



**Cortland County Health &
Human Services
Committee
Committee Meeting
~ Minutes ~**

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
www.cortlandcountyny.gov

Thursday, April 9, 2026

11:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Committee Chair VanDee.

Roll Call

PRESENT:	Legislator Douglas Bentley, Legislator William McGovern, Legislator Christopher Newell, Legislator Jason Prentice, Legislator Keith VanGorder, Committee Vice Chair Sandra Price, Committee Chair Ronald VanDee
ABSENT:	
EXCUSED:	
OTHERS PRESENT:	
Ashley Millard	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Tom Tedesco	Director of Veterans Services
Patty Schaap	Director of Community Services
Kristin Beard	Child Advocacy Center Director
Kristin Monroe	Director of Social Services
Amy Buggs	Cortland County Workforce Development Board Director
Katee Padbury	Health Department Programs Coordinator
Allison Vientamilla	Deputy Director of Social Services
Wendy Canfield	County Administrator Executive Assistant
Morgan Spaulding	Grants Administrator
Laurie Leonard	Personnell Director
Rabecca Main	Public Health Programs Manager
Kate Fields	Health Department Intern
Amber Giamei	Office for Aging Director
Nicole Anjeski	Health Department Director
Carol Costell Corbin	Seven Valleys Health Coalition
Nicole Compton	County Attorney Executive Assistant (REMOTE)
Andrea Herzog	Finance Director (REMOTE Left at 11:36AM)

Approval of Minutes

1. **March 12, 2026 - Health & Human Services Committee Minutes**

RESULT:	APPROVED
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Resolutions

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

Appoint Older Americans Act Advisory Council Member

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Older Americans Act Advisory Council of the Cortland County Office for Aging state membership shall be 15-25 voting members with at least fifty percent (50%) of the membership to be at least sixty years of age that represent target group seniors according to the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, and shall also include representatives of health care provider organizations, including veterans and supportive services provider organizations, be broadly representative of all aspects of the county, and include local elected official and the general public; AND

WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 4, states the term shall be for three years, or appointed to complete a term of a person who has resigned, the new person's length of term is defined as the period of the original member's term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms; AND

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy on the Older Americans Act Advisory Council; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the following appointments be appointed to fill the vacancy for a full term:

Name	Capacity	Term Number	Term Expiration
Paula Currie	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/2028

RESULT:	APPROVED (7 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Sandra Price
SECONDER:	Legislator Christopher Newell
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, William McGovern, Christopher Newell, Jason Prentice, Keith VanGorder, Sandra Price, Ronald VanDee
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	
ABSENT:	

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.

Abolish and Create Workforce Development Positions - Personnel Department

WHEREAS, the Employment and Training Grant Administration Office is now titled the Workforce Development Office per Resolution No. 72-26; AND

WHEREAS, the titles of the positions in this office should reflect the change in department name; AND

WHEREAS, the needs of the agency will be better served by abolishing one position of Employment and Training Director and one position of Deputy Workforce Development Director and creating one position of Deputy Director of Workforce Development (Employment & Training) and one position of Deputy Director of Workforce Development (Fiscal Management); AND

WHEREAS, this is a change in titles only and does not change the duties or qualifications of the positions; AND

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee recommends the abolishment and creation of these positions; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one position of Employment and Training Director (Grade 9, \$65,417-87,070, Management Compensation Plan, competitive class, full-time with benefits) and one position of Deputy Workforce Development Director (Grade 10, \$60,854-80,995, Management Compensation Plan, competitive class, full-time with benefits) be abolished effective April 27, 2026; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that one position of Deputy Workforce Development Director (Employment and Training,) (Grade 9, \$65,417-87,070, Management Compensation Plan, competitive class, full-time with benefits) and one position of Deputy Workforce Development Director (Fiscal Management), (Grade 10, \$60,854-80,995, Management Compensation Plan, competitive class, full-time with benefits) be created effective April 27, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Christopher Newell
SECONDER:	Legislator Jason Prentice
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, William McGovern, Christopher Newell, Jason Prentice, Keith VanGorder, Sandra Price, Ronald VanDee
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	
ABSENT:	

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.

Reappoint Member of the Cortland County Youth Board

WHEREAS, the members of the Cortland County Youth Board are appointed by the Cortland County Legislature; AND

WHEREAS, Youth Representatives on the Board serve (1) one year terms and all other members serve (3) three year terms; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following person be and hereby is re-appointed as a member of the Cortland County Youth Board, to serve without compensation for the following terms:

Name	Address	Capacity	Term Ending
Reed Cleland	18 Nixon Ave. Homer, NY 13077	Health & Human Services Committee Member	12/31/2028

RESULT:	APPROVED (7 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Sandra Price
SECONDER:	Legislator Christopher Newell
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, William McGovern, Christopher Newell, Jason Prentice, Keith VanGorder, Sandra Price, Ronald VanDee
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	
ABSENT:	

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.

Abolish Two (2) Case Aids and One (1) Child Support Investigator/Create Two (2) Social Welfare Examiners and One (1) Senior Case Aid - Department Of Social Services

WHEREAS, the needs of the agency will be better served by abolishing and creating several positions in the Social Services Department; AND

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee recommends the creation of the following full-time positions:

Two - Social Welfare Examiner (CSEA, Grade 12, \$22.0744-27.9406/hr, competitive class)
One - Senior Case Aide (CSEA, Grade 10, \$20.7185-26.2244/hr, competitive class)

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following positions are abolished effective April 24, 2026:

Two - Case Aide (CSEA, Grade 8, \$19.4812-24.6583/hr, competitive class)
One - Child Support Investigator (CSEA, Grade 12, \$22.0744-27.9406/hr, competitive class)

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the following positions are created with approval to fill effective April 24, 2026:

Two - Social Welfare Examiner (CSEA, Grade 12, \$22.0744-27.9406/hr, competitive class)
One - Senior Case Aide (CSEA, Grade 10, \$20.7185-26.2244/hr, competitive class).

RESULT:	APPROVED (7 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Douglas Bentley
SECONDER:	Legislator Sandra Price
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, William McGovern, Christopher Newell, Jason Prentice, Keith VanGorder, Sandra Price, Ronald VanDee

NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	
ABSENT:	

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.

Authorize Additional Hours for Medical Director/Psychiatrist Positions for Section 730 Examination Coverage - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 40-25 created one Medical Director/Psychiatrist position at four (4) hours per week and one Medical Director/Psychiatrist position at ten (10) hours per week; AND

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 170-25 authorized an increase in hours to allow up to fourteen (14) hours per week, provided that the aggregate number of hours worked between the two positions did not exceed fourteen (14) hours in any given week; AND

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Department has identified a need for additional psychiatric coverage specifically related to the completion of Section 730 examinations as required by the New York State Criminal Procedure Law; AND

WHEREAS, the additional hours associated with the completion of Section 730 examinations will be compensated utilizing funds already budgeted within the Department's Professional Services line and will not require additional appropriations; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the two Medical Director/Psychiatrist positions to each work up to seventeen (17) hours per week effective March 30, 2026, with any additional hours worked beyond the previously authorized schedule to be utilized for the completion of Section 730 examinations and paid from funds budgeted in the Mental Health Department's Professional Services line.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Sandra Price
SECONDER:	Legislator Jason Prentice
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, William McGovern, Christopher Newell, Jason Prentice, Keith VanGorder, Sandra Price, Ronald VanDee
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	
ABSENT:	

Discussion Items

- 1. New York State Office of Children and Family Services - 2026 Site Audit Results**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Monthly Reports

1. **Office for Aging Monthly Report**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. **Health Department Monthly Report**

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Personnel Change Justification Form

Requested Change: ☒ Abolish/Create ☐ Reallocation ☐ Abolish ☐ Create

Position Name (s): Create Senior Case Aide Abolish Case Aide

Bargaining Unit: CSEA

Purpose and Background:

Please see attached Justification.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ County Funded 30 % ☐ Grant Funded % Grant Exp. Date

Current Grade/Salary of Position: Grade 8 Salary Range \$ 19.4812 - 24.6583

Requested Grade/Salary of Position: Grade 10 Salary Range \$ 20.7185 - 26.2244

Annual Increase: \$ 2,261 County Share: \$ 678 # of Positions Affected: 1

Goals:

Please see attached justification. The main goal of this change is to improve how we provide Employment Services to TA and SNAP recipients.

Operational Impact:

Please see attached justification.

Requested By:

[Signature]
Signature of Requesting Department Head

2/12/20
Date

Personnel Officer Approval

[Signature]
Signature of Personnel Officer

2/12/20
Date

County Administrator Budget Impact Statement:

County Administrator Approval

[Signature]
Signature of County Administrator

2/13/20
Date

Statutory Committee Approval

Signature of Committee Chair after Committee Vote

Date



Personnel Change Justification Form

Requested Change: ☒ Abolish/Create ☐ Reallocation ☐ Abolish ☐ Create

Position Name (s): Create Social Welfare Examiner Abolish Case Aide

Bargaining Unit: CSEA

Purpose and Background:

Please see attached Justification. Please note that for the first year, the new position is actually a lower pay grade of 10 because it starts as a Social Welfare Examiner Trainee before going to pay grade 12 as a Social Welfare Examiner.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ County Funded 33 % ☐ Grant Funded _____ % Grant Exp. Date _____

Current Grade/Salary of Position: Grade 8 Salary Range \$ 19.4812 - 24.6583

Requested Grade/Salary of Position: Grade 12 Salary Range \$ 22.0744 - 27.9406

Annual Increase: \$ 4,738 County Share: \$ 1,564 # of Positions Affected: 1

Goals:

Please see attached justification. The main goal of this change is to improve efficiency of our homeless services unit.

Operational Impact:

Please see attached justification.

Requested By:

[Signature]
Signature of Requesting Department Head

2/12/26
Date

Personnel Officer Approval

[Signature]
Signature of Personnel Officer

2/12/26
Date

County Administrator Budget Impact Statement:

County Administrator Approval

[Signature]
Signature of County Administrator

2/13/26
Date

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Personnel Change Justification Form

Requested Change: ☒ Abolish/Create ☐ Reallocation ☐ Abolish ☐ Create

Position Name (s): Create Social Welfare Examiner Abolish Child Support Investigator

Bargaining Unit: CSEA

Purpose and Background:

Please see attached Justification. Please note that for the first year, the new position is actually a lower pay grade of 10 because it starts as a Social Welfare Examiner Trainee before going to pay grade 12 as a Social Welfare Examiner.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ County Funded 33 % ☐ Grant Funded _____ % Grant Exp. Date _____

Current Grade/Salary of Position: Grade 12 Salary Range \$ 22.0744 - 27.9406

Requested Grade/Salary of Position: Grade 12 Salary Range \$ 22.0744 - 27.9406

Annual Increase: \$ 0 County Share: \$ 0 # of Positions Affected: 1

Goals:

Please see attached justification. The main goal of this change is to enhance case overpayments and the recover of funds.

Operational Impact:

Please see attached justification.

Requested By:

[Signature]
Signature of Requesting Department Head

2/12/26
Date

Personnel Officer Approval

[Signature]
Signature of Personnel Officer

2/12/26
Date

County Administrator Budget Impact Statement:

County Administrator Approval

[Signature]
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Kristen Monroe
Commissioner

Justification for Income Maintenance Position Changes March 2026

Purpose and Background:

This proposal is for three main purposes. One is to enhance Employment Services and outcomes given the changes in federal requirements and increased risk of fiscal penalties to our county for both Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance (TA) recipients who are not meeting employment participation requirements. The second is to improve how we are serving TA applicants and recipients housed in motels by including Social Welfare Examiners who determine eligibility in the homeless team for better coordination and outcomes. Last, the proposed changes will improve outcomes in fraud/resource recovery work. This would be done by centralizing the Social Welfare Examiner tasks of determining case overpayment amounts, updating case budgets to recover money (recoupment), taking steps to recover funds from repayment agreements, and investigating potential fraud on cases. This work is often a lesser priority for those handling day-to-day tasks of case eligibility determinations and dedicating a couple internal experts to this work will provide focus.

Specifically, this proposal is to change three (3) job titles to align with the duties necessary.

1. A vacant Child Support Investigator would be abolished, and a Social Welfare Examiner Trainee would be created. This position would allow us to focus on case overpayments and recovery of funds.
2. Abolish one (1) Case Aide position currently in Employment Services and create a Social Welfare Examiner Trainee. This will support our ability to adjust the duties of nine (9) Social Welfare Examiners in the TA unit so we can dedicate three (3) to working directly with the homeless unit on eligibility determinations. It will also support our effort to have initial screenings of those who walk into our reception area seeking housing and cash assistance screened more thoroughly. This will be done by Social Welfare Examiners who know the program rules best rather than by Senior Case Aides who do it now.
3. Abolish one (1) Case Aide position currently in Employment Services and create one (1) Senior Case Aide position. This will allow us to have two Sr. Case Aide positions assigned to Employment Services by moving one of our three (3) Sr. Case Aide positions currently in the main Reception area to Employment Services. Due to the new requirements in employment services, the Sr. Case Aide job title is needed for the higher-level duties that do not fit in with the current Case Aide job title being used. This includes meeting with individuals, running groups to educate/support recipients, gathering documentation of activities, tracking compliance, establishing employment activities/creating plans for those who need hours, and entering electronic data that drives our NYS employment participation rates. The work of these supportive positions directly assists Social Welfare Examiners to maintain all required employment activity and plan documentation on their cases.

Goals and Objectives:

1. Enhance our ability to calculate case overpayments, identify fraud, and increase recovery of funds efforts. This will return more money to the County and prepare us to comply with anticipated federal changes requiring more work in this area.
2. Increase our internal case communication and coordination in how we assist homeless individuals to both meet their emergency needs and find long-term housing.
3. Provide those who walk into our department with an emergency with the best direction to meet their immediate needs with community benefits we provide in the most effective manner. This includes DSS programs and linking people to other resources in the community that can help them gain stability in housing.
4. Improve our employment participation rates that will dictate state and federal fiscal penalties.
5. Assist individuals in complying with employment requirements so they maintain essential SNAP and TA benefits.

Operational Impact:

1. Improve outcomes for those we serve. Specifically, the low-income in need of employment or disability services, and the homeless who need permanent housing. This can result in savings over time.
2. Reduce our risk of receiving federal fiscal penalties.
3. It is anticipated that no employees will be laid off during the implementation of this plan due to the high rate of turnover and anticipated ability to move internal people into these new positions. The dates for creation of the new positions from anticipated approval of this proposal will allow for Civil Service job posting requirements.

Fiscal Impact:

1. Child Support Investigator abolished - Social Welfare Examiner Trainee created.
 - Grade 12 to a Grade 10 for twelve months, then a Gr 12 to a Grade 12, so cost neutral.
2. Case Aide position abolished – Senior Case Aide position created
 - Grade 8 to a Grade 10
 - Annualized increase of \$2,773 with 30% county share (\$832)
3. Case Aide position abolished – Social Welfare Examiner Trainee created
 - Grade 8 to a Grade 10 for twelve months, then a Gr. 8 to a Grade 12
 - Annualized increase of \$5,811 with 33% county share (\$1,918)



Personnel Change Justification Form

Requested Change: ☒ Abolish/Create ☐ Reallocation ☐ Abolish ☒ Create
Position Name (s): Create up to 17 hrs/week P/T Medical Director (2 positions) Abolish (Total of 14 hrs/week) P/T Medical Director (2 positions)

Bargaining Unit: Management

Purpose and Background:

Create two part time Medical Director positions - up to 17 hours - with no benefit package - off scale / ~~Abolish two part-time Medical Director positions -~~
total of 14 hrs/week

Fiscal Impact: ☒ County Funded _____ % ☐ Grant Funded _____ % Grant Exp. Date _____

Current Grade/Salary of Position: Grade _____ Salary Range \$ _____

Requested Grade/Salary of Position: Grade off scale Salary Range \$238,1875 /hr.

Annual Increase: \$ _____ County Share: \$ _____ # of Positions Affected: 2

Goals:

These positions are necessary to comply with NYS OMH regulations; oversight and prescribing. Additionally, required completion of mandated 730 evaluations and AOT case processing, per Mental Hygiene Law and NYS Codes, Rules and Regulations

Operational Impact:

This is a revenue generating position

Requested By:

Patricia Schaepp
Signature of Requesting Department Head

2/26/26
Date

Personnel Officer Approval

Daniel Zeman
Signature of Personnel Officer

2/27/26
Date

County Administrator Budget Impact Statement:

County Administrator Approval

Michael Brancaccio
Signature of County Administrator

3/2/26
Date

Statutory Committee Approval

Signature of Committee Chair after Committee Vote

Date



Cortland County Office for Aging

Health and Human Services Committee April 2026

Agency Updates & Events

March for Meals (MFM) – Updates

The Office for Aging extends its appreciation to the following community leaders who participated in Community Champions Week. Their involvement provided valuable insight into program operations and strengthened community partnerships:

- County Administrator Michael Ponticiello (ride-along)
- Legislator Keith VanGorder (ride-along)
- Legislator Jason Prentice (ride-along)
- Solon Town Supervisor Richard Nauseef (ride-along)
- Deputy Fire Chief Derek Reynolds (ride-along)
- Senator Mannion District Representative Julie Fleck (Age Well Center)
- Cortlandville Town Supervisor Greg Leach (Central Kitchen)

As of this reporting period, fundraising efforts for the MFM program have generated \$1,050, as well as donations to our Helping Hands food pantry. Funds raised will be utilized to expand program services and enhance support for older adults within the community.

A Matter of Balance (AMOB)

The agency will host its next AMOB class series April 10 - May 29, 2026. Classes will be held at the Age Well Center on Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm. AMOB is an evidenced-based fall prevention program designed to help older adults reduce their fear of falling and improve their confidence in staying active. The program is led by trained volunteer coaches.

National Volunteer Week: April 19 – 25, 2026

The agency will celebrate its Office for Aging (OFA) volunteers by hosting an appreciation event on April 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Age Well Center. Andrea Hart, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and Yoga Instructor, will present on self-care, highlighting the importance of stress management, nutrition, creativity, and connection.



For Anyone:

- Concerned about falling
- Interested to improve balance, flexibility and strength
- Who has fallen in the past
- Who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Learn To:

- View falls as controllable
- Set goals to increase activity
- Make changes at home to reduce fall risks
- Exercise to increase strength and balance

SPRING 2026!

FRIDAYS
10 AM to Noon
April 10 – May 29
Age Well Center
165 South Main Street
Cortland, NY 13045

Pre-register
(607) 753 – 5060
Cortland County
Office for Aging



The Cortland County Office for Aging is sponsored by the Cortland County Legislature in conjunction with the New York State Office for the Aging, under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 2020, as amended.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls Volunteer Lay Leader Model ©2006
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A Matter of Balance Lay Leader Model
Permission for innovation and growth in healthcare and aging 2006, American Society on Aging.
A Matter of Balance Lay Leader Model was developed by a grant from the Administration on Aging, DHEW/OASPE.

Caregiver Services

The agency's Caregiver Program will host a presentation, Advanced Care Planning, presented by Hospicare on April 14, 2026 at 2:30 PM at the Age Well Center. Caregiver Support Group will be held on April 23, 2026 at 2:30 pm at Access to Independence or via Zoom.



Cortland County Office for Aging & Hospicare
Present:

Advanced Care Planning
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
From 2:30-3:30PM
At the Age Well Center
165 South Main Street, Cortland

Preparing for the end of life can be challenging, but it is crucial to communicate your wishes. This can alleviate uncertainty and provide both you and your loved ones with peace of mind.

We invite you to take part in this session; you will learn how to ensure your end-of-life preferences are respected.

Please call 607-753-5060 to register

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**Cortland County Office for Aging
Caregiver Support Group**

Join our supportive caregiver community. We invite you to become part of our confidential group where you can share both your challenges and triumphs while supporting fellow caregivers. Regardless of your caregiving stage, you are warmly welcomed to join us.

**JOIN VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON
AT ACCESS TO INDEPENDENCE
26 NORTH MAIN ST., CORTLAND
CALL TO REGISTER
607-753-5060**



Next Meeting
Date: April 23, 2026
Time: 2:30 - 3:30 PM



The Cortland County Office for Aging is sponsored by the Cortland County Legislature in conjunction with the New York State Office for the Aging under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 2020, as amended.

Older Americans Month (OAM)

Every May, Older Americans Month (OAM), led by the Administration for Community Living, celebrates the contributions of older adults while highlighting the importance of healthy aging. This year's theme, "Champion Your Health," emphasizes prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as key components of aging well. In recognition of OAM, the agency, in partnership with Leadership Cortland, will host a special dinner event to honor older adults in our community. The evening will feature student essay readings and the announcement of the Senior Citizen of the Year.

Save the Date:

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Country Music Park Opry Barn

Tickets: Available beginning April 15, 2026 at the Office for Aging. A suggested contribution of \$6 is appreciated. Advanced reservations are required as seating is limited.



Upcoming Outreach

- 4/15/26: HIICAP - Preble LASS - 6 pm.
- 4/16/26: Senior Information Fair - YMCA - 10 am to 12 pm
- 4/18/26: OFA/NY Connects - Maple Fest - 9 am to 3 pm.
- 4/21/26: Ramp/Handyman - Virgil Seniors - 10:30 am.

Program Snapshot

Core Services

Service Type	January 2026 Units	January 2026 Unduplicated Clients	February 2026 Units	February 2026 Unduplicated Clients
Case Management	223	88	232	129
Home Care / Respite	327	33	486	35
Congregate Meals	268	49	256	53
Home Delivered Meals	5,730	198	5,536	194
Health Promotion	623	61	628	56
HIICAP Beneficiary Contact	98	90	121	105
NY Connects	201	119	217	124
Personal Emergency Response	39	39	43	43
Home Repair & Modifications	8	7	7	5
Senior Center Rec & Ed	133	109	141	121
Transportation	325	28	348	27
HEAP (25/26 season)	407	407	428	428
Food Pantries	741	65 (duplicated)	789	59 (duplicated)

Waitlists

Service Type	Individuals	Reason
EISEP - Personal Care	4	No PC2 aides available
Personal Emergency Response	1	Limited funding
Home Repair & Modifications	30	Weather / limited funding
Home Delivered Meals	15	Case load / staff vacancies
Bonesavers	16	Class size limited due to space / volunteer leader
Telephone Reassurance	4	Lack of interested volunteers
Shopping Assistance	1	Lack of interested volunteers

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Giamei

Amber Giamei
Director

CORTLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Cortland County Health Department

Administration

Nicole Anjeski, MS, MPH

Public Health Director

Lisa Perfetti, BSN, RN

Deputy Public Health Director

Douglas MacQueen, MD, MS, FIDSA

Medical Consultant

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Health and Human Services Committee

April 2026

National Public Health Week, April 6-12

For over 30 years, National Public Health Week aims to observe and emphasize that public health is rooted in individual actions, community and the environments where people live, work and play. *Ready. Set. Action!* is this year's theme. The goal is to recognize how public health has improved our daily lives, safeguarded our families, expanding our life spans and strengthened our communities. This week will also highlight and honor the public health workforce that shows up every day! CCHD will run a weeklong social media campaign highlighting this year's theme and what CCHD staff do for public health at the local level.

2026 Public Health Partnership Conference April 22-24

The Cortland County Health Department (CCHD) will be attending the 2026 Public Health Partnership Conference in Lake Placid, NY April 22-24. Nicki Anjeski (Public Health Director) and Lisa Perfetti (Deputy Public Health Director) will be attending. This conference brings together public health professionals, county officials, rural health experts, and advocates to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and enhance public health initiatives across the region.

In addition to attending the conference, Nicki was asked to be part of the keynote plenary panel presentation at the conference to feature and discuss the local perspective of the CHA/CHIP work in our community. This is a great opportunity to highlight Cortland County and our efforts as a health department and the partnerships within the community. CCHD will be presenting on this panel with Suffolk and Ulster County Health Departments.

Staffing

- One Public Health Sanitarian position open in the Environmental Health Division. Interviews will begin in early April.

Nicole Anjeski, MS, MPH

Public Health Director