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# Wayne County



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Promoting and protecting the health of our community

**Wayne County Public Health Service**

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# **Wayne County Public Health**

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Wayne County Public Health is to provide disease prevention services, health promotion programs and health care services to those in need in order to maintain and enhance the longevity and quality of life of Wayne County residents.

## **Our Vision**

To encourage and promote optimal health outcomes for our residents.

## **Our Values**

Collaboration, Compassion, Integrity, Professionalism and Respect.

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# Prevention Agenda Team

In 2010, the local health departments and hospitals were encouraged by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to work on health priorities together to better the health of our residents. In 2011, the Wayne County Prevention Agenda Team (WCPAT) was created by several health and human service agencies that were willing to take on this task.

Today the WCPAT is comprised of the following members: Wayne County Public Health, Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, Wayne County Rural Health Network, S2AY Rural Health Network, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County, Finger Lakes Community Health Center, Wayne CAP, Wayne ARC, Head Start, Department of Social Services, representatives of the Board of Supervisors, Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes, Wayne County Mental Health, Wayne County Aging & Youth, and representatives from the schools. Any health and human service agency that provides services to Wayne County residents are welcome to join the WCPAT.

The members of WCPAT meet on a bi-monthly basis to work on the 2014 – 2017 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP outlines activities that are intended to decrease the prevalence of obesity and heart disease / hypertension in Wayne County residents. WCPAT members worked in subcommittees in areas of expertise. The sub-committees are: breastfeeding, worksite wellness, EBT / SNAP benefits usage at farmers markets, community gardens, living healthy and motivational interviewing and sodium reduction in hospital, senior meal sites and nursing home meals.

Great strides have been made in 2014 in all areas of the CHIP. Just to name a few of the activities: over eleven (11) community gardens have been established, the Wayne County Breastfeeding Task Force reconvened, several people have been trained and received certification in lactation consultation, Newark Wayne Community Hospital has become Baby Friendly and only promotes breastfeeding, a referral prescription pad has been developed and distributed for the Living Health programs (Chronic Disease Self-Management and the National Diabetes Prevention Programs) to all physician practices in Wayne County, sodium reduction in meals served at the hospital's cafeteria and the senior meals sites are already below national sodium standards, a Wayne County policy was developed and implemented supporting women returning from maternity leave to continue to breastfeed, and joint use agreements have been implemented in most of the school districts to allow the community to use the school facilities to increase physical activity.

Copies of the CHIP and the 2014-2017 Community Health Assessment are available on the Public Health page of the Wayne County website [www.co.wayne.ny.us](http://www.co.wayne.ny.us). WCPH would like to thank all members of the WCPAT for their dedication and willingness to collaborate and share resources to achieve better health outcomes for the residents of Wayne County.

# Accreditation

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The three main components of Accreditation are: complete a periodic Community Health Assessment (CHA), complete a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and establish a 5 year Strategic Plan. Each of these components have been completed and do not expire until the end of 2017. Accreditation also requires completing twelve (12) domains which are comprised of several standards/ measures and requires policy and procedures along with proof of documentation to be in place to justify the privilege of having this heightened status. The process of becoming accredited is lengthy and time consuming and has expensive initial application and annual fees and requires recertification every five years.

On October 23, 2013, the Wayne County Health Services Advisory Board voted unanimously for WCPH to proceed with preparations for seeking Accreditation within the next couple of years. Currently, WCPH has decided to enter into a regional application with five (5) other S2AY Rural Health Network member counties. These counties are: Yates, Seneca, Ontario, Schuyler and Steuben. By filing a regional application the cost of Accreditation is split amongst all six applicants. Thus Wayne County's share is ~\$5,000. However, if one (1) county cannot demonstrate this high status, then all 6 counties fail and do not become accredited.

When filing a regional application, proof of collaborative work throughout all six (6) counties must be documented in six (6) out of the twelve (12) domains. Through the extensive collaborative work that all member counties of the S2AY Rural Health Network conducts, the ability to select six (6) regionally performed domains was easily accomplished.

Work has already begun on the domains identified as being regional. Several hours have been put into understanding the domains, standards and measures; identifying documentation to meet the standards and measures; completing tasks to meet the standards and measures; and establishing an organized, electronic documentation storage folder.

During 2014, the NYSDOH applied and achieved Accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board. They were one of the very first state health departments to accomplish this high level status.

It is our hope that the Accreditation preparation process will be complete and the application with supporting documentation will be submitted by no later than early 2017.

# Disease Control

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The Disease Control Program is responsible for the prevention, investigation, reporting, diagnosis, and treatment of reportable communicable diseases in Wayne County. Programs include Communicable Diseases, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), HIV Counseling and Testing, and Tuberculosis Control. Staff members monitor disease activity within the community and work closely to develop education, outreach, testing, and treatment strategies to minimize the impact of communicable disease in the community.

## *Communicable Disease*

### **Surveillance, Reporting and Control**

In NYS, all physicians, licensed clinical laboratories, and health care facilities are required to report persons who are suspected or diagnosed with reportable diseases to the Local Health Department. The Public Health Communicable Disease Nurse is responsible for the investigation, follow-up, surveillance and reporting of almost 70 diseases. She also follows-up with medical providers to ensure the public health impact of these diseases is reduced. All confirmed, reportable disease cases are reported electronically to the NYSDOH. In 2014, there were 219 total communicable disease investigations. WCPH only tracks the number of positive Influenza reports, no investigations are conducted.

Staff works closely with School Nurses, Health Care Providers and the NYSDOH to control and prevent the spread of communicable diseases within the community.

<b>Disease</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Amebiasis	0	0	1
Aseptic Meningitis	4	1	2
Campylobacter	16	23	26
Cryptosporidium	4	1	3
Dengue Fever	0	1	0
E. Coli	7	2	3
Ehrlichiosis	0	0	0
Giardia	6	7	9
H. Flu	3	1	0
Hepatitis A	0	0	1
Hepatitis B –newly reported/chronic	3	12	9
Hepatitis B Acute	0	0	2
Hepatitis C – newly reported/chronic	27	60	73
Influenza	163	403	205
Legionellosis	4	7	2
Listeria	1	0	0
Lyme	9	18	11
Pertussis	70	12	21
Salmonella	13	12	19
Shigella	37	4	0
Strep Group A	3	6	4
Strep Group B	11	12	13
Strep Pneumoniae	15	8	8
Toxic Shock	0	1	0
<b>Total Investigations</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>424</b>

### **Outbreak Investigations**

An outbreak is a sudden increase in incidence of a communicable disease. In 2014, WCPH did not have any outbreaks of Communicable Disease.

## **Ebola**

Ebola is a rare and potentially deadly virus caused by one of four Ebola strains known to cause disease in humans, with a high case fatality rate. The World Health Organization has declared the current outbreak in West Africa to be an international Health Emergency. On September 30, 2014 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the first case of Ebola to be diagnosed in the United States in a person who traveled to Dallas, Texas from Liberia.

On October 16, 2014 an Order for Summary Action by the NYSDOH's Acting Commissioner of Health related to the prevention and control of Ebola was released. All hospitals, diagnostic and treatment centers and ambulance services in New York State are now required to follow protocols for identification, isolation, and medical evaluation of patients requiring care, and mandates that all staff be trained in person in the practice of donning and removing personal protective equipment.

On 10/23/14 the S2AY Rural Health Network's Public Health Committee developed an Ebola Policy and Procedure to comply with the Commissioner's Executive Order for Action.

In 2014, and currently Wayne County Public Health staff is trained to:

- Accurately identify and prevent the transmission of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) as referenced in the NYSDOH Executive Order dated October 16, 2014
- Knowledgeable in screening individuals for EVD who call or present to the Article 28 Clinic
- Identified 2 lead points of contact for EVD preparedness and response, one of whom must be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- Posted signs prominently at all entrances, at reception, and at triage locations, in at least English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Italian, Korean and Haitian Creole asking all persons presenting for care to provide their international travel history.
- Conduct drills with personnel on all shifts on the patient registration protocol initially and then every month, following the initial drill. A written description of the drill, including the items reviewed, number of staff included in the drill, gaps identified, conclusions, and next steps, must be maintained and made available to the New York State Department of Health upon request.
- Conduct monthly in-person training for all Covered Personnel, on donning and removing PPE, including physically practicing donning and removing PPE in the setting that will be used for Patients
- Knowledgeable in the management and treatment of Persons Under Investigation and/or Confirmed Cases of Ebola

On 10/27/2014 a 2<sup>nd</sup> Order for Summary Action by the NYSDOH's Acting Commissioner of Health was released requiring prompt and effective implementation of evidence based containment measures for travelers returning from countries with widespread Ebola. If a person has had direct contact with individuals infected with the Ebola virus but is asymptomatic, they will be transported to their homes where they will be quarantined for 21 days. Wayne County Public Health will issue quarantine orders for passengers residing in Wayne County and monitor their temperature for 21 days from the date of the person's last direct contact.

Ebola preparedness and response activities will continue to be in effect until the NYSDOH's Commissioner of Health lifts the Orders for Summary Action.

### *Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) & HIV*

New York State relies on local health departments to control, investigate, test, treat, and report sexually transmitted diseases (STD). This includes but is not limited to Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Herpes Simplex, HIV and Chlamydia.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014, Wayne County Public Health will no longer be providing STD Clinics at the Public Health Department. After a noted decline in STD clinic attendance, followed by several attempts to increase attendance without success, it has been decided to contract STD services with Finger Lakes Community Health (FLCH). Finger Lakes Community Health will provide STD services to all clientele seeking free or low cost STD diagnosis and treatment. As of January 1, 2015 all clients seeking STD services will be referred to Finger Lakes Community Health. WCPH feels this collaboration will greatly benefit the residents of Wayne County.

New York State Public Health Law mandates all cases of STDs be reported to the local health department for investigation, assurance of appropriate treatment, and follow-up with possible contacts. Wayne County Public Health will continue to maintain this surveillance.

<b>STD PROGRAM</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
# of cases in Wayne County - Gonorrhea	18	9	20
# of cases in Wayne County - Chlamydia	260	243	247
# of cases in Wayne County - Syphilis	2	10	10
# of STD Clinics Offered @ WCPH	36	27	17
# of People attending STD Clinics	141	104	51

#### **HIV Testing and Counseling**

HIV testing and counseling is recommended for all sexually active persons, individuals with active tuberculosis and persons with a history of substance abuse.

In 2014, WCPH diagnosed 2 new cases of HIV during STD clinic.

WCPH is a member of the AIDS Task Force and participates in monthly meetings and also attends the Finger Lakes HIV/STD coalition on a quarterly basis. This assists to provide updates on the status of the epidemic and State programs, and to identify new and emerging issues that would benefit from interagency collaborations.

#### ***Immunization Program***

In the U.S., vaccines have greatly reduced or eliminated many infectious diseases that once routinely killed or harmed many infants, children, and adults. However, the viruses and bacteria that cause vaccine-preventable disease and death still exist and can be passed on to people who are not protected by vaccines (CDC).

Wayne County Public Health partners with the New York State Department of Health to implement an Immunization Action Plan. The goals of this plan are to;

- Increase childhood immunization rates
- Increase adult immunization rates
- Increase HPV Vaccine 3 dose series completion
- Ensure that all vaccination records are completely and accurately entered in to the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).
- Increase immunization focused education to staff, public and health care providers
- Reduce Perinatal Hepatitis B transmission

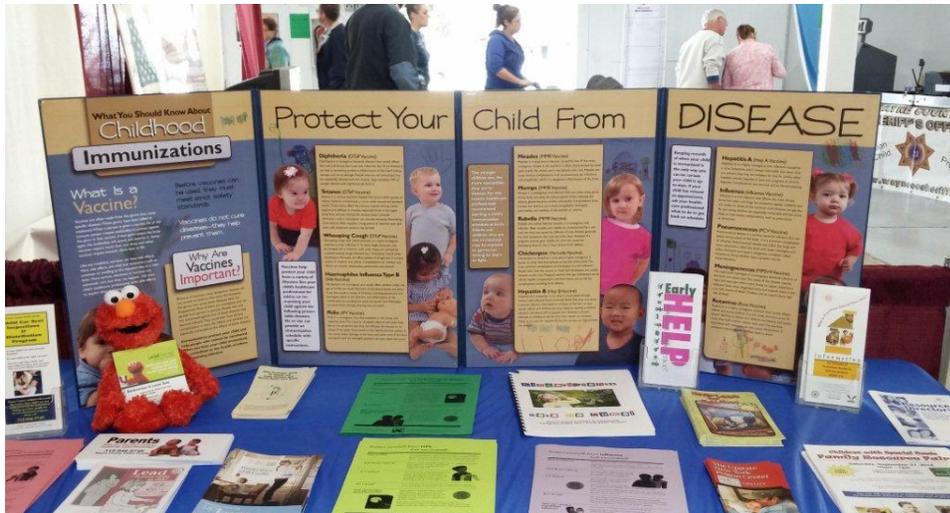
In keeping with program goals, Wayne County's IAP accomplished the following activities in 2014;

- Continued to increase childhood immunization rates by using AFIX audits of providers and daycares
- Continued to eliminate identified barriers for children to receive immunizations
- Provided education opportunities to medical providers, childcare providers and school nurses by hosting webinars/teleconferences
- Discussion and distribution of HPV educational packets
- Identified areas of need in Wayne County and assisted providers to achieve optimal immunization of preschool and school age children
- Continued to support and assist with the NYSIIS application
- Continued collaboration with Healthcare Providers and schools regarding NYSIIS record keeping, and vaccine storage and handling
- Participation and collaboration in the Finger Lakes Area Immunization Coalition

### **Children's Immunization Clinic**

Wayne County Public Health provides monthly Children's Immunization Clinics for children birth through 18 years of age.

In 2014, the clinic provided ~450 shots for 157 children under the NYS Vaccines for Children program. Many of the shots administered contained more than one vaccine, some have up to three vaccines. This program is a federally funded CDC program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. These publicly funded vaccines are a critical resource for filling gaps in the nation's immunization coverage. All fully privately insured children are vaccinated by their primary care physician. WCPH will continue to serve eligible children and adolescents under this program and those who are uninsured, under-insured, enrolled in Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, American Indians or Alaskan Natives.



### **Adult Immunization Program - Adult Immunization Clinic**

Vaccine-preventable adult diseases cause long-term illness, hospitalization, and even death. In the United States:

- Each year, an average of 226,000 people are hospitalized due to influenza and between 3,000 and 49,000 people die of influenza and its complications, the majority are among adults.
- There were approximately 32,000 cases of invasive pneumococcal disease in 2012. Of those cases, there were about 3,300 deaths.
- 800,000 to 1.4 million people suffer from Chronic Hepatitis B, with complications such as liver cancer.
- In the U.S., HPV causes about 17,000 cancers in women and about 9,000 cancers in men each year. About 4,000 women die each year from cervical cancer.

Wayne County Public Health conducts one Adult Immunization Clinic monthly. The goal is to increase awareness of the benefits of adult immunization against these vaccine preventable diseases. There were 165 adults who attended the Adult Immunization Clinics in 2014.

In coordination with various local coalitions, WCPH also promotes educational and outreach activities to inform Health Care Providers (HCP) and the public about the benefits of adult immunization as follows:

- Hosts 1 CDC teleconference on Immunization updates for HCP per yr.
- Presents immunization updates at the Annual Wayne County School Nurse Meeting
- Instruct parents on the immunization needs of themselves and their children at all Maternal Child Health visits.
- Increase awareness/education of the benefits of vaccinations at Migrant Coalition meetings.
- Free Hepatitis vaccines for high risk adults at clinics and the Wayne County Jail setting
- Zostivax clinic for ages 60 and over.

### Well Child Clinic

For more than 25 years, Wayne County Public Health has provided free Well Child Clinics (WCC) for families with under/uninsured children up to the age of five (5). Children were seen by a pediatrician who assessed their growth and development, free immunizations were provided as needed and family members were referred to a facilitated enroller who assisted with obtaining health insurance.

Well Child Clinic				
Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
Attendees	78	58	52	26

Since 2011, there has been a steady decline in attendance to this clinic with many clinics cancelled due to poor or no attendance. The decline in clinic attendance has been due in part to the Affordable Health Care Act. Insurance is now more accessible to families along with obtaining a primary care physician for their children. As a result, WCPH has decided to close the Well Child Clinic as of December 31, 2014.

Any family inquiring about the WCC will be provided with a list of pediatricians who are accepting new patients. Any family without insurance will be referred to the S2AY Rural Health Network's Insurance Navigator who will assist families with choosing and applying for health insurance. WCPH will continue to provide a monthly Child Immunization Clinic to meet the needs of under/uninsured children's immunization requirements.

It has been the pleasure of WCPH to provide such a valuable clinic over the years and a special thank to Dr. Michael Shoemaker who has served as the Pediatrician for more than 25 years for the WCC.

Sharon Yerdon LPN and Dr. Michael Shoemaker



### Seasonal Influenza & Pneumonia

Wayne County Public Health makes every effort to prevent illness, reduce hospitalizations and premature deaths resulting from influenza and pneumococcal disease by making vaccinations accessible to all county residents. While the current flu vaccine is not working as well as usual against some H3N2 viruses, vaccinations are key in reducing the severity of flu illnesses, doctor's visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

Flu vaccine was readily available this season. Many local pharmacies and doctors began administering flu vaccine in August. WCPH ordered 1200 flu vaccines for the 2014-2015 influenza seasons. WCPH conducted 17 flu clinics at various locations in Wayne County. This included community centers, local churches, senior living centers, school employee sites, fire departments and here at WCPH. There were 205 confirmed cases of influenza in 2014.

On December 12, 2014 NYSDOH Commissioner declared influenza to be widespread in New York. 10 NYCRR Section 2.59 requires all Article 28 and 36 facilities to mandate all employees that work within patient areas to be vaccinated for influenza or wear a flu mask. All Wayne County Public Health employees were vaccinated for influenza in 2014.

Wayne County Public Health receives a weekly statewide influenza surveillance report from the NYSDOH. This is shared with county Health Care Provider's and the school nurses.

### *Rabies/Zoonosis*

Staff investigates reports from the community concerning animal bites or suspected rabid animals. Investigations allow the program to determine the potential for human exposure to rabies, oversee the testing of specimens, and take necessary steps to protect the community's health. An On-Call Nurse carries the Rabies phone 24/7 to acquire and investigate reports. In 2014, WCPH;

- Investigated 307 animal bite reports that were related to dogs, cats, bats, raccoons, fox, and skunks.
- Submitted 55 specimens to the NYS Wadsworth lab for rabies testing that included dogs, cats, cattle, horses, opossum, goats, skunks, bats, raccoons, deer and woodchucks.
- Out of the 55 specimens submitted, 11 tested positive for rabies. Rabies positive animals: 6 raccoons, 1 skunk, 1 cat, 2 bats, 1 fox.
- Authorized post-exposure rabies vaccinations for 45 individuals who were identified as potentially having been exposed to rabies.
- Held 4 Rabies clinics in the county during 2014; all clinics were advertised in advance in local penny savers and on the WCPH website. Through these clinics, 639 dogs, 304 cats and 1 ferret were vaccinated for rabies.

### **Eastern Equine Encephalitis**

Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare illness in humans, and only a few cases are reported in the United States each year. Most persons infected with EEEV have no apparent illness. Severe cases of EEE (involving encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain) begin with the sudden onset of headache, high fever, chills, and vomiting. The illness may then progress into disorientation, seizures, or coma. EEE is one of the most

severe mosquito-transmitted diseases in the United States with approximately 33% mortality and significant brain damage in most survivors.

Throughout September of 2014, three horses died from EEE in the Town of Rose. All three horses were from one (1) farm and were not vaccinated for EEE. By the end of September, a fourth horse died from EEE in the Town of Galen, ~ 5 miles from the farm in the Town of Rose. Again, this horse was not vaccinated for EEE.

On September 12, 2014, Dr. Howard Zucker, NYSDOH Commissioner of Health, declared an imminent threat to public health in Wayne County due to the presence of EEE.

The NYSDOH conducted mosquito surveillance in the Towns of Rose and Galen. Mosquito traps were set on and near the farms where horses had died. Over fifty (50) mosquito pools were sent to the NYSDOH Wadsworth Lab for EEE testing and all were negative for the disease.

As September was unusually warm with a great amount of mosquito activity occurring, it was decided by the Board of Supervisors to conduct aerial spraying to reduce the threat of EEE in humans. The aerial spraying was conducted on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm over ~1250 swampy, wooded acres in the Town of Rose.

Several educational and situational press releases were issued throughout September. Educational efforts included signs and symptoms of EEE infection, how to protect yourself from mosquitos, how to prevent mosquito breeding, etc. Mosquito surveillance efforts will resume in July – September 2015 to identify any EEE infected mosquito pools. Mass educational efforts on how to protect one from mosquitoes will commence in the spring of 2015 and throughout the entire warm weather season.

### *Tuberculosis (TB) Control*

The TB program provides comprehensive testing, diagnosis and treatment of latent (infection) and active (disease) TB cases in Wayne County. This program decreases the public's threat posed by active TB in our community through thorough evaluation, closely monitored treatment regimes including directly observed therapy (DOT), and promotion of preventive therapy as indicated for contacts of cases. Public Health is seen as the expert in TB Control in Wayne County as all positive TST (Tuberculin skin test) results are directly reported to Public Health by local doctors, hospitals, medical centers, and medical providers at the jail for our investigation and case management. Public Health works closely with NYSDOH on all active and suspect cases.

WCPH holds TST clinics weekly and a TB clinic monthly which is staffed by a contracted pulmonologist and a PH nurse.

<b>Number of:</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Referrals to the TB program	76	50	38
TB skin tests (TST) performed	307	189	175
Latent TB Infection (LTBI) clients seen for prophylaxis	35	24	24
Active TB Cases	1	1	2



Dr Gary Wahl; Pulmonolgy,  
Veronica LaFave Boughton-TB Program

### *Chronic Diseases*

Wayne County Public Health provided training to Ryan Mulhern, Health Educator, to be a facilitator in the National Diabetes Prevention Program in May 2014. This program invites participants to a 16 week course which highlights weight loss, meal planning, and physical activity to reach an overall goal of losing weight and preventing the full onset of diabetes. Public Health has obtained active status with the CDC for this program, and will be providing the first session in early 2015.

Public Health also participates in a program called Chronic Disease Self-Management (CDSMP). Ryan Mulhern is also a facilitator in this program. CDSMP is designed to reduce unnecessary doctor's office visits relating to symptoms of chronic diseases by reducing the occurrence or severity of symptoms. CDSMP teaches participants techniques to self-manage the aspects of their chronic disease. Ryan participated in 2 classes, one held in April and one held in September, at Hannick Hall in Newark.

### **Diabetes Coalition**

Wayne County Public Health participates in the Diabetes and Chronic Disease Coalition with quarterly meetings. This group works to collaboratively improve the quality of life for Wayne County residents affected by diabetes and other chronic disease conditions by planning activities and education that increase awareness out in the community. 2014 saw this group go through several changes, and plans to re-initiate will take place in February of 2015.

## **Asthma**

The Asthma Care program targets children ages 2-18 and works with families, school nurses and pediatricians to provide asthma education, help find triggers that cause asthmatic episodes and create a plan of care to reduce asthma attacks.

The program is managed by a Registered Nurse. Health Educators are used for teaching opportunities with the community and other health professionals. Spacers are distributed to school nurses and physician offices for use by children with asthma.

## **Tobacco Use – Control, Prevention and Education**

The Tobacco Cessation program is committed to decreasing tobacco use in Wayne County through the use of proven cessation methods delivered in either a one-on-one appointment or group class setting. 2014 proved to be another successful year for the tobacco cessation program. A total of 38 participants used the cessation program, which includes Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), and 11 of them have reported back as tobacco free at a six month call back. With new program guidelines, participants are expected to keep bi-weekly appointments to receive NRT. Most participants are considered nicotine addiction free by the 3 month mark.

The future risk of tobacco use in Wayne County's youth remains one of the Tobacco Prevention and Education programs main objectives. Prevention activities include participation in school presentation programs at Newark Middle School and High School lunch activities, North Rose Middle School's afternoon student programs, and Hannick Hall's education classes as part of their tobacco free grounds guidelines. Prevention materials and education are also presented in a variety of locations and methods, including The Wayne County Fair, The Rural Health Network's Holiday Health Fair, Palmyra and Lyons' Community Health Fairs, and more.



## **Family Health**

There are several components under family health, they are: dental health education, family planning, injury prevention and control, lead poisoning, nutrition, prenatal care and infant mortality and primary and preventive health care services for under 21 years.

## *Dental Health*

Public Health plays an important role in ensuring that all children birth to age 21 and their care givers have access to information about dental health. Dental health education programs and promotion of early dental care to children who are underserved or at high risk for tooth decay and activities is completed by Health Educators and Nurses. Public Health staff takes every opportunity at clinics, home visits, health fairs and outreach events to educate clients about good dental health practices. Parents are given printed health educational materials with dental health recommendations about early and regular oral exam appointments for their children.



In 2014,

- 16 dental health presentations were conducted at Head Start programs and to a Universal Pre-K class. These programs taught children about good oral health care and how to properly care for their teeth.
- 372 toothbrushes were distributed to Head Start children during the month of February and also to their home based programs.
- February was Children's Dental Health Month. A focus was on dental education at WCPH via bulletin boards, information for parents and children.

The 2010-2013 Community Health Assessment heavily indicated, through the conducted surveys and focus groups held, the need of more dentists whom accept Medicaid. In 2010 the Wayne-Rushville Dental Center opened at WCPH. This dental center accepts all forms of dental insurance and has a sliding fee scale for those who do not have dental insurance. The center was closed for most of 2014 for renovations. It reopened its doors in November 2014 in a newly renovated space within the Wayne County Health Services Building. The new space will allow the dental center to operate a full time dental service.

The Regional Primary Care Network (Rushville Health Center) also provides a community dental program that provides dental education, dental exam and dental hygiene services to children within local school districts. WCPH provides this program with \$2,000 each year for dental supplies.

## *Family Planning*

In accordance with State and Federal guidelines (Title X of the Public Health Services Act), Public Health provides women of childbearing age information and referrals to local family planning services. During 2014 this was accomplished during STD clinics, at Presumptive Medicaid appointments and during home visits with new moms under the Tender Care program.

The only birth control methods distributed at the Public Health office are condoms. These are available to anyone free of charge who requests a supply. The NYSDOH provides condoms to Public Health at no cost.

## *Injury Prevention & Control*

The New York State Department of Health relies on local health department efforts to reduce preventable and unintentional injuries to the lowest practicable level in their community. This includes the development and implementation of public education programs to inform the public of measures necessary to avoid preventable, unintentional injury as well as the coordination with other public or private agencies that has an interest in, injury prevention and control.

### Child Passenger Safety Program

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee provides funding for the car seat distribution and fitting station programs. This program is designed to increase compliance with the New York State Child Passenger Safety Laws and reduce childhood injuries and deaths related to motor vehicle crashes.



The car seat distribution program allows low-income families access to safe and appropriate restraints for their child(ren). The grant requires that all recipients of the distribution program receive car seat education on the importance of using child restraints, how to correctly install, and how to use their car seat.

Through the fitting station program, car seats are inspected to ensure they meet proper safety standards. If they do not, the Car Seat Program is able to provide a new seat. This service is provided to the public regardless of their income.

Technicians working with a mother at an Inspection Event at the Newark Fire Dept., September 2014



Public Health employees, who are Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, and who provide these demonstrations and inspect car seats are: Lisa O'Dell, Susan Sheets and Ryan Mulhern.

During 2014, the Wayne County Child Passenger Safety Seat Program distributed 44 child restraints through the Distribution Program. In addition, another 117 seats were inspected and 88 child restraints were replaced. Seat distribution was down 35.3% from 2013 for these two programs. There were 3 seat check events held in the community, 69 seats were inspected and 36 seats were replaced.

### Wheel Sport Safety & Helmet Distribution Program

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee provides funding to sustain our bike helmet education and distribution programs. These programs are intended to support efforts to improve highway safety by reducing injuries and deaths of Wayne County residents.



Our accomplishments in 2014 include:

- Distributing 52 helmets to 3 Head Start Programs
- Distributing 741 helmets at various health fairs, community days, farmer's markets, summer recreation programs and etc.
- Distributing 13 helmets at the Public Health Office
- 8 Head Start parents received education how to properly fit their child's helmet.
- Public Health and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office held 3 bike rodeos events with the Williamson Rotary, Garlock and the Ontario Fire Department.
- Education provided at 2 children's safety fairs and 6 farmer's markets.



Children participate in the bike rodeo held at the Ontario Fire Dept. on June 19, 2014

Other injury prevention activities included:

- Providing occupant protection safety programs for 2 driver's education programs at Sodus Central School
- Supporting Cooperative Extension's efforts through their Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play grant funded by the New York State Department of Health. This initiative works to prevent obesity, type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases in Wayne County. Public Health is part of their coalition and we collaborated on their "Bike & Hike" event at local Farmers' Markets

- Bike safety presentation to 180 4<sup>th</sup> grade Newark students at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Newark to Lyons canal trail path.
- Participation in National Seat Check Saturday and the National Click – It Front & Back campaign
- Coordinated a meeting between school nurses and medical providers from NWCH

A Bicycle Helmet, for children ages 3-14, yields an estimated cost savings of \$580 for a cost of only \$14 per helmet. (From the Children’s Safety Network & Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation).

### *Lead Poisoning Prevention*

According to the CDC at least 4 million households have children living in them that are being exposed to high levels of lead. There are approximately half a million U.S. children ages 1-5 with blood lead levels above 5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL), the reference level at which CDC recommends public health actions be initiated.

The goal of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is to reduce the prevalence of elevated blood lead levels in young children. This is achieved by conducting surveillance, screening, case management, health education and outreach.

In 2014, 1,798 children were tested in Wayne County.

- There were no newly identified cases elevated above 15mcg/dL.
- This is the level at which a home visit is done by the WCPH Lead nurse who will initiate a referral to the NYSDOH Environmental Sanitarian at NYSDOH Geneva District Office.
- There were 4 cases identified between 10 - 14.9mcg/dL.
- At this level the nurse will call the parents to provide information and follows up with a letter, printed information and retesting recommendations. Copies of letters sent also go to the child’s Health Care providers.
- There were 124 cases that tested between 5-9.9mcg/dL.
- Although not required to act upon these cases, WCPH will mail out educational materials discussing what the lead level means and how to reduce the level.



A main objective of the Lead Program is to increase the number of children who are tested for lead at ages 1 and again at 2, as required by the NYSDOH regulations, and provide Lead Education to the communities in our county.

WCPH has promoted the Lead Poisoning Prevention Education in 2014 by;

- Distributing education on Lead Poisoning at Health Fairs
- Providing Lead Education pamphlets at local hardware stores
- Time Warner Cable and Internet advertising/media campaign
- Visiting Pediatric offices with Updated Lead Poisoning Prevention Guidelines
- Work collaboratively with WIC
- Reach out to county Daycare Centers with Lead Poisoning Education for parents

### *Nutrition*

Public Health works to identify nutrition priorities and establish systems for appropriate networking and referral with community agencies and to ensure that high risk groups have access to appropriate interventions.

Dental health education programs include information about the importance of sound nutrition and how diets with too much sugar negatively affects the teeth of both children and adults.

As stated before, Public Health actively supports Cornell Cooperative Extension's nutrition efforts through their Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play grant; Eat Smart NY program; Farm-to-School projects; and participation in the Wayne County Food Security meetings.

### *Prenatal Care & Infant Mortality*

A priority of the Department is to ensure comprehensive health care for infants and their mothers during the perinatal period in order to reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity to their lowest possible levels. This is accomplished through our Tender Care Program which is an educational and support program for pregnant women and children 5 years and younger.

One part of this program is to help Wayne County families prepare for optimal birth outcomes for mother and baby. This is accomplished through home visits to pregnant women and parenting families, bringing educational information and demonstrations as needed. This information includes, but is not limited to pregnancy, nutrition, labor & delivery, breastfeeding, infant care, immunizations and child safety. In 2014, 13 families were visited during pregnancy and after delivery.

In 2014 our Maternal Child Health Nurse received training and certification as a Lactation Consultant. A letter is sent from WCPH to all new parents residing in Wayne County offering a free educational and confidential newborn baby visit with a Maternal Child Health Nurse. In 2014, 6 new mothers were assisted with education on breast feeding their babies.

The MCH Nurse is also a member and participant of the Wayne County Breast Feeding Task Force, and attends monthly meetings for the Finger Lakes Breast Feeding Coalition.

## *Primary & Preventative Health Services for Children Birth – 21 years*

All children under age 21 shall have access to comprehensive primary and preventative health services.

- Well Child Clinics were available once per month at the Public Health office in 2014. At these clinics children ages birth to five years old were able to receive services such as immunizations and a well child physical from a pediatrician.
- Child Immunization Clinics occur once per month and administers free vaccine to children 18 years and under who are under/uninsured.
- PH can provide parents with an updated list of local doctors and dentists who see children for families who have recently moved to Wayne County.
- The S2AY Rural Health Network Facilitated Enrollment (FE) Program has changed in 2014 to a Navigator Program – WCPH makes referrals to the Navigator for adults and children in need of insurance. The Navigator sees clients at PH to fill out applications for Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and Medicaid services. In October the certified Navigator began submitting health insurance applications through the NY State of Health insurance portal.
- Providing an overview of Public Health Services to Wayne County day care provider group

## *Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)*

The CSHCN program assists families of children (birth – age 21) with special health care needs and identifies resources to obtain necessary health services, including specialty care providers, related health care services, and health insurance. The CSHCN program is a New York State Department of Health grant-funded program. In the 2013-2014 grant year, the CSHCN program:

- Provided information and referral services to families in need
- Participated in community fairs to increase the visibility of CSHCN program
- Distributed toothbrushes to combat dental health needs identified in Wayne County children.
- Collaboration with The Advocacy Center continues as 7 workshops were held for 54 care givers, school nurses and families with children who have special health care needs.
- The CSHCN Family Resource Fair was held at the Lyons Community Center in September.



## **Children with Special Needs Program**

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These programs work closely with the local community to ensure appropriate services and resources are provided to eligible children with special needs and to the families of these children.

### **Early Intervention Program (EI)**

The EI program is a Federally and State mandated program that provides therapeutic and education services for children, birth through age two, who have a developmental delay or a diagnosed condition with a high probability for developmental delay. In 2014, EI received 287 referrals and had ~120 infants/children enrolled in the program.

With NYSDOH Bureau of Early Intervention maintaining the contracts with providers and performing all billing/fiscal components of the program through a FA, counties were expected to see administrative relief for this mandated program. The LHD contracts with the NYSDOH to Administer the EI program has been cut significantly. Since 2012, these funds have been cut 36%. However, the expected administrative relief for counties has not been seen. This is mostly due to the New York Early Intervention System (NYEIS) not providing reports with accurate fiscal and census related information. Thus causing more administrative work for the counties to try and maintain accurate spreadsheets that reflect the census and fiscal data needed to reconcile the counties share of EI costs.

### **Child Find**

The Child Find program is part of the Early Intervention program. The program identifies children, birth through two years, who may potentially be eligible for Early Intervention services and who are at-risk for developmental delays. It further acts to facilitate their participation with a primary health care provider, ensures their access to developmental screenings, and opportunities to access health care insurance. A Public Health Nurse provides home visits for health assessments, teaching, and referrals to community resources for infants who are at-risk for developmental delays. In 2014, there were 58 cases referred for Child Find home visits. Eleven of these children were enrolled into the EI program.

### **Pre-K Program**

The Preschool Special Education Program (Pre-K) provides mandated evaluation, educational, therapeutic, and transportation services for three to five year-old children who have a disability that affects their learning. Sixteen (11 in county and 5 out of county) local school district Committees of Preschool Special Education (CPSE) authorize Preschool Special Education Services. Funding for these services is provided by the counties and the State.

In 2014 there were 425 children enrolled in the Pre-K program by the end of school year 13-14 (September 2013 - June 2014). About half of these children were also enrolled in the 2014 summer session.

WCPH has ~ 40 contracts with agency and independent providers. Services may be provided within a child's home or within a center based setting.

A Cost Report for the Pre-K program for the billing period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 was completed and will be submitted by the end of January 2014. Due to the identification of fraud throughout the state by providers of Pre-K services, there has been much discussion of needed reform within this program. Currently the school districts evaluate and enroll children into the program for services, but do not have any fiscal responsibility to the program. By mandating a cost report for the Pre-K program, the NYSDOH is attempting to identify the actual costs of providing this program.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has recommended specific reforms to the Pre-K Program. As municipalities do not have education departments, we are not in the business of education but are using tax dollars to support this program. New York State is the only state in the nation that mandates municipalities to fund a share of the Preschool Special Education program. The municipalities are required to cover all unpaid costs after reimbursement is sought from Medicaid and State Aid has been received. The municipalities do not have a "voice" in the decision making process to determine the services to be provided. NYSAC is currently working on much needed reform in the Pre-K program.

# of Children Enrolled:	2012	2013	2014
<b>Early Intervention</b>	130	121	120
<b>Pre-K</b>	460	425	425
<b># of Child Find cases</b>	82	99	58

### Transportation

Transportation continues to be provided by a municipal agreement with Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES acting as contractor for the county’s school districts. The cooperation of Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES and the school districts in the transportation of Pre-K and EI children within the county has been a positive experience and has provided safe, dependable, cost efficient transportation. For out of county EI and Pre-K services children are currently transported mostly by A&E Transportation services. Parents may also choose to transport their children to and from services and receive reimbursement.

## Public Health Education

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Health education is the process of assisting individuals and groups to make informed decisions and build skills on matters affecting personal, family and community health. Health education provides information about awareness and prevention and spans the gap of knowledge between the consumer and the scientific community. All local health departments are required to provide health education services.

The Public Health Education team works with several Public Health programs and services to increase public awareness about local health issues, programs and events. The Public Health Educators perform a wide range of activities including: conducting educational programs and outreach events; writing press releases; coordinating and promoting special events; responding to public health alerts; posting website messages and updates; designing and developing health education materials for targeted populations; promoting health department programs and services; networking with agencies; and participating in community coalitions.



2014 program activities included:

- Participating in several health fairs at: IEC, GINNA, the Wayne County Fair, Red Creek Health Fair, the Senior Expo, Green Angels toy and health fair and the Clyde and Marion Family Health Fairs
- Participating on several Wayne County Coalitions/Networks/Groups such as: Veteran’s Services Advisory Board, Finger Lakes Lead Coalition, Finger Lakes Breastfeeding Coalition, Head Start’s Health and Nutrition Advisory committee, Wayne County Food Security group, Wayne County Chronic Disease and Diabetes Coalition, Wayne County Worksite Wellness Collaboration, Creating Healthy Places, Wayne County Agencies Network, Finger Lakes Health Educator’s Group, Finger Lakes Safe KIDS Coalition, TACFL. Public Health Committees include: Prevention Agenda Team, Community Health Assessment Group, Health Services Advisory Board, Accreditation Team and the Quality Improvement Team
- Participation in several regional activities with other health departments, as well as the S2AY Rural Health Network, such as: Regional Worksite Wellness Collaborative, Living Health Programs, Dental Steering Committee, and more.
- Completed various webinars and trainings; including training in the National Diabetes Prevention Program, a Living Healthy program.
- Maintain a Public Health Hotline, which allows residents to access instant information on Public Health “Hot Topics” such as summertime blue green algae blooms and seasonal influenza prevention and immunization information.
- Participated in two Emergency Preparedness / GINNA drills
- Present monthly health topics to Hannick Hall, a local women’s addiction recovery center. Health topics include: healthy lifestyles, exercise and nutrition, body systems (cardiovascular, muscular, etc.), and dental health.
- Provide monthly health topic presentations at local senior nutrition sites in Palmyra, Sodus, and Wolcott. Health topics include: falls prevention, nutrition and exercise, dental health, and diabetes prevention and maintenance.
- Present health information to students who participate in after-school educational opportunities for Wayne County Schools
- Maintain the current Public Health website via weekly updates and corrections
- Continued participation in the Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes, as highlighted in the Tobacco Control section.
- Acquired training in Chronic Disease Self-Management, a Living Healthy program.
- Co-facilitated two Chronic Disease Self-Management classes at Hannick Hall.

## **Public Health Preparedness**

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The objectives of Public Health Preparedness are to plan, prepare, and respond to public health emergencies, natural or man-made. Public Health Preparedness staff work with local, regional, State and Federal partners to anticipate, manage, and mitigate such threats. Specific program activities for 2014 include the following.

- Wayne County Public Health staff are involved in the following preparedness activities: epidemiology, public health emergency response team and/or those who have an emergency response role attend several training activities, clinical operation/medical counter measure operations trainings, workshops and conference calls throughout the year as part of the state wide plan for preparedness.
- Wayne County Public Health (WCPH) conducted one (1) full scale Medical Counter Measures exercise drill at the Lyons Jr. Sr. High School on December 6, 2014. The exercise was a success with 204 individuals participating. Below are a list of organizations that participated in planning and conducting the exercise drill.

<b>Participants</b>
ServNY Volunteer
<b>Regional</b>
Steuben Public Health
Western Region Emergency Preparedness Regional Rep.
Central Region Emergency Preparedness Regional Rep.
<b>Local</b>
Wayne County Public Health
Wayne County IT
Wayne ARC
Wayne County Rural Health Network
Lyons PD
Newark Wayne Community Hospital
Pharmacist Consultant
Lyons Jr. Sr. High School
Green Angels



- Wayne County Public Health Preparedness continues to update the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (PHEPRP) and its 13 Appendix Plans throughout the year. These comprehensive plans strengthen the Departments ability to protect the health and well being of Wayne County residents during disasters and ongoing public health crisis.
- Wayne County continues to recruit and register volunteers on the ServNY Wayne County Volunteer list to augment the public health workforce to respond to emergencies.

## **New York State Department of Health Geneva District Office Contribution to Wayne County Public Health Department 2014 Annual Report**

In 1921 legislation was enacted that empowered New York State counties to create county health districts. The purpose of a county health district was to consolidate local authority for the oversight of public health work at the county level rather than having public health activities dispersed to the constituent county cities, towns and villages. Counties were not required to create such health districts and as time passed it became evident that that many rural counties (including Wayne) that had not formed a county health district would face increasing logistical and financial challenges that coincided with expanding public health needs and requirements. County health departments that operate in counties without county health districts are known as “partial services” county health departments.

As a matter of policy, not law; the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) addressed the need to preserve a baseline of public health in partial services counties by creating District Offices. Currently nine (9) district offices operate in New York State and in Wayne County; it is the NYSDOH Geneva District Office (GDO) that provides core environmental health programs and services to County residents and visitors. In partnership with Wayne County Public Health (WCPH) and other state and local agencies, the GDO enforces environmental health regulations and oversees a variety of programs that are designed to protect public health and safety. The attached pdf document provides a summary of the GDO’s duties and responsibilities and of the services that are provided to Wayne and to Ontario and Yates – the other two counties that are located within the GDO’s jurisdiction.

In addition to its core duties and responsibilities, highlights of the GDO’s activities in Wayne County during the 2014 calendar year included the following:

- Conducted 232 inspections at the County’s approximately 214 food service operations.
- Conducted 163 inspections at the County’s 124 migrant farmworker housing facilities.
- Conducted 9 inspections at the County’s 16 tanning facilities.
- Conducted 98 student aide compliance visits to tobacco retailers to ensure compliance with the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA).
- Investigated 23 complaints alleging sanitary code violations at mobile home parks and food service establishments and smoking in the workplace in violation of the Clean Indoor Air Act.
- Work with WCPH to conduct lead based paint risk assessments at private Wayne County residences in response to referrals of children with elevated blood lead levels as necessary.

- Issued 22 formal enforcement actions (Administrative Tribunal Notice of Hearing) to address violations of the NYS Sanitary Code at regulated facilities.
- Conducted 9 sanitary surveys (enhanced inspections) at community water systems and 38 sanitary surveys at regulated facilities with onsite water supplies.
- Assisted Wayne County public water supplies in meeting monitoring (sampling) requirements for Stage 2 Disinfection ByProducts. (Disinfection ByProducts are chemical compounds which may pose health risks. They are formed when the chlorine disinfectant that is used to treat drinking water reacts with naturally-occurring materials that are already present in the water.)

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NYSDH – Geneva District  
Office

February 19, 2015

**The Geneva District Office is responsible for protecting public health and safety through the delivery of core environmental health programs and services and through the enforcement of environmental health regulations in Ontario, Wayne and Yates Counties. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- **Issuing permits to the following types of regulated facilities:**
  - Food Service Establishments
  - Temporary/Mobile Food Service Establishments
  - Children's Camps
  - Temporary Residences (Hotels, Motels, Cabins, etc.)
  - Campgrounds
  - Mobile Home Parks
  - Migrant Farmworker Housing
  - Agricultural Fairgrounds
  - Public Swimming Pool and Bathing Beaches
  - Recreational Aquatic Spraygrounds
  - Tanning Facilities
- **Conducting Plan Reviews and Approvals for:**
  - All Regulated Facilities
  - Realty Subdivisions
  - Alternative Residential On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems
  - Public Water Systems
- **Conducting Inspections/Sanitary Surveys/Complaint Investigations at:**
  - All Regulated Facilities
  - Public Water Systems at Agriculture & Markets licensed facilities
  - Public Water Systems at licensed Day Care facilities
- **Conducting Investigations of:**
  - Drownings at Regulated Facilities
  - Food and Waterborne Illness Outbreaks
  - Injuries and Illness Outbreaks at Children's Camps
  - Environmental Conditions linked to children with elevated blood lead levels
- **Oversight of Tobacco Prevention Programs**
  - ATUPA – Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act
  - CIAA – Clean Indoor Air Act
- **Providing emergency response at incidents presenting biological, chemical or radiological exposures or physical injury hazards**
- **Distribution and enforcement of the Commissioner of Health's Summary Orders (i.e. Bath Salts, Synthetic Cannabinoids, etc.)**

# Public Health Finance

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**Emergency Preparedness:** On April 24, 2014, we received our results from Health Research, Inc. (HRI) for a fiscal audit of our Emergency Preparedness grant. The audit covered a three month period from 3/1/2010-6/30/2010. HRI was given all backup documentation needed to substantiate salary, fringe, and non-personal expenses claimed during this period. This included copies of all invoices, cancelled checks, payroll documentation, and time and effort documentation. After reviewing the information presented to them, HRI concluded that there were no material findings in this audit.

**Immunization Billing:** Public Health opted to be included in the countywide contract with FIS to implement a credit card payment system in our office. This system will allow us to accept credit card payments for immunizations received in our clinics. There is a 2.6% per transaction service charge to use this payment system that is charged to the cardholder. The setup and implementation process, including a customized web-based POS, has been ongoing since late November, and should be in production by January 2015.

**Immunization Billing Grant:** A grant was available for technological support for immunization billing implementation from the NYSDOH Bureau of Immunization. Members of the S2AY Rural Health Network applied and were awarded the grant to be spent by August 2014. This grant funding was used to license a web based electronic medical records (EMR) program that could be tailored to each county's needs. Though currently still in its infancy, this EMR created by iSalus will be used to record patient encounters, home visits, staff time and effort, and also has billing capabilities.

**Children with Special Health Care Needs:** On September 3, 2014, we received a desk audit from NYSDOH Division of Family Health (DFH) for our Children with Special Healthcare Needs grant. The audit period covered one quarter from 7/1/2013-9/30/2013. DFH requested all documentation needed to support the claimed amount for that quarter. This included copies of all invoices, cancelled checks, payroll documentation, and time and effort documentation. Results were received on 12/17/2014, with one minor finding that was quickly corrected and submitted.

CSHCN also initiated a new 3 year grant contract beginning 10/1/2014 and ending 9/30/2017. The annual funding was slightly reduced in this new contract, down \$22 per fiscal year.

**Article 6 State Aid:** The 2014 State Aid Application was approved on 12/03/2014. The NYSDOH approved up to \$623,062.84 in Article 6 eligible funding. The NYSDOH also approved an additional revenue offset amount of \$2879.67 on 8/20/2014. Unlike previous years where the revenue offset was a rate determined by ineligible expenses as a percentage of the total expenses, this year's payment is a fixed amount distributed evenly between the four quarters.

**COLA Awards:** In a resolution passed 1/21/2104, we accepted COLA awards for both CSHCN and Lead for \$1664 and \$2929, respectively. The awards were for the period of 4/1/2013-3/31/2014, and were used to cover salaries for program work above and beyond the grant budgeted amount.

In November resolutions were also passed to accept COLA awards for Lead, IAP, and Rabies for \$2863, \$3760, and \$1236, respectively. These awards were all claimed in December 2014, and were used to cover expenses such as program salaries and fringe.

**Performance Incentive:** Public Health was awarded \$19,000 by NYSDOH as a performance incentive for improvements in our communicable disease program. This award could be used towards any Article 6 eligible expense within the 2014 calendar year. With this funding we decided to purchase a new Ford Fusion in December 2014. This new car will be used by administrative staff and health educators to attend meetings, health fairs, public events, etc. The remainder of the award was used towards the salary of the communicable disease nurse.

**D&TC (Diagnostic & Treatment Clinic) Cost Report:** The D&TC cost report for 2013 was completed on 09/25/14. The cost report template from Venesky & Associates again used State Aid QERs as the basis for expenditures. The Venesky group came on site to audit the records on 09/30/2014. The final report was submitted to Medicaid on 12/01/2014.

**Pre-K:** Contracts with the New York State Education Department (SED) require each Regional Information Center (RIC) to conduct documentation reviews of billing providers. As a Medicaid billing provider under the School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP), Wayne County was selected by SED for a documentation review. Two representatives from our RIC came to Wayne County Public Health on November 20, 2014 to review the documentation supporting SSHSP claiming. A total of 10 claims were selected for review. The review was completed with no significant findings. A few suggestions were given to make the documentation stronger. However, it was noted that the current procedure is acceptable.

**2014 Public Health Department  
Expenses and County Cost**

