for all participants at the time of enrollment (via FAST referral) and discharge from services. In addition, some families completed a youth and/or caregiver interview, which provided more information about the family's experiences and impressions of services.

The dataset includes SAMHSA enrollments between 11/17/2016 and 9/21/2017. By the end of year one, 113 unique participants received SAMHSA FAST services and were included in the evaluation. Four of these participants had

two episodes of care, so 117 episodes of care were included in the year one sample. Because interviews did not begin until June 2017, there were very few cases that have both baseline and discharge interviews by the end of September 2017, therefore results across time will not be reported.

Results and Discussion

The following section describes evaluation findings from data collected in year one (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017). Results are divided into three sections:

1 Participant flow and enrollment into SAMHSA FAST services

2 Characteristics of participants

3 Information on the services

1. Participant Flow and Enrollment

This section details the FAST process prior to service enrollment. Participants are referred to FAST, which is a multidisciplinary team that reviews the case to determine the appropriate services to offer the family. A total of 145 cases were referred. Information on participant enrollment processes can be helpful to ensure processes are efficient and the FAST team is effectively serving families. Data on the participant/service flow can be useful to determine that participants are finding appropriate services, processes are efficient, and services are operating according to anticipated timelines.

This figure displays all referrals to SAMHSA-funded services, and what happened to the cases following referral.

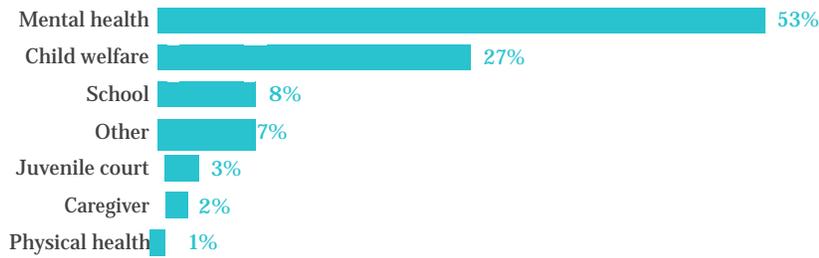
Figure 1. Enrollment status of cases coming through FAST (N=145)



By the end of year one, over ¾ of referrals were enrolled into SAMHSA FAST services and an additional 9% of cases were pending enrollment. About 10% of cases that were referred to SAMHSA FAST services were never enrolled into these services. There were several reasons why some families were referred to, but not enrolled into SAMHSA FAST services. The most common reasons for not enrolling were family/youth declined or refused services (40%) and the service provider was unable to engage the family/youth (20%). Other reasons preventing enrollment include the youth was placed before services began, the family moved out of the area, and the referral included multiple siblings were referred but only one focal youth per family could be identified for evaluation purposes (each 13%).

The next couple of figures provide additional detail on the participant referrals from year one. Figure 2 shows the most common agencies that referred participants, and figure 3 shows the most common reasons for referral.

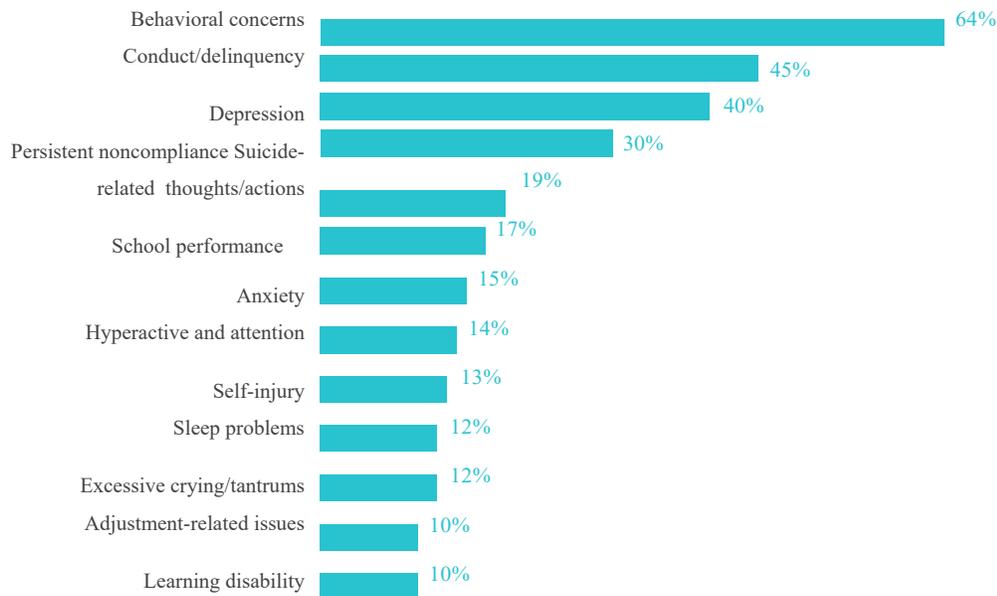
Figure 2. Referral type (N=105)



Referrals were most likely to come from mental health agencies, which is expected considering the SAMHSA funding is mental health focused. Child Welfare is also a common referral source, contributing over a quarter of referrals. Other referral sources were somewhat rare.

Reasons for referral that were present in 10% or more of cases are displayed in Figure 3.

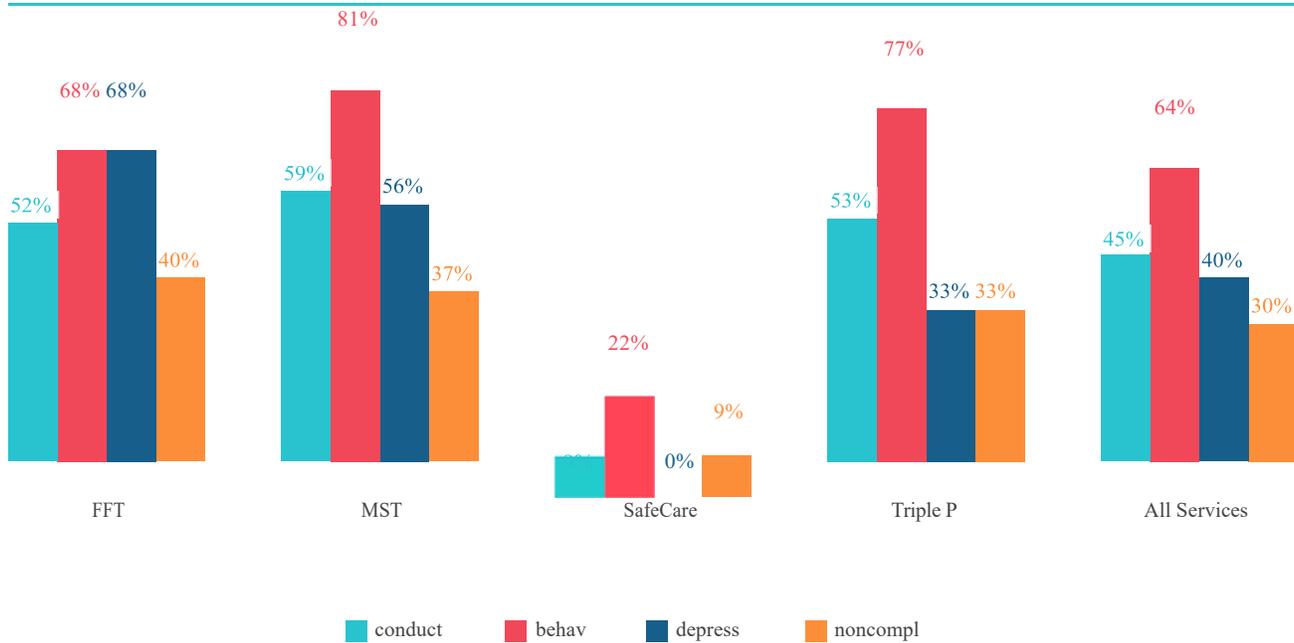
Figure 3. Most common reasons for referral (N=105)



Common reasons for referral are quite diverse for participants in Cayuga County FAST. **Behavioral concerns (e.g. aggression, defiance, acting out, impulsivity, excessive overactivity) are the most frequent, in over half of the cases.** Depression (e.g. major depression, dysthymia, sleep disorders) and conduct (e.g. aggression, verbal abuse, non-compliance, police contact) concerns were also common, in over a third of cases.

Because of the diversity of the reasons for referral, it is helpful to consider this data by service.

Figure 4. Most common reasons for referral, by service (N=105)



The most common reasons for referral are similarly spread across services, with the exception of SafeCare. SafeCare is more focused on parenting for young children, so it is reasonable that the reasons for referral may look different from the other programs which are more child-focused and serve older children. About 78% of the reasons for referral for SafeCare were “other” responses, nearly all indicated challenges with parenting and/or need for parenting classes. FFT and MST services are more common for youth presenting with depressive symptoms.

Figure 5. Services cases are referred to (N=145)



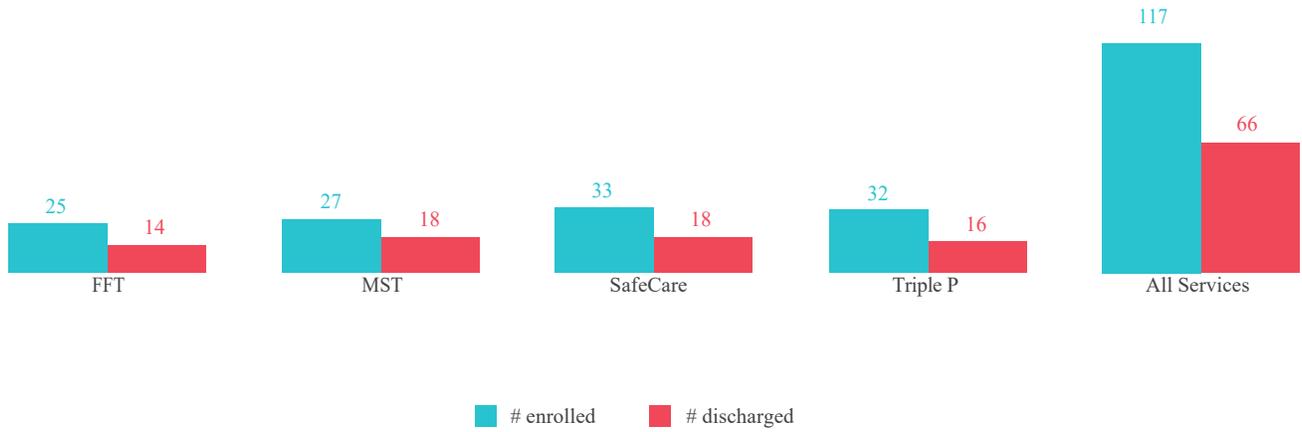
Figure 5 displays the distribution of referrals to SAMHSA- funded services.

More cases were referred to Triple P and SafeCare. Safe- Care has the highest capacity (30) and Triple P has the shortest anticipated duration (2.5 months) of the SAMHSA FAST services (see table 1 for comparison to other services). A larger number of referrals to SafeCare and Triple P may reflect an

expectation that families can cycle more quickly through these services, and there is a greater likelihood of available slots. Also, because these are both parenting services, higher referrals could also indicate that there is a higher need for these types of services or that families are more willing to participate in these types of services. Some of the demand for SafeCare is likely due to CPS mandating or recommending the service (more common for SafeCare than other services).

Figure 6 displays the number of participants enrolled and discharged from each service by the end of year one.

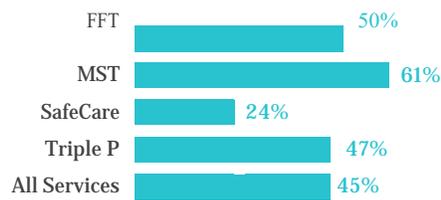
Figure 6. Number of participants enrolled and discharged, by service and overall (N=117; 66)



In general, enrollment and discharges were similarly distributed across programs, with around 20-30 enrollments and around 15-20 discharges per service. MST, Triple P and SafeCare began operating earlier than FFT, so we would expect higher counts of enrollment and discharges for these three services, which is consistent with the data.

When considering discharge counts it is important to keep in mind whether these discharges were due to completion of the service, i.e. successful discharge versus early drop out from services.

Figure 7. Successful discharges, by service and overall (N=63)



Across all services, about 45% of participants successfully completed the service, however this varied by service. MST had the most successful completions at 61%, while

for SafeCare, fewer than a quarter of the participants successfully discharged.

For participants who discharged from services in year one, the average length of service was calculated. This includes both successful discharges as well as cases that did not successfully complete the service.

Figure 8. Average length of time until discharge, by service and overall in months (N=66)



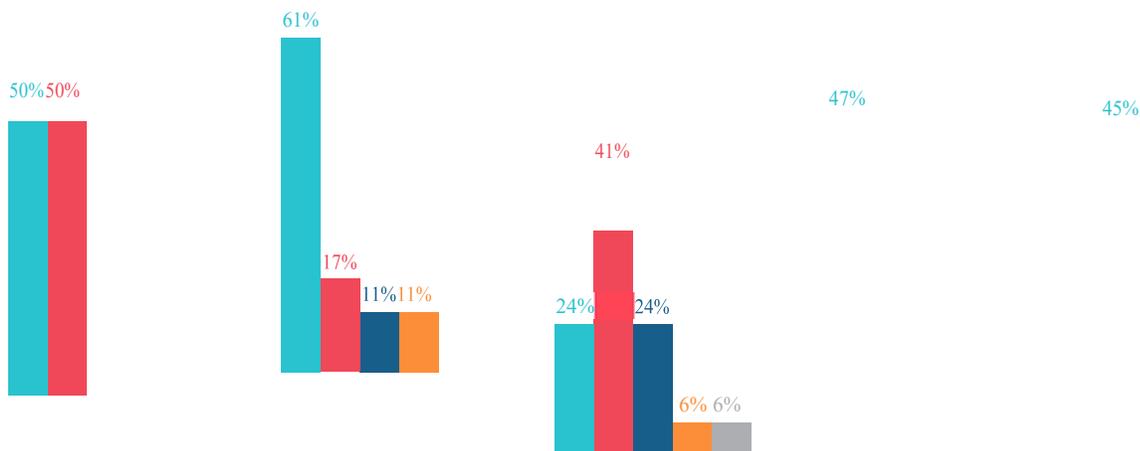
Overall, participants were receiving SAMHSA services for an average of 3.5 months, the shortest average length of service was SafeCare and the longest was MST. SafeCare’s shorter length of service is consistent with a higher drop-out rate displayed in figure 7. Even with drop-out rates around 50%, MST, FFT, and Triple P, average length of service was somewhat consistent with the expected length of service displayed

in table 1. Even though many of these participants dropped out

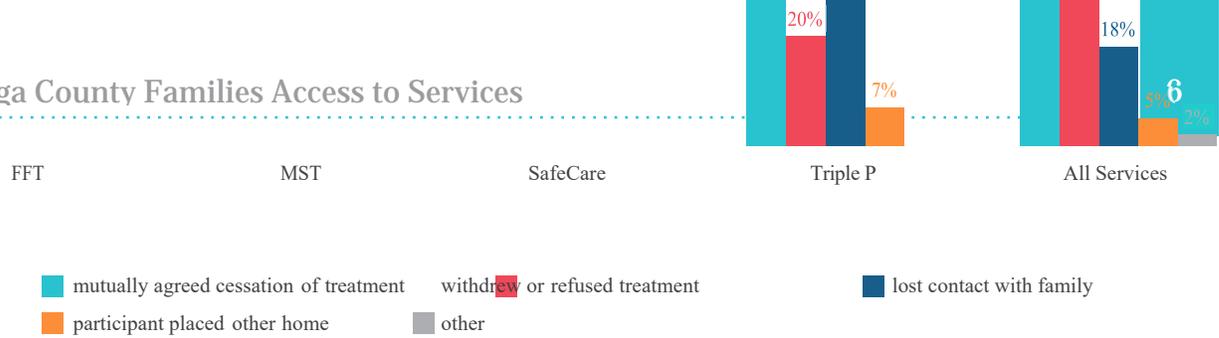
of services, they still received a sizable “dose” of the service.

More detail regarding reasons for discharge by service and overall, is displayed below.

Figure 9. Reason for discharge, by service and overall (N=63)



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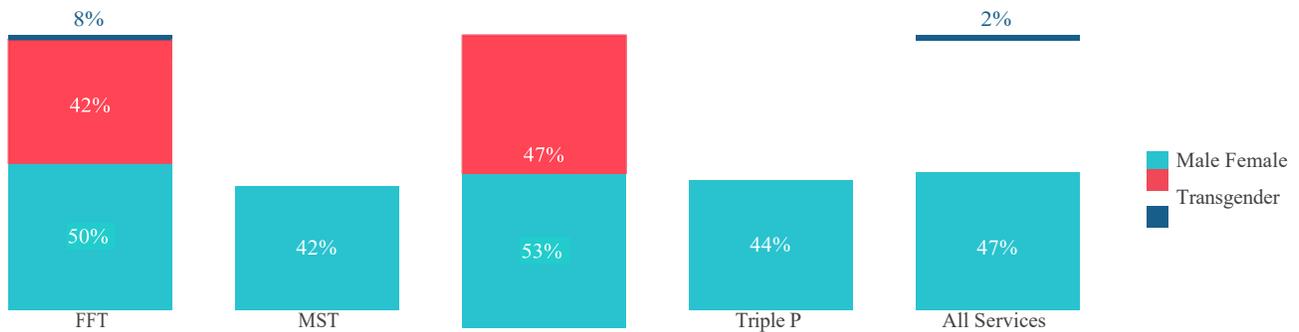
The most common discharge reason is a successful discharge, where the provider and youth/family agree to end treatment, followed by active refusals, and passive refusals/lost contact. Active refusals were highest for FFT and SafeCare and were less prevalent for MST and Triple P. For services except for MST, active and passive refusals combined account for around 50-60% of discharges.

2. Participant Characteristics

This section focuses on the characteristics of participants in services at baseline. This information is helpful to be able to identify and understand characteristics of the service population and to ensure services meet the needs of this population.

Participant gender is displayed both by service and across all services.

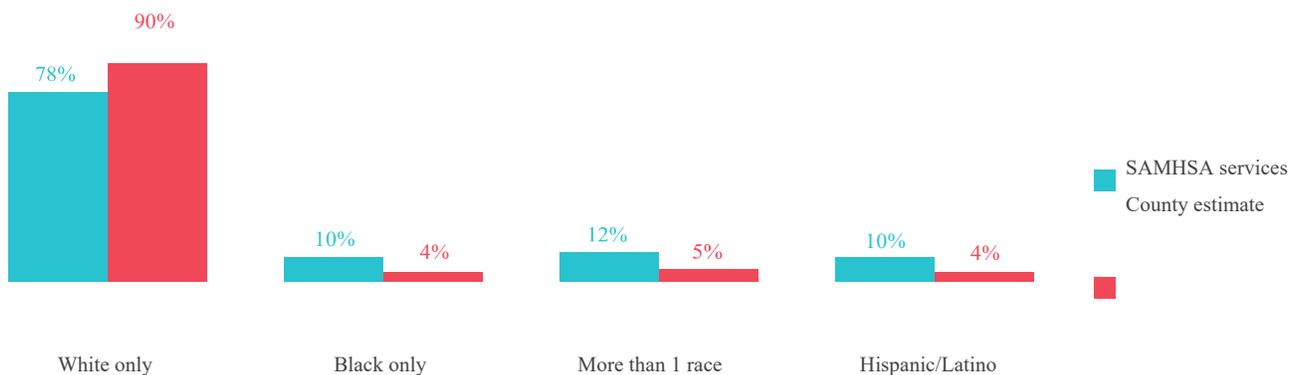
Figure 10. Participant gender, by service and overall (N=117)



MST and Triple P served a greater proportion of female participants, whereas FFT and SafeCare served a larger proportion of male participants. FFT is the only program that served transgender participants. US Census data provides the sex information for children in Cayuga County. Although sex and gender may differ, since SAMHSA offered a transgender option for their gender item, it is likely that for individuals whose sex does not match their gender, the transgender option would be selected. Therefore, for the remaining participants, it is likely that their biological sex matched their gender on this item. **Overall, in Cayuga County, youth are split 52% male and 48% female, which is similar to the overall distribution of females vs. males served (approximately a 50-50 split)**!

Figure 11 depicts the race and ethnicity of the service population compared to US Census Cayuga County estimates of residents under age 18.

Figure 11. Race and ethnicity, sample characteristics (N=76-78) compared to county estimates.



In order to compare the race and ethnicities of the service population with the US Census data, the information below is presented in exclusive categories (e.g. more than one option

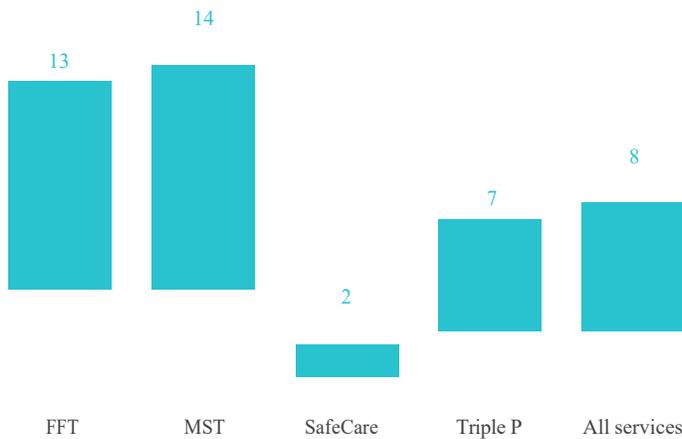
could not be selected). **The SAMHSA funded services work with a population that is more diverse than youth in Cayuga County in general.** The percentage of participants who identify as white is lower than the percentage of children in Cayuga County that select the white category, 78% (service population) versus 90% (Cayuga population). Black and Hispanic youth are more prevalent

¹ County data obtained from Table S0101, American Community Survey, 2012-2016 5-yr estimates.

as participants in this project than would be expected given the population of the county. In the general child population in Cayuga County, 4% of children are in the Hispanic/Latino category compared to 10% in this service population. In the general child population in Cayuga County, 4% of children identify as black, while 10% of the service population identifies as black. Twelve percent of the service population selected more than one race (black and white in all cases) compared to 5% in the 2+race category (which could include some children who are black + another race).²

The average age of the participant by service and across all services is displayed below.

Figure 12. Average age, by service and overall (N=117)

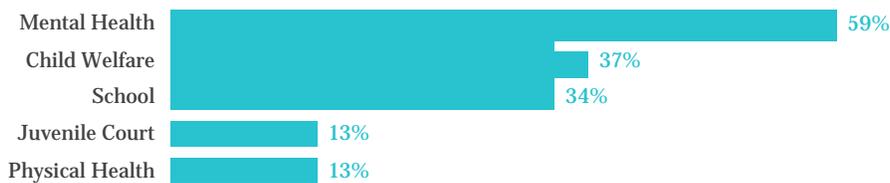


Cayuga County FAST services assist a wide range of youth averaging from about 2 years old in SafeCare to about 14 years old in MST. On average, youth in these services are 8 years old. This average is consistent with the high percentages of conduct and behavioral issues leading to referrals, which may be more commonly recognized in the younger, school aged children.

Participants were involved in a variety of agencies

at baseline.

Figure 13. Agency involvement at baseline, most common (N=105)



More than half of the youth in Cayuga County FAST services were involved with the mental health system at baseline. Over 1/3 were involved in specialized school services and child welfare. This data is similar to the referral source data, with high levels of both referrals from and involvement with mental health and child welfare. However, participants had higher rates of involvement in special school services, but somewhat lower referrals by schools.

The following set of results will describe some preliminary data on symptomology, functioning, and support³. In interviews, participants responded about overall health and functioning at baseline.

Figure 14. Overall functioning at baseline (N=40, except for school item N=20*)

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**number of responses on school item is lower than others due to interviews taking place over the summer, when school was not in session*

² County estimates obtained from American Community Survey 5-yr estimates, 2016, table S0901

³ The following set of figures and results was obtained from interviews, therefore there are fewer individual responses available (i.e. "N"s). Because of the lower amount of responses, it was not reasonable to split responses out by service.

For these functioning items, respondents answered along a scale ranging from “strongly disagree” (1) to “strongly agree” (5). Higher scores indicate that the domain is not a challenge for the child, with lower scores indicating the domain is a challenge. For most domains, the average response is between “undecided” and “agree”, however for coping, the average response is between “disagree” and “undecided”. **“Challenges with coping” is the most frequently cited functioning limitation among youth receiving SAMHSA services.** Participants indicated that their/their child’s overall health at baseline was fairly good. The average score on this item was 2.4, which reflects an average rating between “very good” (2) and “good” (3). On average, caregivers report low to moderate levels of impairment for their children using the Columbia Impairment Scale (mean 1.6, on a scale from 0-4).

Another measure of functioning and symptomology is the Pediatric Symptoms Checklist, displayed below.

Figure 15. Pediatric Symptoms Checklist, caregiver report at baseline (N=28)

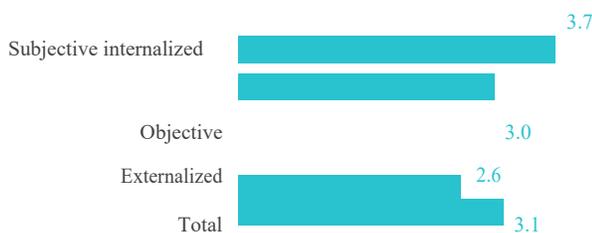


Caregivers reported that symptoms were experienced between “sometimes” (1) and “often” (2), on average. Attention and externalized symptoms were more prevalent. The Attention Problems subscale includes challenges with being distracted and in constant motion. The Externalized subscale describes challenges getting along with others.

Feelings of social connectedness and support among participants were also collected. Across all items the average score was about 4.4 corresponding with an average “agree” response (scale ranges from “strongly disagree” (1) to “strongly agree” (5)). Responses were consistent across these items, **on average, participants agree that they have some social supports** who listen to them, who they can talk to, who provides support, and who they can do enjoyable things with.

Average Caregiver strain scores are displayed at baseline.

Figure 16. Caregiver strain at baseline (N=28)



Average scores on the Caregiver Strain Questionnaire are about a 3 which corresponds with a “somewhat” response, indicating a moderate amount of strain. Scores are presented by three subscales and with the total score. Objective strain reflects observable disruptions to life. Externalized strain reflects negative feelings that are projected outward such as anger, resentment, and embarrassment. Subjective internal-

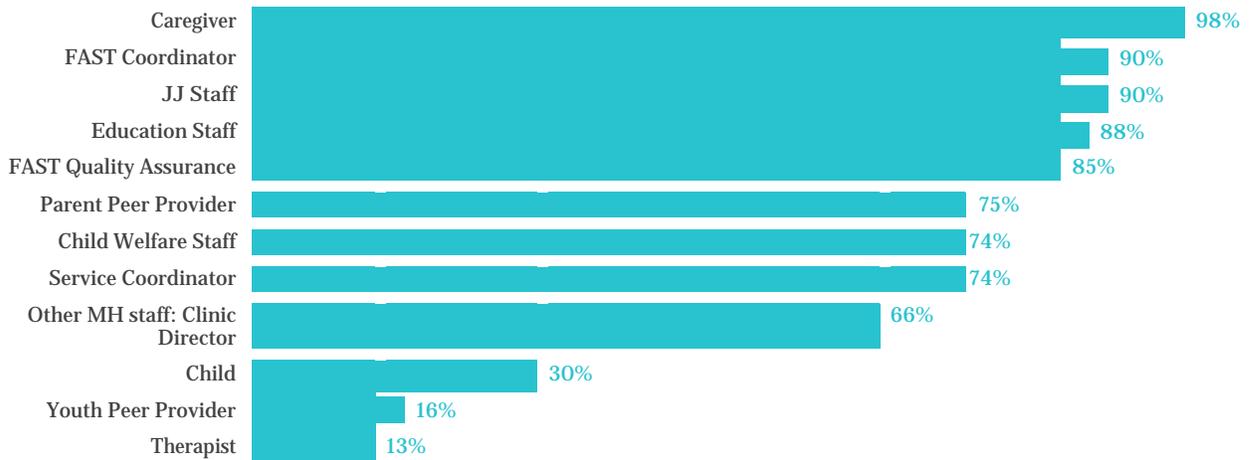
ized strain reflects negative internalized feelings such as worry, guilt, and fatigue. **Caregivers tend to report more subjective internalized strain and less externalized strain.**

3. Service Information

This section describes some data on the SAMHSA FAST services, including who contributed to the service plan, the services received, and participants' satisfaction with services. This information can be helpful to improve SAMHSA FAST services.

Figure 17 displays who contributed to the participants' service plans.

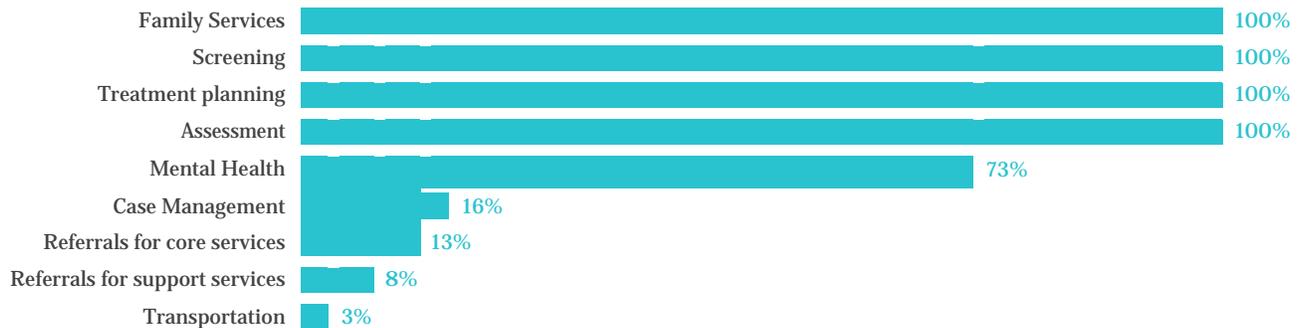
Figure 17. Individuals contributing to service plan development at baseline (N=105)



The FAST process is a multidisciplinary process where there are many individuals contributing to the service plan. Therefore, it is expected that we would see a wide range of contributors here. **There is strong representation from Education, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Caregivers, Parent Peers, and FAST staff involved in service planning.**

At the end of grant year one, data was available for 63 discharged cases. Services received information is obtained for all discharged cases.

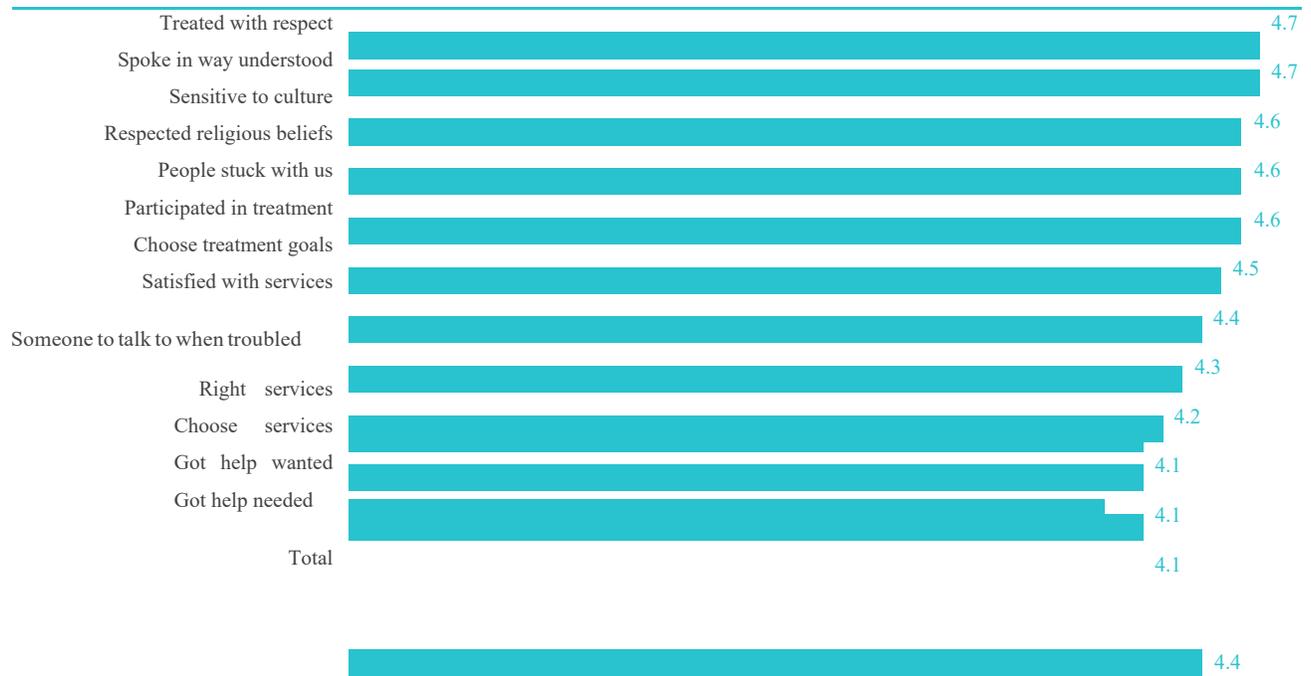
Figure 18. Services received at discharge (N=63)



Family services, screening, treatment planning and assessment were provided to all participants. Apart from these services, the most common services received were mental health services, in 73% of cases (all cases in FFT, MST, Triple P). Because SafeCare is primarily a preventative parenting service, mental health services were not provided to these participants. **It was rare for participants to receive services other than treatment planning, screening, assessment, family services, and mental health services.**

In addition, discharge interviewees reported on their satisfaction with services.

Figure 19. Satisfaction with Services at discharge (N= 21)



Satisfaction was reported along a 5-point scale, (1) “strongly disagree” to (5) “strongly agree”. Participants were satisfied with services, with high item average scores between “agree” and “strongly agree” (4 and 5). Slightly higher items reflect that participants liked how they were treated by providers. Slightly lower scores were observed on items focusing on family choice in services. Often, programs may have limited capacity and “open slots.” Some services also have guidelines for who is eligible, therefore there may be a balance between choice, timely engagement, and service appropriateness that FAST providers must navigate.

Conclusions & Recommendations

The data collected in the initial year of the grant provides a preliminary examination of the flow of the services (including referrals, enrollments, and discharges), the individual characteristics of the participants served, the baseline functioning of youth and caregivers, and services received and satisfaction.

These interview responses provide insight into what the “average” participant looks like. The average SAMHSA FAST participant has some functioning challenges, particularly with coping, and sometimes has difficulties with maintaining attention and getting along with others. The average caregiver is experiencing subjective strain which reflects negative internalized feelings such as worry, guilt, and fatigue. The average family has some social support. The average family was satisfied with the services received.

This snapshot of year one also provides some interesting takeaways and recommendations.

- **In year one, service reached a wide range of participants.** The service population for the SAMHSA FAST services seems to be diverse and appropriate for the county. Gender distribution is consistent with county estimates. The service population is more diverse than the county population estimates. The age range of the services population is wide, averaging from age 2-14 depending on service. In upcoming years this range will increase, covering an older youth and young adult population with the addition of wraparound.
- **It may be beneficial to increase outreach to juvenile justice, schools, and physical health, in order to capture more referrals from these systems.** Most referrals came from the Mental Health and Child Welfare systems. It is expected that many referrals for these mental health services would come for mental health. However, there may also be unmet mental health needs in youth involved in the juvenile justice, school, and physical health systems. **Continue multidisciplinary efforts:** The multidisciplinary nature of the service plan process is a strength of Cayuga County FAST. For most participants, there is a diverse group of representatives contributing to service planning.
- **Set goals for service completion:** In the first year of SAMHSA service delivery, slightly more than half of participants discontinued services. This can establish a good “baseline” to set goals from to improve the completion rate. This is a particular concern for SafeCare which has the lowest successful completion rate.
- **Increase family buy-in:** Satisfaction scores were high overall, but slightly lower when it came to items indicating choice and appropriate fit of services (some of this could be due to mandated services). When possible, explore efforts to increase family buy-in with the service and goal selection.

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BROADBAND PROGRAM ROUND III



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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$22 MILLION IN NEW NY BROADBAND PROGRAM ROUND III AWARDS FOR CENTRAL NY

8,281 Homes and Businesses to Gain Access to High-Speed Broadband

Reaches Governor's Goal of Providing Broadband Access to All New Yorkers

Round III Awards and Census Block Data Are Available [Here](#)

Searchable County and Municipal Award Information Available [Here](#)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced \$22.8 million in New NY Broadband Program Round III grants have been awarded in Central NY. The awards will drive more than \$37.5 million of public-private broadband investment and provide 8,281 homes and other locations in the region with access to high-speed internet. The grants were awarded as part of the third and final round of the program, fulfilling the Governor's promise to connect all New Yorkers to high-speed internet for the first time in state history.

"Access to high-speed internet has never been more important for New York residents and businesses," **Governor Cuomo said.** "By leveraging state investments with private and federal funding, we are building a stronger, smarter and more competitive New York poised to lead the nation as the first state to achieve total connectivity."

In total, six awarded projects address unserved territories in Central NY. Nearly 700 miles of broadband infrastructure will be deployed, providing residents and companies across the region with access to new economic opportunities. When the New NY Broadband Program was launched in 2015, 56 percent of Central NY residents - over 191,000 homes - lacked access to broadband.

The regional awards announced today are part of the total \$225.5 million in New NY Broadband Program Round III grants. This state investment will drive a Round III total of \$385.5 million in broadband infrastructure and support connections for nearly 129,000 locations. These awards include the Round III funds previously announced, plus an additional \$15.8 million in grants the state has awarded to complete the program funding.

Top Central NY Towns Benefitting from Round III Broadband Buildout

Cayuga County			
Town	State Grant	Total Investment	Locations Addressed
Genoa	\$3,465,785	\$5,566,813	483
Venice	\$2,956,321	\$5,063,230	425
Summerhill	\$1,852,946	\$3,129,114	265
Moravia	\$886,140	\$1,435,013	123
Locke	\$854,528	\$1,405,038	146
Springport	\$708,235	\$1,125,961	112
Scipio	\$113,421	\$221,035	40
Niles	\$92,636	\$194,843	59
Sempronius	\$66,257	\$133,987	18

Company	Projects	State Grant	Private & Federal Commitment	Total Investment
Clarity Fiber Solutions	1	\$6,775,142	\$1,693,785	\$8,468,927
Haefele TV, Inc.	1	\$7,845	\$7516	\$15,361
Hughes Network Systems, LLC	2	\$779,468	\$514,238	\$1,293,706
Verizon Communications	2	\$15,249,762	\$12,487,940	\$27,737,703
Total	6	\$22,812,217	\$14,703,479	\$37,515,697

More information on Round III awards, including census block data, is available [here](#). Residents and business owners can search for Round III county and municipal awards [here](#).

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zemsky said, "The New NY Broadband Program is the first to achieve statewide connectivity, ensuring that all residents and businesses have access to high-speed Internet service. The public-private investments through all three rounds of this program will support new economic growth and job creation efforts across the region and throughout the state."

Empire State Development EVP of Innovation & Broadband Jeffrey Nordhaus said, "We congratulate the winners of Round III and are pleased to announce more than 40

new public-private partnerships that will bring high-quality, high-speed broadband access to each and every unserved portion of the state. This achieves the Governor's ambitious goal of statewide broadband for all, and makes New York the first to achieve total connectivity nationwide."

When the New NY Broadband Program was launched in 2015, 30 percent of New Yorkers - approximately 2.42 million locations - lacked access to broadband. This was most acute in the eight Upstate Regional Economic Development Council regions, where only 35 percent of New Yorkers had access. As a result of the Program's Round I awards and additional state-secured upgrades, broadband access was expanded by more than 2.2 million locations to 97 percent of New Yorkers. Round II awards then extended coverage to more than 80,000 locations to 98 percent of New Yorkers. Today, with the announcement of Round III awards, the Program accomplishes its mission of statewide broadband availability, providing the last mile funding to ensure all New Yorkers have access to high-speed internet by the end of 2018.

The program's goal was to achieve statewide access to internet download speeds of at least 100 Megabits per second and 25 Megabits per second in the most rural and remote areas. After full implementation of the commitments announced, 99.9 percent of New Yorkers will have access to high-speed broadband - with almost 99 percent at speeds of 100 Megabits per second or greater. Consistent with the program's prioritization of unserved areas, of the broadband funds deployed, nearly 90 percent of all funding was awarded to projects that will address unserved areas of the state, connecting these locations for the first time.

Across Rounds I, II and III, the Broadband Program Office has now awarded 123 projects through public-private partnerships with 34 companies. These projects will deploy broadband across nine REDC regions, addressing unserved and underserved areas in every upstate county, as well as Long Island. In total, these projects address more than 254,000 locations and will deploy more than 21,000 miles of fiber.

Federal Communications Commission

In Round III, certain funded projects will also leverage up to \$170 million in additional support from the federal Connect America Fund. These CAF funds were [recommitted](#) to New York State by the FCC as the result of efforts by Governor Cuomo, Empire State Development, and New York State Congressional representatives. The federal funds would potentially have been diverted to other states, but will now remain in New York.

The CAF funds were offered by the FCC directly to Verizon Communications in 2015 to connect unserved locations throughout New York. Verizon declined that offer of support. However, as a result of Governor Cuomo's broadband initiative and New York State's partnership with the FCC, Verizon will once again be deploying new high-speed broadband service to unserved areas of the state.

As a result of the Program's competitive Round III process, Verizon will receive awards driving \$148 million in new statewide broadband investment, including \$85.3 million in state funding, \$18.5 million in CAF support and nearly \$45 million in private financing. These projects will deliver fiber networks to 18,314 locations across Upstate New York,

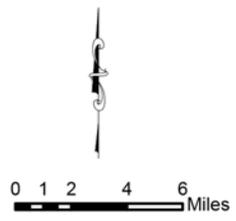
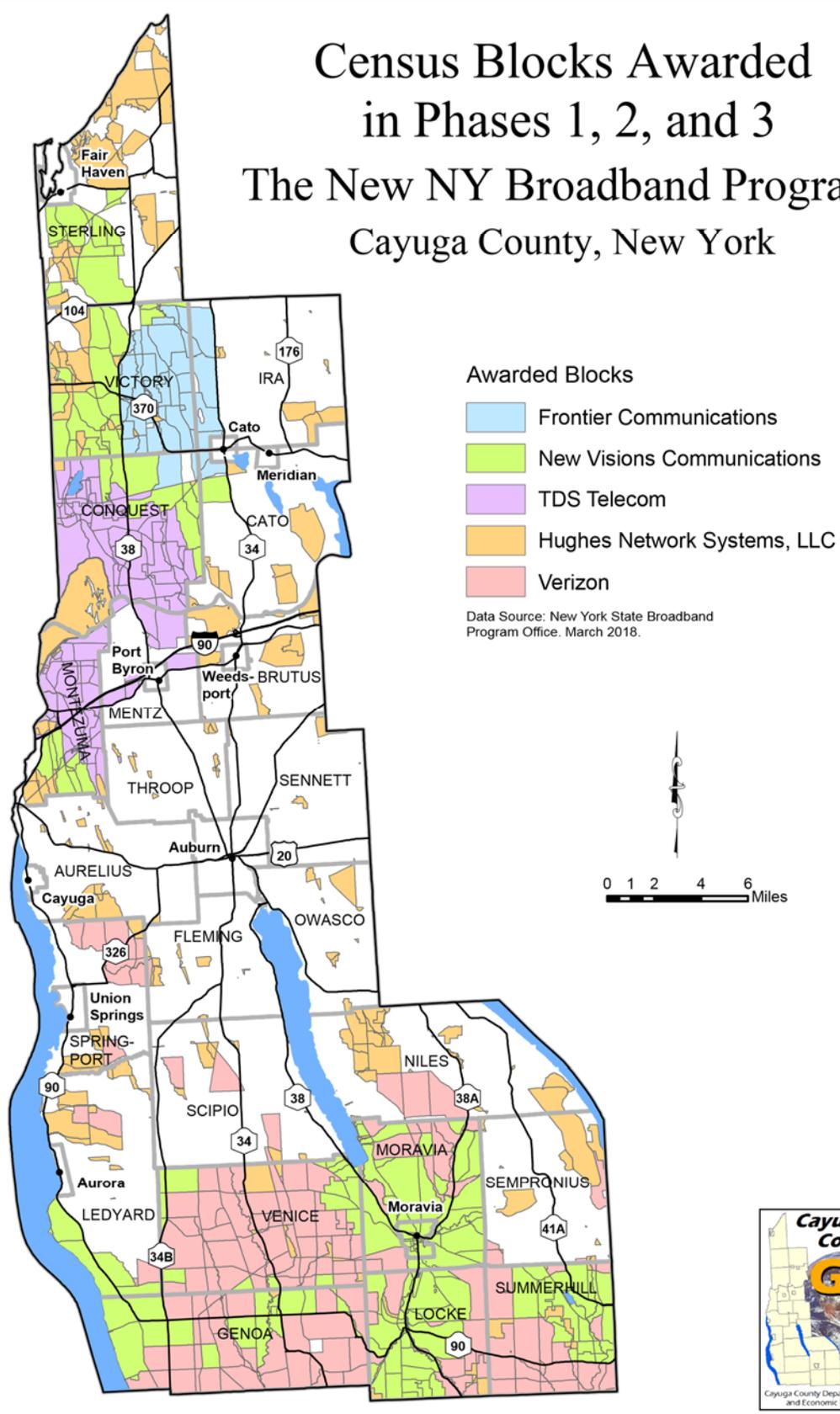
including 7,767 in CAF-eligible territories. This includes previously announced amounts - plus an additional newly-announced 2,799 locations within CAF-eligible territories. Although Verizon's auction-winning bid for these additional homes was initially deemed too costly, New York State successfully negotiated with Verizon to award the project at a lower cost. These additional homes have been added to Verizon's award and will now receive high-quality broadband service.

In total, 11 companies are expected to receive more than \$66 million in CAF support, to address 47,735 locations across the state. New York State supports public-private partnerships with broadband providers of all sizes, from family-owned telephone companies to nationally recognized telecommunications firms.

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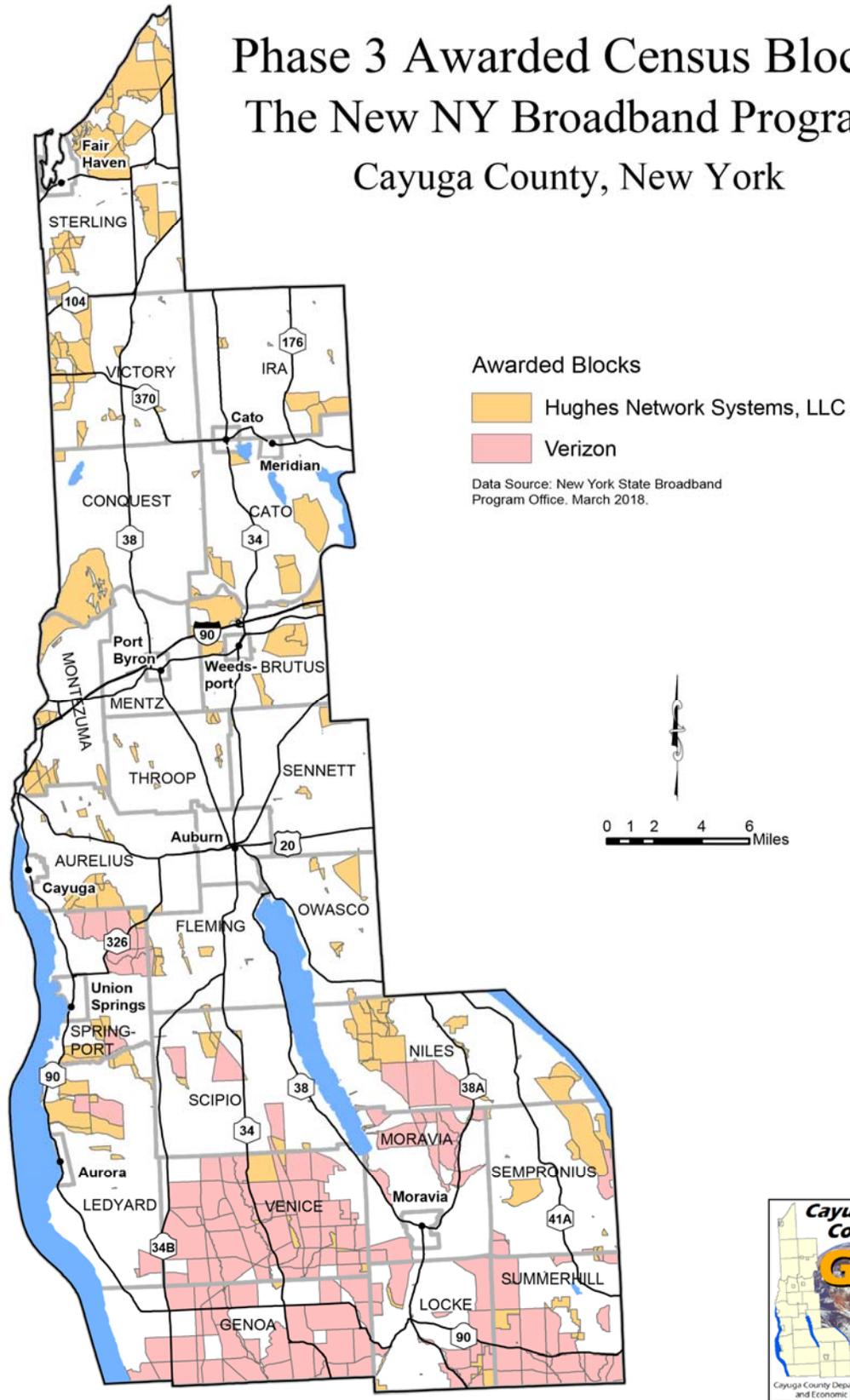
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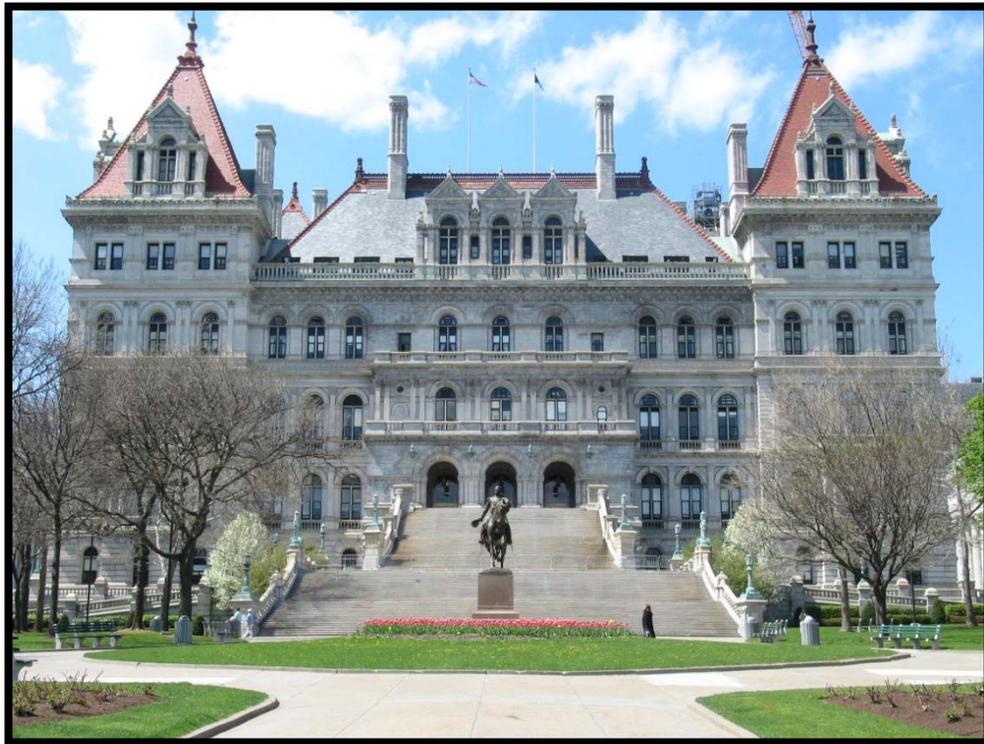
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Major Revenue Items

The primary difference between the Governor's tax proposals and the one-house budget bills is the treatment of personal income taxes.

Personal Income Taxes

The Governor's Budget – the Governor proposed extending current PIT tax rates and brackets for three more years. These tax brackets and rates were due to drop at the end of this year which would significantly reduce state revenues, especially for higher income earners. The extension of current law rates provided billions of dollars in revenues in the Governor's budget to finance his preferred programs over the next three years.

The Senate Budget does not extend current tax rates on higher income earners and foregoes the related revenues.

The Assembly Budget creates four new income tax brackets and rates that top out at 10.35% for incomes in excess of \$100 million. This proposal generates significant new revenues for the financial plan.

The following chart highlights the impact of these income tax proposals on revenues.

Year	Governor	Senate	Assembly
2017-18	+\$683 million	\$0	+\$1.0 billion
2018-19	+\$3.4 billion	\$0	+\$5.0 billion
2019-20	+\$4.5 billion	\$0	+\$6.6 billion
2020-21	+\$4.0 billion	\$0	+\$7.0 billion

Modernizing Online Sales Tax

The Governor's Budget proposes updating New York Sales tax to ensure currently owed sales tax is collected on Internet based transactions. The proposal calls for large online platforms to collect sales tax on behalf of their vendors. The Governor estimates that on a full annual basis about \$275 million in state and local sales tax is not being collected.

The Senate's Budget deletes the provision.

The Assembly's Budget supports the provision.

9-1-1 Surcharge

The Governor's Budget proposed updating the current cellular surcharge by extending the surcharge to prepaid devices at a rate of \$.60 for purchases under \$30 and \$1.20 for purchases over \$30. It also allows counties to adopt similar local prepaid surcharges of \$.30 for all sales.

The Senate's Budget deletes this provision

The Assembly's Budget supports this provision.

Other Revenue Items

The Governor's Budget proposed a total of 44 revenue items – many were extenders of current law, enhanced compliance items, slight reforms to existing programs and a few enhancements. The Assembly supported most of these with some modifications, The Senate opposed all but 12.

The Assembly and Senate rejected tax proposals that would have allowed the sale of alcoholic beverages in movie theatres, permits for alcohol sales at Taste-NY venues/events, capping the growth in STAR benefits and requiring automated income verification for enhanced STAR benefit recipients.

The Assembly's Budget adds 16 new tax provisions and the Senate added 47 – mostly tax reductions and expansions of eligibility of existing tax credits or exemptions.

Of note, the Assembly and Senate both support a new music and digital gaming production tax credit, credits to farmers for food donations, reforms to the jockey injury fund and small business tax cuts.

The Senate's Budget also provides enhanced tax credits for farmers related to the minimum wage increases, many cuts for a variety of business groups, expands sales tax exemptions, makes the property tax cap permanent, expands STAR to small businesses, cuts MCTD payroll and mobility taxes for small businesses and self-employed, establishes in law a state spending cap and increases rainy day fund reserve limits, creates new higher education exemptions and credits, establishes, private and parochial school tax deductions/credits and authorizes online poker.

Direct Local Government Assistance

There are minor funding changes to the select programs in this area with most programs being level funded.

New Budget Authority to Rescind Appropriations

The Executive proposed new budget language that allows the Director of the Budget to sweep amounts from a wide variety line items including the Citizen Reorganization Grants and Tax Credits (\$35M), and all VLT aid to municipalities (\$28.6M) for other purposes if state and/or federal receipts fall short of financial plan expectations. There are a couple of general guidelines on how the rescissions should be applied, including:

- Uniformly against existing liabilities and spending; and
- In a manner that maximizes federal financial participation, if applicable.

This new authority to rescind appropriations is actually contained in hundreds of line items in the budget encompassing tens of billions of dollars in appropriations. Many of these line items directly impact counties. If this authority is triggered, it would, in effect allow midyear financial plan adjustments to occur without state legislative approval.

Senate – Rejects this new budget authority allowing the Executive to administratively and unilaterally rescind enacted appropriations.

Assembly – Rejects this new budget authority allowing the Executive to administratively and unilaterally rescind enacted appropriations.

See table below that highlights major direct local government assistance programs. The Senate and Assembly budgets provide assistance to Madison County to host a gaming facility through direct local government assistance. The Governor proposed the funding, but provided it by modifying existing gaming revenue sharing and VLT distributions.

Direct Local Government Assistance				
	2016-17 Enacted	2017-18 Executive	2017-18 Senate	2017-18 Assembly
AIM	\$715,000,000	715,000,000	\$715,000,000	\$765,074,110
Citizens Reorganization Grants	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$0
Local Govt. Efficiency Grants	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0
<i>Small Govt Asst.</i>				
Essex	\$124,000	\$124,000	\$124,000	\$124,000
Franklin	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$72,000
Hamilton	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$21,300	\$21,300
VLT	\$29,331,167	\$28,635,313	\$28,635,313	\$28,885,313
Madison	\$0	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,250,000
Onondaga Co.	\$2,000,000	\$0		
+School demo w/Syracuse	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
Cayuga	\$92,500	\$0	\$92,500	\$0
Seneca	\$340,000	\$0	\$340,000	\$0
Franklin	\$340,000	\$0	\$340,000	\$0
Dutchess County -	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dutchess County - Jail Services	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Niagara County IDA	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$0
Gaming Compact Funding	\$122,500,000	\$129,000,000	\$129,600,000	\$129,000,000
Commercial Gaming Fund	\$0	\$88,000,000	\$89,400,000	\$88,000,000
TOTAL	\$910,945,967	\$1,000,210,613	\$1,006,850,113	\$1,013,426,723

Agriculture

Governor's Budget proposed \$21,495,000 in funding for certain agricultural local assistance programs.

Both the Assembly and Senate have increased funding for agricultural local assistance programs.

Agriculture Grant Programs	2017 /18 Proposed Budget	2017 /18 Senate Proposal	2017/18 Assembly Proposal
Ag. Child Care (Migrant)	\$8,275,000.00	\$8,275,000.00	\$9,275,000.00
Core Diagnostic Lab	\$4,425,000.00	\$5,425,000.00	\$4,925,000.00
Quality Milk (Mastitis)	\$1,174,000.00	\$1,174,000.00	\$1,174,000.00
NY S Cattle Health Assurance	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00	\$360,000.00
Johnes Disease	\$480,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$480,000.00
Rabies Prevention	\$50,000.00	\$610,000.00	\$250,000.00
Avian Disease	\$252,000.00	\$252,000.00	\$252,000.00
Farm Family Assistance	\$384,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00
Geneva Experiment Station – Seed Inspection Program			
Geneva Experiment Station – Hop Testing	\$40,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$40,000.00
Golden Nematode	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00
Future Farmers of America	\$542,000.00	\$542,000.00	\$542,000.00
Ag in Classroom	\$380,000.00	\$380,000.00	\$80,000.00
Ass'n of Ag Educators	\$416,000.00	\$416,000.00	\$416,000.00
Beginner Farmer Grants		\$1,000,000.00	
NY S Apple Growers Association	\$206,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$478,000.00
Wine / Grape Foundation	\$713,000.00	\$1,020,000.00	\$763,000.00
Farm Viability Institute	\$400,000.00	\$1,900,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Pro Dairy	\$972,000.00	\$1,088,000.00	\$822,000.00
Agriculture Domestic Arts	\$340,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$420,000.00
Agriculture Readiness Marketing Camps		\$250,000.00	
Dairy Excellence Programs (Dairy Profit Teams)		\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
TASTE NY Program	\$1,100,000.00		\$100,000.00
School Local Food Program Competitive Fund	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
Maple Producers Association		\$215,000.00	\$75,000.00
Tractor Rollover Program		\$250,000.00	\$125,000.00
NY S Apple Research and Development Program			
Cornell Maple Research		\$125,000.00	\$50,000.00
FVI Berry Industry Programs		\$60,000.00	
Christmas Tree Farmers Assn		\$125,000.00	
NY Corn and Soybean Growers		\$75,000.00	
Cornell Honeybee Research		\$50,000.00	
Cornell Onion Research		\$50,000.00	
Cornell Vegetable Research		\$100,000.00	
Cornell Salmonella			
Cornell Veterans to Farms		\$115,000.00	
Cornell Berry Research		\$260,000.00	
Cornell Jefferson County Cooperative		\$600,000.00	
Long Island Deer Fence Grants		\$200,000.00	
Eastern Equine Encephalitis		\$175,000.00	
FVI – Dairy Profit Teams		\$220,000.00	
Fresh Connect			\$625,000.00
Genesee Livingston Steuben Wyoming Ag. Academy		\$100,000.00	
Long Island Farm Bureau		\$100,000.00	
Island Harvest		\$20,000.00	
North Country Vaccine Prog.		\$25,000.00	
North Country Ag Academy		\$200,000.00	
Northern NY Ag Development		\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Seeds of Success		\$200,000.00	
Farm to Table Trail			
Cornell Farm Labor Specialist		\$500,000.00	
Agriculture One-Stop Shop			
Precision Agriculture Study			
Quality Assurance and Control			
Organic Certification		\$450,000.00	
NY S Turfgrass Assn.		\$150,000.00	
Wood Products Council		\$100,000.00	
Farmers Market Federation	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition		\$500,000.00	
Apple Research and Development		\$500,000.00	
Regional Food Hubs			
Farm Drain Tile Revolving Loan Fund		\$100,000.00	
NYC Animal Control and Shelters (Mobile Adoption)			
Pest Management			
Total	\$21,459,000.00	\$33,487,000.00	\$24,952,000.00

Children with Special Needs

Reforms Early Intervention (EI) Program

The Governor's Budget includes a series of reforms to increase reimbursement from third-party insurers with an estimated State savings of \$3.9 million in FY 2018 and \$14.3 million in FY 2019. Reforms include facilitating the collection of insurance information, maximizing appeals of insurer payment denials, and requiring insurers to pay for benefits covered by the child's health insurance policy and to abide existing prompt pay requirements.

The Senate's Budget rejects the proposed Early Intervention reforms.

The Assembly's Budget modifies the Executive proposal to strengthen Insurance Law requirements related to EI program to ensure these provisions only apply to regulated entities. The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to requirement for providers to appeal a denial prior to receiving payment.

Restructures Funding for Children with Special Needs in NYC

The Governor's Budget proposes to restructure funding for residential placements of children with special needs made by the Committee on Special Education in New York City to better align fiscal responsibilities with the entity that makes the placement decisions. The City would pay tuition costs associated with New York City Foster Care placements. These two proposal will cost New York City \$42 million.

Assembly's Budget restores \$39 million to Local Social Service Districts, in relation to the Foster Care Block Grant maintenance payments for youth in care.

Economic Development

Ride-Sharing

The Governor's Budget proposal included legislation that would provide access to transportation network company (TNC) services (Uber, Lyft. etc.) statewide. Such services are currently limited to New York City destinations.

This bill would amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Insurance Law, the Executive Law, the General Municipal Law, State Finance Law, and the Tax Law, in relation to the regulation of transportation network company services. It would also establish the New York State TNC Accessibility Task Force.

The Assembly's Budget rejects to Governor's proposal to regulate the operation of transportation network companies outside of New York City.

The Senate's Budget accepts the Governor' proposal to regulate the operation of transportation network companies outside of New York City.

State match for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

The Governor's Budget included legislation that would allow the amount of the Environmental Protection Fund's matching requirement for the Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to increase from 50 percent to 75 percent for all projects. This proposal would afford greater flexibility for LWRP applicants to meet the local share of the project costs (at 25%) and increase public-private partnerships in advancing projects.

The Assembly's Budget modifies an Executive proposal to increase the State share for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program to 75 percent of project costs, from 50 percent, by focusing the increase on Environmental Justice communities. The Assembly also increases the State share of landfill closure/gas management projects to help with new regulatory requirements.

The Senate's Budget accepts the Governor's proposal to increase the State match for Local Waterfront Revitalization Program from 50 to 75%.

Establishes a Taste-NY alcohol permit

The Executive Budget proposal included legislation that would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC) to allow a Taste-NY operator to apply for a special license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for off premise consumption, along with food and souvenir items. Under current law, for a Taste-NY store to sell alcoholic beverages, the operator must be a licensed farm brewery, cidery, winery, or distillery. This limits the number of potential operators and the list of items sold at a Taste-NY store.

This bill would also amend the ABC law by setting the annual license fee to \$500 for this special license, and add it to applicable lists of licenses pertaining to other various fees, penalties, and the requirement to post notice of a pending application.

The Assembly's Budget rejects the proposal that would allow the sale of alcohol at Taste- NY stores.

The Senate's Budget rejects the proposal to authorize an Alcoholic Beverage license to TasteNY stores.

Establishes a motion picture theater alcohol permit

The Executive Budget proposal includes legislation that would allow the operator of a motion picture theater to apply for a special license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for on premises consumption. This bill would:

- Add a new section in the ABC law to allow for on premise alcoholic beverage sales in licensed motion picture theaters under specific conditions. Holders of the license would be required to ensure the purchaser of alcoholic beverages provides evidence of their age by identification documentation.
- Only allow the purchase of one alcoholic beverage per transaction, would only allow alcoholic beverages to be sold or delivered to ticket holders for "PG-13," "R," or "NC-17" rated movies, and would allow alcoholic beverage sales from one hour prior to the start of the first motion picture, until the conclusion of the final

motion picture.

- Amend the ABC Law to clarify that the Authority may issue these special on-premises alcohol licenses only to motion picture theatres meeting certain operational requirements.
- Amend the ABC Law to ensure that foods typically found in a motion picture theater, such as popcorn, candy, and light snacks, are sufficient to satisfy the food requirements of a special on-premises license under this chapter.

This bill would also amend the ABC Law by ensuring that motion picture theaters applying for this license are required to follow the municipality notification requirements under § 110-b, allowing for those same municipalities to express an opinion with respect to whether the application should be approved or denied.

The Assembly's Budget rejects the Executive proposal that would allow the sale of alcohol in movie theaters.

The Senate's Budget rejects the proposal to authorize an Alcoholic Beverage license for the sale and consumption of alcohol in movie theaters.

Extends Empire State Film Production Tax Credit

The Governor's Budget proposal included language extending the Empire State film production tax credit and Empire State film post-production tax credit for three years through 2022.

This bill would amend the Tax Law to extend the Empire State film production tax credit for three additional tax years (2020-2022), and also provide \$420 million annually in allocable tax credits for each of these additional tax years. Additionally, the increase in the annual allocation from \$7 million to \$25 million for the Empire State film post-production credit, which constitutes a subset of the \$420 million total annual allocation, would be extended for tax years 2020 through 2022. Currently, the funding and increase in the annual allocation for post-production are scheduled to expire for tax years beginning after 2019.

This bill would also extend, for three years (2020-2022), the additional credit available (10 percent) for both film production projects and post-production projects, in certain New York counties, for wages or salaries paid to individuals directly employed by a qualified film production company or qualified post production facility. This additional credit is scheduled to expire for tax years beginning after 2019.

The Assembly's Budget accepts the Executive proposal that extends the Empire State Film Production Credit for three additional tax years, from 2020 to 2022, and would provide a continued \$420 million annually in allocable tax credits for each of these three years. The proposal would extend the annual \$25 million allocation for the Empire State Post-Production Credit for the same time period.

The Senate's Budget modifies the Executive proposal to extend the Empire State Film and Post - Production tax Credits for three years, through tax year 2022.

Elections

The Governor's Budget proposed changes in DMV voter registration; allowed early voting in all special, primary, and general elections; and permitted a same day registration/voting process. There is no additional funding provided to counties to implement these changes.

DMV Voter Registration

The Governor's Budget proposed a system of opt-out voter registration for qualified Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customers. The opt-out voter registration is for qualified persons applying for a motor vehicle driver's license, a driver's license renewal, or an identification card issued by the DMV. Current law allows qualified DMV customers to apply to register to vote when conducting certain DMV transactions. This bill would automatically forward voter registration applications for any qualified persons to local boards of elections, unless the DMV customer explicitly opts out of registration.

Early Voting

The Governor's Budget proposed early voting in all special, primary, and general elections. Early voting polling sites to be open for a period of 12 days prior to special, primary, and general elections. The number of early voting polling sites be based on the number of registered voters in each county, and that each county offer at least one site.

Same Day Registration and Vote

The Governor's proposal would allow New Yorkers to register and vote on the same day. Currently, New York does not allow voters to register on Election Day. This proposal would amend the New York State Constitution, subject to voter approval.

The Senate's Budget rejects the election proposals listed above.

The Assembly's Budget rejects or modifies the Executive Budget Election proposal as follows.

- Limited liability companies (LLCs) to be capped at contribution levels of \$5,000 and require LLCs to identify all owners and attribute all contributions to such owners.
- Early voting commencing eight days before a special, primary, or general election.
- Allow for online voter registration and application system.

Employee Benefits

Volunteer Firefighters Benefits Law

The Senate's budget includes language to expand the existing coverage under the

Volunteer Firefighters Benefits Law to include cancer of the digestive, hematological, lymphatic, urinary, prostate, neurological, breast and reproductive systems. The Senate supports studying methods to provide relief to municipalities.

This law will be extended to Volunteer Firefighters who have five or more years of faithful and actual service in the protection of life and property from fire in the interior of buildings caused by cancer affecting the lymphatic or hematological systems or ten or more years of faithful and actual service in the protection of life and property from fire in the interior of buildings caused by cancer affecting the digestive, urinary, prostate, neurological, breast or reproductive systems or melanoma, resulting in total or partial disability or death to such volunteer firefighter, who successfully passed a physical examination on entry into firefighter service, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such cancers, shall be presumptive evidence that it was incurred in the performance and discharge of duty, unless the contrary be proven by competent evidence.

Claims for benefits must be filed within twelve years of separation from active service in protecting life and property from fire in the interior of buildings.

The law does not apply to volunteer firefighters serving in a fire company or fire department where the legislative body of the city or the village, the board of fire commissioners or other governing board of the fire district, or the town board of the town in relation to the fire companies serving territory outside the villages and fire districts or a town fire department, has adopted a local law or resolution to elect not to provide this presumption.

Energy

The Governor's Budget authorized the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to finance a portion of its energy research, development and demonstration program, and its energy policy and planning program, as well as the Department of Environmental Conservation's climate change program and the Department of Agriculture and Markets' Fuel NY program, from an assessment on gas and electric corporations.

An assessment can be placed on gas corporations and electric corporations that have gross revenues from intrastate utility operations more than \$500,000 in the preceding calendar year. The total amount which may be charged cannot exceed one cent per one thousand cubic feet of gas sold, or .010 cent per kilowatt-hour of electricity sold in calendar year 2015. NYSERDA is authorized and directed to transfer \$1 million to the state general fund for services and expenses of the DEC, \$150,000 to the state general fund for the Department of Ag & Markets, and \$750,000 to the University of Rochester laboratory for laser energetics.

The Assembly's Budget accepts the Governor's proposal in respect to the assessment on gas and electric corporations, but rejects the Executive proposal to shift Department of Agriculture and Markets operating costs to NYSERDA.

The Senate's Budget modifies the Executive's Article VII proposal that would authorize the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to finance a portion of its research, development and demonstration, policy and planning, and Fuel NY Programs, and to finance the Department of Environmental Conservation's climate change program and the Department of Agriculture's FuelNY expenses, from an assessment on gas and electric corporation not to exceed \$19.7 million in total. The Senate rejects all proposed uses for the money except for the transfer of \$1.2 million to the University of Rochester to finance their laboratory for laser energetics.

Renewable Energy

In FY 2018, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will provide \$360 million that will leverage \$1 billion of Private Sector investment in 11 large scale renewable energy projects across the State, involving clean technologies like wind, solar, fuel cell, and hydroelectric power. This will be the largest single State investment at one time, and an increase of \$210 million over recent awards. By 2020 NYSEDA expects to support 35 additional renewable projects which will result in more than \$4 billion in additional private sector investment in this industry.

The Assembly's Budget accepts the Governor's recommended funding allocations for NYSEDA, but modifies the Executive proposal to transfer \$23 million from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to the General Fund by instead directing the funds to community solar electric projects in low-to-moderate income and environmental justice communities.

The Senate's Budget also accepts the Governor's recommended funding allocations for NYSEDA. The Senate supports the expanded adoption of renewable energy technologies, but also believes that the cost of doing so must be thoroughly considered, as well as reliability of the electric grid.

The Senate proposes language to establish within the energy research and development authority the Microgrids of New York grant program. It instructs the authority to create a new competitive grant program. Specifically, the program focuses on building microgrids in energy insecure, low income, and rural areas. The Senate also advances language to establish a sales tax exemption on energy efficient equipment and electricity used in the production of snow at ski resorts.

Environment

Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017

The Governor's Budget proposes a \$2 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act to be funded at \$400 million per year over five years and administered directly by the state. The money would be used for water and wastewater infrastructure and source water protection.

These capital resources will be used to improve municipal drinking water distribution

and filtration systems, replace lead service lines, improve wastewater treatment infrastructure, make strategic open space and farmland protection investments, expedite the cleanup of hazardous waste that may impact drinking water, and support green infrastructure.

There are four target areas under the Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017

- 1) Land Acquisition Projects
- 2) Lead Service Line Replacement Grant Program
- 3) Cleanup & Abatement of Solid Waste Sites and Drinking Water Contamination
- 4) New York State Regional Water Infrastructure Projects

Land Acquisition Projects

Allows state dollars to be used for land acquisition projects for source water protections to municipalities, not-for-profit corporations, and county soil and water conservation districts. County land acquisition projects can be source protection for aquifers, watersheds, reservoirs, lakes, rivers and streams.

Lead Service Line Replacement Grant Program

The NYS DOH may grant awards to municipalities without a formal competitive bid process to replace lead service lines. Priority is given to low income communities, but the department will consider the number of people who receive water from these lines when awarding grants.

Cleanup & Abatement of Solid Waste & Drinking Water Contamination

Creates the Solid Waste and Drinking Water Response Account to fund the cleanup and abatement of solid waste sites and to remediate contaminated drinking water. Provides protections for the state to recoup money used from the account to remediate contamination. Allows the state to place a lien on property owned by the person or corporation found responsible for the contamination.

New York State Regional Water Infrastructure Grants Program

Provides grants to counties and municipalities for waste water and drinking water infrastructure projects that have a regional impact and demonstrate efficiencies. Projects must benefit multiple municipalities and may include shared infrastructure, consolidation or interconnection of systems from multiple municipalities.

The Assembly modifies the Executive Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017 to:

- prioritize funding for lead drinking water line replacement in areas with high lead levels in children;
- incentivize municipal cooperation for water infrastructure improvements; and
- authorize the remediation of drinking water contamination and certain closed, illegal, or abandoned waste disposal sites.

The Assembly Budget allocates \$2 billion, \$400 million annually for five years, for various water infrastructure programs to give greater specificity to the Executive

proposal, as follows:

- \$1.15 billion for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2015
- \$200 million for New York City, for large water infrastructure projects
- \$138 million for the replacement of lead drinking water service lines
- \$110 million for intermunicipal water infrastructure grants
- \$110 million for land acquisition projects for source water protection
- \$80 million for green infrastructure projects
- \$70 million for water quality improvement projects
- \$60 million for drinking water contamination response
- \$50 million for septic and cesspool upgrades to reduce nitrogen loading
- \$20 million for closed, illegal or abandoned disposal site remediation
- \$10 million for municipal clean/drinking water and emergency funding
- \$2 million for the City of Owasco and Town of Auburn to upgrade drinking water treatment systems to remove algal blooms.

The Senate Budget modifies the Governor’s proposal. They accept the proposed \$2 billion in funding, and propose the creation of the New York State Regional Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2017 (RWIIA) and provide \$5 billion in bonding authority, which will finance clean water infrastructure projects.

Organics: Food Donation and Food Scrap Recycling

The Governor’s Budget - Effective January 1, 2021, designated food scraps generators, those who generate at a single location an annual average of two tons per week or more of excess food and food scraps, (including, but not limited to, supermarkets, restaurants, higher educational institutions, hotels, food processors, correctional facilities, sports or entertainment venues, hospitals and other health care facilities) will be required to donate edible food when possible and to divert food waste for recycling or energy recovery if located within 50 miles of a digester or composting facility.

The Assembly’s Budget modifies the Executive food waste proposal to address issues related to eligibility, “depackaging” and distance traveled.

The Senate’s Budget rejects the Executive’s proposal.

Paint Stewardship

The Assembly’s Budget establishes a free-to-consumers paint stewardship/collection program and includes a new allocation within the EPF for \$2 million.

Electric Vehicles

The Governor’s Budget proposed budget extends the Alternative Fuels Property and Electric Vehicle Recharging Property Tax Credit for five years, through 2022.

The Assembly’s Budget includes a new sub allocation within the EPF for \$2 million for Zero Emission Vehicles.

Ethics

Financial Disclosure Requirements for Local Elected Officials

The Governor's Budget would require all County Executives, County Managers, Chairs of County Boards of Supervisors, as well as all other local elected officials who earn an annual government salary of more than \$50,000, to file annual statements of financial disclosure with the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE). The Commission would be responsible for review and disclosure of improprieties to authorities.

The Assembly's Budget did not include this financial disclosure language in their budget.

The Senate's Budget did not include this financial disclosure language in their budget proposal, however the Senate stated in their resolution that they “will consider modifications to the Executive Article VII entitled "Good Government and Ethics Reform”... (a)ny ethics reform requires balanced and measured actions to ensure New Yorkers are best served by their public officials.”

Higher Education

Tuition-Free College for Middle-Class Families

The Governor's Budget proposed making college tuition-free for New York's middle-class families at all SUNY and CUNY two- and four-year colleges. New York's tuition-free college degree program would be called the Excelsior Scholarship. Tuition-free college would begin immediately for students of families making up to \$100,000 annually, and phase in over the next two years to those making \$125,000 annually.

To qualify for an Excelsior Scholarship, a student must be:

- Matriculated in an approved two or four-year school, depending on the program; and
- If already enrolled in a public institution of higher education prior to application, the student must have completed at least fifteen combined credits per term (or what is applicable to their program of study), the same requirements are expected for transfer students from non-public schools to a SUNY/CUNY school.

The proposal allows for an exception to the 15 credit hour requirement “in limited circumstances, to be prescribed in regulation.”

Eligibility: A student is not eligible for this grant program if they are already receiving grants/scholarships covering the full cost of attendance.

Applicants who are eligible to apply for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) or Pell grants, must first apply for assistance under these two programs to be eligible to apply for an Excelsior Scholarship.

Any TAP, Pell grants, or other program awards that cover the cost of attendance is first deducted from any award granted to a student, up to the cost of tuition. An applicant

will not receive this grant on top of other grants that already fully cover costs. The institute of higher education must also certify that a recipient of an award under this program has achieved the minimum grade point average necessary for successful completion of the coursework for the payment to be received.

Duration of the Scholarship: A student may receive awards through this program for no more than four years of full-time undergraduate study, or five academic years, if the program of study normally takes five years. This program cannot be used to attain subsequent degrees. Those holding a bachelor's degree are not eligible to apply.

Eligibility is limited to two years for those participating in two-year study programs. This limit may be extended for allowable interruptions of study. As with bachelor degrees, this scholarship cannot be used to achieve subsequent associate degrees either, should the applicant already hold an associate's degree.

Once fully phased in, the Governor's office estimates the program to cost \$163 million per year.

The Assembly's Budget modifies the Governor's proposal and increased the state Tuition Assistance Program to help students who attend private schools.

The Assembly proposal allows students to keep one-third of their Pell grant aid to pay for non-tuition educational costs. It also would raise the income eligibility to \$150,000 in the fourth year of the program. The proposal would reset the tuition that the scholarship pays for at SUNY and CUNY every four years to keep up with tuition growth. Cuomo's plan locks in the price of tuition, requiring the schools to make up the difference going forward.

The Assembly also called for reducing the credit requirement, allowing students to take two, 12-credit semesters, (from 15 proposed by the Governor) and would accommodate special needs students.

The Senate's Budget rejects this proposal and proposed a new pre-paid tuition program.

DREAM Act

The Governor's Budget included legislation to enact the DREAM Act. Since 2002, undocumented students qualify for in-state tuition at SUNY and CUNY if they graduated from a New York high school or received a GED in the state. The DREAM Act will give undocumented students' access to the Tuition Assistance Program, as well as State-administered scholarships.

The Assembly's Budget advances its own DREAM ACT proposal, which includes the DREAM Fund and technical changes.

The Senate's Budget rejects the Dream Act proposal.

A Predictable Tuition Plan for SUNY and CUNY

The Governor's Budget renewed a predictable funding plan for CUNY and SUNY that limits increases in the resident tuition rate at SUNY and CUNY to no more than \$250 a year for the next five years. The revenue generated from any tuition increase will be reinvested to support faculty, instruction, initiatives to improve student success and completion, and tuition credits for TAP-eligible students.

The Assembly's Budget modifies the Executive proposal to allow CUNY to increase New York resident tuition by up to \$200 a year for the next five years through Academic Year (AY) 2021-22.

The Senate's Budget rejects this proposal.

NYSUNY 2020 & NYCUNY 2020

The Governor's Budget proposed investing \$110 million for a new round of the NYSUNY 2020 and NYCUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program. Established in 2011, this program incentivizes bottom-up, individualized, long-term economic development plans on SUNY and CUNY campuses that include public-private partnerships to benefit the campuses and surrounding communities.

The Senate and Assembly both concur with the Executive's proposal.

Restructure BUNDY Aid for Private Colleges

The Governor's Budget refocused State BUNDY aid to New York's independent colleges and universities to rein in tuition costs. The Executive Budget proposes limiting Bundy Aid only to colleges with tuition increases below \$500 or the Higher Education Price Index, whichever is greater. Any savings from this change will be reinvested to help fund a new competitive round of the Higher Education Capital Matching Grants program, which supports strategic investments at independent colleges to improve academic programs, enhance student life or provide economic development benefits to the college community.

The Senate and Assembly both rejected this proposal.

Limiting the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

The Governor's Budget made colleges accountable for high tuition costs, the Executive Budget will only offer the Tuition Assistance Program to colleges that maintain increases in tuition rates below \$500 or the Higher Education Price Index, whichever is greater. This will not impact any current students.

The Senate and Assembly both reject this proposal.

The Assembly's Budget proposes increasing the maximum TAP award up to \$5,500, and

would raise it to \$6,500 over the next four years. It would also extend tuition assistance to undocumented students.

The Senate's Budget rejects the Governor's proposal and instead included language to increase TAP, calling it the "Enhanced Tuition Assistance Program" (E-TAP) and proposed funding of \$109 million.

Judiciary and Court Related Matters

Funding for District Attorney Salary

The Governor's Budget proposed \$4,212,000 for counties to cover District Attorney salary increases that occurred prior to 2014. These pre-2014 costs were caused by Supreme and County Court Judge salary increases which, under State law, are bound with District Attorney salaries. There is no proposed funding for the annual increases to District Attorney salaries caused by the Supreme and County Court Judge salary adjustment that occurred on April 1, 2016. This annual increase is \$1.6 million total to counties.

The Senate's Budget adds the \$1.6 million to cover the District Attorney salary increase, reimbursing counties for a total of \$5,812,000.

The Assembly's Budget supports the Governor's proposal with reimbursement levels at \$ 4,212,000, thereby omitting this year's \$1.6 million increase to counties.

Indigent Defense

The Governor's Budget allocated \$81 million for statewide indigent defense program costs. This is level funding compared to the 2016/2017 budget. Counties continue expend approximately \$370 million annually to provide indigent defense services, a service which is the State's constitutional obligation to provide.

Expanded Services to 52 Counties and the Office of Indigent Legal Services

The Governor's budget requires the Office of Indigent Legal Services to submit a plan by year end 2017 the goal of which is to extend the provisions of the Hurrell-Harring settlement to the rest of the State. This will require the expansion of service to include public defender case cap loads as well as off-hour arraignment coverage. This plan must be approved by the Executive Budget Division. Under this plan, the counties, not the State, must front the expanded indigent defense service costs. The State will fund one hundred percent of the costs they deem necessary to extend the reforms. The plan's service expansion will be phased in over a seven-year period.

5 Counties Subject to Current Hurrell-Harring Expanded Services

The Executive Budget allocates \$23,810,000 for Hurrell-Harring related expanded services in five counties. In 2014, the state settled the Hurrell-Harring lawsuit by agreeing to expand indigent defense services for the five counties (Ontario, Onondaga, Schuyler, Suffolk and Washington) named in the suit and provided state funding for

those expanded services, which included placing case load caps on public defenders and providing legal counsel on first arraignment.

Eligibility Guidelines

The Executive Budget does not change or allocate funding for the Eligibility Standard Guidelines which are effective April 1, 2017 to the 52 non-Hurrell-Harring counties. These state-imposed eligibility standards were released on April 4, 2016. These guidelines expand eligibility to anyone with net income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level. The guidelines, entitled "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Assigned Counsel Eligibility," were developed by the New York Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) and take effect April 1, 2017.

The Assembly's Budget provides the same funding as the Executive, however the Assembly provides language for a future fiscal state takeover of county criminal indignant defense service costs. This fiscal takeover would be over 7 years and start in 2018. This proposal is for criminal county service costs and not family or surrogate related indigent defense costs. Accordingly, this plan would not alleviate counties of the entire \$370 million they currently expend but it would cover a majority of these costs.

Expanded Services to 52 Counties and the Office of Indigent Legal Services

The Assembly agrees with the Governor's plan to expand services to the (case cap loads and off-hour arraignment coverage) but rejects the Governor's Division of Budget oversight.

5 Counties Subject to Current Hurrell-Harring Expanded Services

Assembly agrees with the Executive Budget proposal.

Eligibility Guidelines

Assembly agrees with the Executive Budget proposal.

The Senate's Budget - concurs with the Governor's proposal and provides no additional mandate relief for current county costs.

Expanded Services to 52 Counties and the Office of Indigent Legal Services

The Senate agrees with the Governor's plan to expand services to the (case cap loads and off-hour arraignment coverage) but rejects the Governor's Division of Budget oversight.

5 Counties Subject to Current Hurrell-Harring Expanded Services

Senate agrees with the Executive Budget proposal.

Eligibility Guidelines

Only expanded services given to an individual at or below one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level will be eligible for reimbursement.

Labor

Workforce Development Training

The Governor's Budget - proposal includes language to amend the Employee Training Incentive Credit Program to incentivize companies to include incumbent worker training as part of their expansion and retention projects, and expand the credit to include training for employees working in life sciences.

The legislation would eliminate the requirement that eligible training be provided to employees filling net new jobs and allows such training to cover internship programs in life sciences as well as advanced technology. It would amend the definition of significant capital investment needed for eligibility into the program to require a company to make a capital investment in new business processes or equipment, the cost of which is equal to or exceeds ten dollars for every one dollar of tax credit allowed pursuant to Tax Law. In addition, the bill eliminates the requirement that a company must create ten net new jobs to be eligible for the program.

The Assembly's Budget – accepts the proposal that amends the Employee Training Incentive Credit Program to incentivize companies to include incumbent worker training as part of their expansion and retention projects. To accomplish this, the Executive proposes to eliminate the requirement that eligible training be provided to employees filling net new jobs, and allows such training to cover internship programs in life sciences and advanced technology. Also, the definition of significant capital investment needed for eligibility in the program would be amended to require a company to make a capital investment in new business processes or equipment at a ratio of ten dollars or more for every one dollar of tax credit allowed.

The Senate's Budget denies the proposal to expand the Employee Training Incentive Program (ETIP) to include incumbent worker training and include training for employees of life science companies.

New York Youth Jobs Program Tax Credit

The Governor's Budget proposal included language extending the Urban Youth Jobs Program tax credit for five years to 2022 and rename the program as the New York Youth Jobs Program tax credit.

This bill would amend the Labor Law to authorize additional allocations of \$50 million per year in tax credits to be awarded in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for employers participating in the program. The bill would also rename the program as the “New York Youth Jobs Program tax credit” to reflect that the program is now offered statewide.

The Assembly's Budget modifies the Executive's proposal that extends the Youth Jobs Program for five years to 2022 by streamlining the application process and develops an apprenticeship component to the program.

The Senate's Budget denies the Executive proposal to rename the

Urban Youth Jobs Program Tax Credit to the New York Youth Jobs Program Tax Credit and extend it for five years, until 2022.

Mandated Shared Services Initiatives

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The Governor's Budget – Under the proposed budget the chief executive officer of each county must prepare a savings plan for shared services among the county, cities, towns and villages within such county. The chief executive officer of the county must seek consensus among the mayors and supervisors, then must submit the plan to the county legislative body. The plan must contain new recurring savings through actions "...such as, but not limited to, the elimination of duplicative services; shared services, such as joint purchasing, shared highway equipment, shared storage facilities, shared plowing services, energy and insurance purchasing cooperatives, reduction in back office administrative overhead and general coordination of services."

The plan must be submitted to the county legislature by August 1, 2017. The county legislature may make modifications to the plan. The plan is then to be finalized by September 15, 2017 and made public. At the upcoming November election the question of if the plan should be adopted will be voted on in a countywide referendum format. If the people vote no, the chief executive officer of each county must repeat this process in 2018 with a new plan.

There is no State funding provided for the costs associated with putting the property tax savings plan proposal together; nor for implementation, election and other expenses.

The Governor's budget also linked the release of all AIM funding to the inclusion of this shared services proposal in the adopted budget. (See AIM section for more details.)

The Senate's Budget rejects this provision.

The Assembly's Budget rejects this provision.

Mandate that all Local Governments Allow Partial Payments of Property Taxes

The Governor's Budget proposed that all local governments must allow for partial payments of property taxes (as well as special ad valorem levies and special assessments). This would be a mandate, but a local government could opt out of providing for partial payments by adopting a local law to opt out.

The local government would be allowed to establish a process for accepting partial payments (that could include local surcharges and interest for the balances due on partial payments). This would not be effective for tax collections until January 2019.

The Senate's Budget rejects this provision.

The Assembly's Budget includes this provision, but made it an “opt in” (voluntary vs. a mandate).

AIM

The Governor's Budget linked the release of all AIM funding to the inclusion of a mandated shared services program in the final budget. Governor proposed level funding of \$715 million.

The Assembly's Budget rejects the linking of the release of AIM funding contingent upon the enactment of a mandated shared services plan as described. The Assembly adds \$50 million in additional AIM funding based on a formula to be adopted in subsequent legislation. The Assembly partially funds this increase by eliminating the Citizens Re-organization Empowerment Grants program (\$35 million) and the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program (\$4 million).

Assembly also creates a new local government aid line item of \$2.25 million “for payment to a county in which a gaming facility is located but does not receive a percent of the negotiated percentage of the net drop from gaming devices the state receives pursuant to a compact.”

The Senate's Budget rejects the linking of the release of AIM funding contingent upon the enactment of a mandated shared services plan as described. The Senate level funds AIM.

The Senate creates two new local government aid line items of \$2.25 million and \$250,000 “for payment to a county in which a gaming facility is located but does not receive a percent of the negotiated percentage of the net drop from gaming devices the state receives pursuant to a compact.”

Judgment Interest Rates

The Governor's Budget proposed to modify the required interest rate payable in judgements against the state and local governments. In New York, today, the current rate of judgment interest is a fixed 9% which can cost a county thousands of dollars while waiting for an appeal. This budget lowers the rate of judgment interest by linking this to Federal set rates which are currently below 2%.

The Assembly and Senate Budgets both reject this proposal.

Mental Health

Invest \$11 Million in Additional Community Services

The Governor's Budget included additional annual investment will be used to expand community services based on regional needs reflecting stakeholder input, and is expected to reduce the need for costlier inpatient beds in FY 2018. Once fully implemented this additional commitment will bring the total new investments since FY 2015 to \$92 million annually.

Fund 280 Additional Supported Housing Community Beds

OMH will reconfigure 140 state operated residential beds, which are less integrated and costlier to operate, and replace them with funds to develop 280 community-based, scattered site supported housing units in the same geographic area.

The Assembly's Budget provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.14 billion for the Office of Mental Health, an increase of \$22.15 million over the Executive proposal.

The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to establish county jail-based restoration units and provides a net restoration of \$1.3 million. The Assembly also modifies appropriation language to limit the number of beds that can be reduced to

clarify that no facilities will be closed and that any significant service reduction must adhere to the statutory twelve-month notice requirement.

The Senate's Budget concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$2.3 billion for the Office of Mental Health (State Operations), with the following modifications:

- Require the inclusion of local governmental units input on the implementation of the Executive recommendations to review and reconfigure state-operated clinics; standardize the oversight and monitoring of the Service Dollars Program; and reconfigure residential opportunities.
- Require quarterly reports on the Executive recommendation to review and reconfigure state-operated clinic services.
- The Senate denies appropriation language to notwithstanding notification and reinvestment requirements for the reduction of State-operated beds.
- The Senate denies without prejudice appropriation language that would allow for restoration to competency treatment in jail and prison based settings.
- The Senate concurs with the Executive proposal to continue to provide monthly status reports.

The Senate also modifies the Executive recommendation to provide increased support to residential units by delaying implementation until January 1, 2018.

The Senate concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$374 million for the Office of Mental Health (Capital Projects), with the following modification:

- Require \$14 million be used for rehabilitation projects at Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center.

The Senate denies without prejudice the Executive recommendation to allow for restoration to competency treatment in jail and prison based settings.

The Senate advances language requiring Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center be maintained in Erie County as a separate and distinct entity, both organizationally and physically, from other facilities.

The Heroin & Opioid Abuse Crisis

The Governor's Budget includes a \$30 million increase over 2016/17 funding, for a total of \$200 million to combat the heroin & opioid abuse crisis. This funding will be used to add new residential treatment beds, open additional Opioid Treatment Program slots, increase Family Support Navigators and Peer Engagement programs, and provide additional supports and services to those struggling with addiction.

Specifically, the funding will enable OASAS to implement the following initiatives:

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- **Residential Treatment Beds:** The State will add 80 new residential beds run by not-for-profit providers. These new beds are integral for ensuring widespread service availability for those in need of inpatient care.
- **Opioid Treatment Program Slots:** The State will open 600 additional Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) slots, which will provide individuals with the medications they need, including buprenorphine, to help with the State's whole-patient approach to services and care.
- **Community Coalitions:** Funding for 10 new regional coalitions and partnerships will allow families, service providers, educators, law enforcement, State agencies and local leaders to increase cross-sector collaboration on the prevention and treatment of SUDs.
- **Family Support Navigators:** OASAS currently supports 10 navigator programs to assist and inform those seeking treatment and their families of options for insurance coverage and OASAS treatment systems. The Budget includes funding to add another 10 programs, for a total of 20 programs statewide, including two in each ESD region.
- **Peer Engagement:** Similar to family navigators, OASAS also currently supports 10 Peer Engagement programs, one in each ESD region. These crucial programs help individuals in need of treatment make connections from hospital emergency rooms to the OASAS treatment system, putting them on the path to recovery. The Budget includes funding to add another 10 programs, for a total of 20 programs statewide.
- **Adolescent Clubhouses:** These safe, welcoming spaces will help teens and young adults who are in recovery or are at-risk for SUDs to develop social skills that promote long-term health, wellness, recovery and a drug-free lifestyle. The Budget supports eight new clubhouses, for a total of 15 statewide including five in New York City, two in the Mohawk Valley and one in each of the remaining ESD regions.
- **Recovery Community and Outreach Centers:** These facilities provide recovery supports in a comfortable environment to individuals and their families that are in, or seeking, recovery from SUDs. The Budget supports five new centers, for a total of 14 centers statewide, which provide information and education on how to access treatment supports and wellness activities, and they extend peer supports and volunteers to assist in all areas of the Centers' operations.
- **24/7 Urgent Access Centers:** Urgent Access Centers will be opened throughout the State to offer round-the-clock access to SUD treatment services. These 10 centers will help alleviate traditional "work day" delays in linking clients with appropriate treatment.
- **Recovery High Schools:** These "schools within a school" will help students in recovery learn in a substance-free and supportive environment. Legislation is included in the budget to establish a pilot program at up to two schools. These schools are expected to be operational in FY 2019 in hard-hit regions of the State.

The Assembly's Budget provides an All Funds appropriation of \$738.54 million for the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), an increase of

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\$45.2 million over the Executive proposal.

The Assembly also provides \$30 million to support an expansion of heroin and opiate related programs, including treatment, recovery, and peer support services. This investment will bring total spending in the Assembly proposal on heroin and opiate services to \$243.48 million.

The Assembly also restores \$2 million to fund Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists (SAPIS) in New York City through the Department of Education.

The Senate's Budget concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$121 million for the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services through State Operations. The Senate also concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$504 million through Aid to Localities, with the following modifications:

- Provide \$2.7 million in funding for prevention, treatment, and recovery services
- Require quarterly reports on the implementation of programs and services created in Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018.

The Assembly's Budget rejects the Executive proposal to authorize BOCES to establish two recovery high schools.

The Senate's Budget modifies the Executive recommendation for Recovery High Schools for students with a diagnosed substance abuse disorder by increasing the number from two to three.

Public Health

Pharmaceutical Pricing

The Governor's Budget proposed a three-point plan to protect consumers and taxpayers from rapidly rising costs of prescription drugs as follows:

1. Create a price ceiling for certain high cost prescription drugs reimbursed under the Medicaid program by requiring a 100 percent additional supplemental rebate for any amounts more than a benchmark price as recommended by the DOH's Drug Utilization Review Board. The plan will also limit year-over-year price increases for generic drugs paid for by the Medicaid program.
2. Impose a surcharge on high-priced drugs when they are sold into the State. The proceeds collected from the surcharge will be reallocated to insurers to lower insurance premiums for New Yorkers the following year so the cost is not passed on to consumers.
3. Regulate Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to protect consumers and ensure that

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PBMs are not contributing to the rising costs of prescription drugs through unfair business practices.

The Assembly's Budget modifies the Executive proposal to establish a surcharge on high cost drugs and to ensure pharmacies will be exempt from the surcharge. The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to require prior authorization for any refill of a controlled substance if more than a seven day supply of the prescription remains and to reduce the limit on year-over-year increases in for generic drug costs, from 300 percent to 75 percent.

The Senate's Budget modifies the Governor's proposal to provide that any brand-name drug, or generic drug that costs more than \$50, which doubles in price in a 12-month period be subject to prior approval in the Medicaid program. If the state's Drug Utilization Review Board determines that the price increase is excessive, it may turn over evidence to the state's attorney general to investigate price gouging. The commissioner may also require a supplemental rebate from the manufacturer.

Consolidation of Public Health Appropriations

The Governor's Budget recommended consolidating 39 public health appropriations into 4 pools. Funding for each pool is reduced by 20 percent (projecting state savings of \$24.6 million).

The Senate and Assembly both reject the Executive proposal to consolidate 39 public health programs and cut spending for these programs by 20 percent, restoring \$24.6 million and discrete appropriations for these programs.

Reduced General Public Health Work (GPHW) Reimbursement to NYC
Through the GPHW program, DOH reimburses New York City and county health departments for core public health services by providing base grants and covering 36 percent of the remaining net costs. The Budget reduces New York City's rate from 36 to 29 percent, generating a savings of \$11 million in FY 2018. This is in recognition that the City, unlike other counties, can directly access other forms of public health funding, including Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding. The 36 percent reimbursement rate is preserved for all other county health departments.

Both the Senate and the Assembly rejected the Executive proposal to reduce New York City's public health reimbursement to 29 percent, from the current 39 percent, restoring \$11 million.

The Senate's Budget also accepts a NYSACHO proposal to make Maintenance of

Effort reporting annually and across all core services, not each service individually.

Test and Monitor Drinking Water

The Governor's Budget included two initiatives to maintain a safe water supply and inform New Yorkers when potentially hazardous substances contaminate their drinking water.

- 1) Every covered public water system will be required to test drinking water from community water systems (provides water to the same population year round (homes and apartment buildings) and non-transient non-community water systems (provides water to at least 25 of the same people at least six months per year. Some examples are schools, factories, office buildings, and hospitals which have their own water systems), for the presence of emerging contaminants in the state and unregulated contaminants on the contaminant candidate list (CCL) monitored under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Testing must be done once every three years and reported to the DOH. The Department may also require results of testing to be submitted to city, county, or part-county health departments.
- 2) The testing of private wells will be required for new or existing onsite water supply systems (wells) as a condition of sale of any residential property. The closing of title on the sale cannot be completed unless both buyer and seller have received and reviewed a copy of the test results and signed a written acknowledgment. Also within this section is a provision that requires the testing of leased residential property within one year of the effective date (so by 10/2018) and at least once every five years thereafter. Results must be provided to new tenants as well as prior tenants upon request. Testing results will be reported to DOH.

The Assembly's Budget modifies the Executive proposal to implement a water monitoring program for emerging contaminants and a residential well testing program to add additional specificity to the proposals and to improve notification requirements.

The Senate's Budget modifies the recommendation to require testing of private wells for contaminants prior to sale of residential property by establishing the Drinking Water Quality Institute and advances language to establish and enable the Drinking Water Quality Institute to make recommendations for the Department of Health to:

- Develop a list of emerging contaminants to be adopted by Department of Health and required for testing by public water supplies serving 4,000 individuals or more
- Develop maximum contaminant levels no less stringent than federal standards for listed substances
- Develop appropriate testing timeframes, techniques and frequencies while

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- allowing for variation in region and size of the public water system
- Conduct scientific studies and research, as well as public outreach and education regarding emerging contaminants and drinking water quality in public water supplies and private wells, an online tracking and mapping system of contaminants and infrastructure improvement projects, and the feasibility of biomonitoring
- Develop a comprehensive public notification process for public water systems with water quality issues
- Ensure state officials are aware of up-to-date science and research as it relates to drinking water quality and unregulated contaminants
- Take actions to ensure responsible parties are pursued, and prompt availability of funding for remediation and cleanup projects

Members of the Institute shall consist of the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Conservation agency officials, members appointed by the Legislature and the Executive including water purveyors, public citizens with expertise in drinking water quality.

Public Safety

Apply the Public Safety Communications Surcharge to Prepaid Devices *The Governor's Budget* proposal included legislation to extend the 9-1-1 Public Safety Surcharge from contracted cell phone devices to prepaid devices.

The legislation would require sellers to collect a surcharge on the sale of each prepaid wireless communications service or device sold within this state. The market shift from contract plans to prepaid wireless, which is not currently subject to the surcharge, is leading to a steady decline of revenue. The surcharge currently imposed on postpaid wireless communications service is \$1.20 on each device per month. The prepaid surcharge would be imposed on the sale of each prepaid service or device at the rate of \$0.60 per retail sale that is \$30 or less, and \$1.20 per retail sale over \$30.

Interoperable Communications

The legislation does not increase the current law "up to" \$75 million grant authorization to counties, therefore any increase from the state \$1.20 surcharge on prepaid devices will be kept entirely by the state.

In addition, the legislation would also expand the authority of municipalities that are currently authorized to impose a surcharge on postpaid wireless communications service to impose a similar surcharge on the sale of each prepaid service or device.

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The surcharge currently imposed on postpaid wireless communications service in those municipalities is \$0.30 on each device per month. The prepaid surcharge would be imposed on the sale of each prepaid service or device at the rate of \$0.30 per retail sale.

The Senate's Budget rejects the Governor's proposal for the surcharge on prepaid wireless communications service and devices.

The Assembly's Budget accepts the Governor's proposal to require sellers to collect a surcharge on the sale of each prepaid wireless communications service or device sold within this state. The prepaid surcharge would be on the sale of each prepaid service or device at the rate of \$0.60 per retail sale of \$30 or less, and \$1.20 per retail sale over \$30. Municipalities would also be authorized to impose a \$0.30 cent similar surcharge on the sale of each prepaid service or device.

Interoperable Emergency Communications

The Governor's Budget included for the Statewide Interoperable Emergency Communications Grants (SICG) program at \$75 million, dividing this up into \$65 million for traditional grants to counties and \$10 million for operating expenses to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

The Senate's Budget accepts this proposal

The Assembly's Budget reprograms the funding to include:

- \$50,000,000 - grants or reimbursement to counties for the development, consolidation or operation of public safety communications systems or networks designed to support statewide interoperable communications for first responders
- \$15,000,000 for grants or reimbursement to counties for the development and/or implementation of next generation 911 services
- \$10,000,000 for grants to counties for costs related to the operations of public safety dispatch centers

Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility

The Governor's Budget proposed language to implement juvenile justice reforms through for raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction to age 17 on January 1, 2019 and to age 18 on January 1, 2020. Additional reform measures include comprehensive

diversion, probation, and programming services for justice-involved youth.

The proposal authorized state reimbursement of local shares for counties that are subject to the property tax cap, upon a showing that:

- any expense incurred because of the implementation of raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction above fifteen years of age would result in fiscal hardship;
- that the county has met the requirements of the property tax cap; and
- a plan has been developed by the county that shows how the county will appropriately implement the requirements of law.

The Assembly's Budget has accepted the Governor's proposal with modifications.

The Assembly provides \$5 million for capital improvements to local detention facilities associated with raising the age at juvenile jurisdiction. It also provides an additional \$10 million in aid to local probation departments to support adjustment and diversion services for juveniles in preparation for raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction.

Modifications include:

- restoring provisions to allow and increase the standards for placing PINS in foster care and enhance services for juvenile delinquents and PINS;
- narrowing the list of juvenile offenses for 16 and 17 year olds to the existing list of felonies in current law as well as certain other serious violent felony offenses, and allow for the removal of juvenile offenders to Family Court under certain circumstances;
- including youth charged with misdemeanor and felony vehicle and traffic offenses with the non-juvenile offenses processed in family court;
- expanding youthful offender eligibility to anyone under the age of 21 and create a presumption for granting such status;
- providing for 100 percent local cost reimbursement from the state; and
- creating opportunities for the sealing of certain convictions.

The Senate's Budget omits the language. However, it was noted in their budget resolution that the Senate will modify the Executive proposal that raises the age of criminal responsibility for 16 and 17 year olds in the State of New York. The Senate supports raising the age of criminal responsibility while ensuring public safety and the proper balance of the role and responsibilities of established court systems. The Senate believes that the State should assist in ensuring that 16 and 17 year olds receive the treatment and programming they need to avoid the repeated cycle of mass incarceration that many of our youth experience today. At the same time, we must ensure that the victims of crimes and the effect of criminal actions against society are also taken into consideration as we weigh changes to criminal justice policy. Further,

the Senate believes that any confinement of 16 and 17 year olds, if needed, must be in an appropriate setting and expresses concern about 16 and 17-year old inmates incarcerated at the Rikers Island Facility. The Senate will also ensure that any changes necessary to achieve these desired reforms will have no added financial burden to the counties or other local governments/entities.

Jail-Based Restoration

The Governor's Budget proposal included establishing jail-based restoration programs for felony level defendants. The Office of Mental Health (OMH) will work with participating counties on a voluntary basis to develop specialized residential treatment units within their jails. The Executive Budget invests \$850,000 to assist county jails in making any necessary infrastructure improvements to provide these separate treatment units.

The Senate and Assembly budgets reject the Executive proposal to establish county jail- based restoration Units.

Reducing Penalties for Possession of Small Amounts of Marijuana

The Governor's Budget proposal included amending the Penal Law relating to the penalties administered for possession of small amounts of marijuana to reduce the population of non-violent individuals needlessly thrust into the criminal justice system.

The Senate's Budget rejects this proposal

The Assembly's Budget accepts the Executive proposal to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana, and additionally includes new legislation to provide for the sealing of records in low-level marijuana possession cases.

Transportation

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) Registration of weighing up 1,500 pounds

The Senate's Budget included a proposal to increase the registration weight limit on ATVs to 1,500 pounds from the current 1000 pound limit. Permitting the registration of these ATVs will generate more revenue through the DMV registration process. It will also increase consumer interest in purchasing new ATVs within this weight category because, such ATVs will be able to be registered, insured, and used on trails in New York State.

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DMV Fees

The budget proposes to increase the following DMV related fees:

- The certificate of title fee from \$50 dollars to \$75 dollars.
- the duplicate certificate of title fee from \$20 dollars to \$40 dollars.
- increases the fine range (\$25-\$200 to \$100-\$500) for motor vehicles on toll roads with altered or obscured license plates.
- Increases the reinstatement fee from \$25 to \$100 for non-residents seeking to have their driving privileges restored.
- add a five-dollar fee for driver's licenses, renewals or amendments of such licenses that are marked as REAL ID licenses.
- Assess a five-dollar fee to cover the cost of producing an identification card for real estate license applicants.

The Senate's Budget rejects all proposed fee increases. *The*

Assembly's Budget accepts all proposed fee increases.

Design Build for Counties

The Governor's Budget extended design build authority to counties and a broad array of state agencies as follows:

- To qualify it must be a capital project and not be less than one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in scope.
- The types of capital projects for which design-build contracts can be used would be as follows: related to physical infrastructure, including, but not limited to, highways, bridges, dams, flood control projects, canals, and parks, including, but not limited to, to repair damage caused by natural disaster, to correct health and safety defects.

The Assembly's Budget rejects this proposal.

The Senate's Budget rejects this proposal.

Road and Bridge Funding

The Governor's Budget proposes \$ 438,097,000.00 for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS) and \$39,700,000.00 for Marchiselli funding. This level is consistent with last year's budget. PAVE-NY and BRIDGE-NY are both funded at authorized levels of \$100 million each.

The Assembly's Budget provides \$50 million of additional CHIPS funding to be added to the base for a total of \$488 million. And concurs with PAVE-NY and BRIDGE-NY

Executive proposal.

The Senate's Budget provides \$75 million of additional CHIPS funding to be added to the base for a total of \$512 million. And concurs with PAVE-NY and BRIDGE-NY Executive proposal.

Veterans

Expands the Available of Veterans' Court Services

The Governor's Budget provided \$10.7 million for local veteran services including an increase of \$1 million toward the veterans' treatment courts peer to peer program. New York now has 29 veteran diversion treatment courts. This bill would broaden the services stemming from veterans' treatment courts by increased availability of the peer mentoring services.

The Assembly's Budget accepts the Governor's proposal.

The Senate's Budget modifies with the Executive proposal by specifies how the \$1 million additional funding should be distributed. The Senate proposes:

- \$350,000 for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's Veterans and Military Families Advocacy project
- \$100,000 to expand Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's Veterans and Military Families Advocacy project into Westchester County
- \$250,000 for Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee's Veterans' Rights Project
- \$250,000 in additional funding for the Veterans Outreach Center in Monroe County
- \$300,000 for Warrior Salute

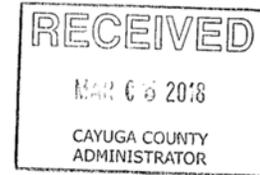
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE LETTER

February 28, 2018

To: The Chief Executive Officers of
The Affected Tax Jurisdictions
On Schedule A

Re: Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency
Inns of Aurora, LLC Project
Notice of Public Hearing

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as a notice of public hearing with respect to the captioned project. On the 22nd day of March, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. local time, at Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room, 456 Main Street, Village of Aurora, New York 13026, the Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-referenced project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. Attached is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the *Auburn Citizen* for publication.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to review the project application and present your views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the project. The public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 859-a of the General Municipal Law. We are providing this notice to you, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-a, as the chief executive officer of an affected tax jurisdiction within which the project is located.

Very truly yours,

CAYUGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: Tracy Verrier
Executive Director

Raymond E. Lockwood
Chairman

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Cayuga County, New York

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Cayuga County Legislature
Attn: Chairman
County Office Building
160 Genesee Street, 6th Floor
Auburn, New York 13021

Certified Mail No. 91 7199 9991 7038 2130 6503

Cayuga County Administrator
County Office Building
160 Genesee Street, 6th Floor
Auburn, New York 13021

Town of Ledyard

Certified Mail No. 91 7199 9991 7038 2130 6510

Town of Ledyard
Attn: Town Supervisor
Ledyard Town Hall
1099 Poplar Ridge Road
Aurora, New York 13026

Southern Cayuga Central School District

Certified Mail No. 91 7199 9991 7038 2130 6527

Southern Cayuga Central School District
Attn: Chair of Board of Education
2834 State Route 34B
Aurora, New York 13026

Village of Aurora

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Village of Aurora
Attn: Mayor
571 Main Street
Aurora, New York 13026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law will be held by the Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on Thursday March 22, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., local time, at Aurora Firehouse Meeting Room, 456 Main Street, Village of Aurora, New York 13026, in connection with the following matter:

INNS OF AURORA, LLC for itself or on behalf of an entity to be formed (herein, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a Project (the "Project") consisting of (A) the acquisition by the Agency from the Company of a leasehold interest in an approximately 1.4 acre parcel of land located at 418 Main Street within the Village of Aurora, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as TMID No. 181.12-1-13) and the existing improvements located thereon, including an approximately 5,500 square foot vacant commercial building, along with related site improvements (collectively, the "Existing Improvements") (B) the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and upgrade of the Existing Improvements as a modern lodging facility, including of twelve (12) guest rooms, an innkeeper room, common rooms, building addition, ADA upgrades, and various outdoor improvements, parking and site improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Existing Improvements and Improvements of certain machinery, equipment and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Land, the Existing Improvements and Improvements, the "Facility"); and (D) through a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will acquire a leasehold interest in the Facility and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction").

The Agency will acquire title to, or a leasehold interest in, the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the Company will purchase the Facility from the Agency, or if the Agency holds a leasehold interest, the leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance (the "Financial Assistance") to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions, and consistent with the policies of the Agency, and a partial real property tax abatement.

A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's project Application (including a cost-benefit analysis) and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance.

DATED: March 2, 2018

By: CAYUGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

March to Lake Day

Solutions to Reduce HABs* in Owasco Lake A Scientific Symposium in “Plain English”

Main Stage

Auburn Public Theater
8 Exchange Street
Auburn NY 13021

Topics:

Status of Owasco Lake - 2017

Dr. John Halfman, Professor of Environmental Studies
Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Nine Element Watershed Plan

Tools to Identify Nutrient Sources and Prioritize Remedial Measures
Dr. Liz Moran, President and Principal Scientist - Eco Logic, LLC

Total Maximum Daily Load - TMDL

Watershed Plan with a Nutrient Diet Starting Point to Improve Water Quality
Terry Cuddy, Save Owasco Now

In Lake HAB Disruptor and Prevention Technologies

Larry Campanelli, OWLA

OWLA Updates: Nutrient Reduction Projects, Funding Sources, Tributary Sampling and Testing

Rick Nelson, OWLA

Event co-sponsored by Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA), Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency (WQMA), Save Owasco Now, Cayuga Community College, Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, American Dairy Association North East and Finger Lakes Museum and Aquarium.

Free ♦ Open to the public ♦ Accessible

Additional information: www.owla.org or www.owascolake.org.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

9 am - 12 pm

* Harmful Algal Blooms

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Additional information: www.owla.org or www.owascolake.org.

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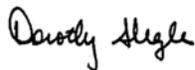
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FROM: 

Dorothy Slegle
4-H Youth Development Program Educator
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Email: dld83@cornell.edu

DATE: February 14, 2018

RE: **2018 Tractor Safety Certification Course Offered**

The 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cayuga County will be conducting **Tractor Safety Certification classes for Youth** beginning on Monday, March 5, 2018.

The Hazardous Occupation in Agricultural Law requires that youth ages 14 to 16 must have at least 24 hours of tractor safety and maintenance instruction in order to drive a tractor on a farm other than that owned by their parents. Every employer of a young hired employee should consider this class for their present and summer help. Youth that are only 13 may take the course for the safety experience, and may be eligible to receive certification. Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County to verify eligibility. **This is the only course to be held in Cayuga County for 2018 to certify youth.**

Pre-registration is required. Class size will be limited. The **cost** of the course is **\$45 per person** (fee can be waived for certain circumstances), which includes a student manual and must be paid before the first class. Fee must be received in order to secure your registration. **Attendance is required at all classes in order for students to become certified.** Please see listed dates below.

Dates of Classes: Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 and
Saturday, April 7, 2018

Times: Mondays, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Saturday, starts at 12:30 P.M. written/skills/driving tests

Location: varies with classes, call for complete schedule

Cost: \$45.00 for ALL Youth (includes a student manual).

Register: The deadline to register is March 1, 2018 as space allows. Please Call 315-255-1183 to register or register online at blogs.cornell.edu/ccecaayuga.

If you are a person planning to participate in this program with a disability and require any auxiliary aids, services, or other accommodations, please contact us: **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CLASS**

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Cornell Cooperative Extension is an employer and educator recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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2018 Tractor Safety & Machinery Class Outline:

Please be advised that class release times may vary depending on the night of instruction.

- I. **Monday, March 5th 6:00-9:00 P.M.**
Introduction & Safety Basics
Location: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County, 248 Grant Ave., Auburn

- I. **Monday, March 12th 6:00-9:00 P.M.**
Pesticides & Agricultural Hazards
Location: Donald Brothers Farm, 2062 East Venice Road. (South of Longhill Road, East of Stewarts Corners Road. The farm is North of Holley Road, and has tall silver grain bins with a white farmhouse close to the road)

- II. **Monday, March 19th 6:00-9:00 P.M.**
Implements & Livestock, Silo, Hay & Manure Hazards
Location: Sunnyside Dairy, 2231 Indian Field Road, Scipio Center

- III. **Monday, March 26th 6:00-9:00 P.M.**
Tractor Part One
Location: Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, 1879 West Genesee Street Road, Auburn

- IV. **Monday, April 2nd 6:00-9:00 P.M.**
Tractor Part Two, ATV/Mule, Skidsteers
Location: Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, 1879 West Genesee Street Road, Auburn

- V. **Saturday, April 7th 12:30 P.M.-?**
Testing Day—Written, Skills and Driving
Location: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County, 248 Grant Ave., Auburn

**For Questions, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County,
315-255-1183.**