



Health & Human Services Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
<http://www.cortland-co.org>

~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Committee Chair Sandra Price

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
George Wagner	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Ann Homer	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice Chair	Present	
Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Richard Stock	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Nicole Anjeski	Cortland County, NY	Public Health Director	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director of Finance	Present	
Sharon MacDougall	Cortland County, NY	Director of Community Services	Present	
Amy Buggs	Cortland County, NY	Grants Administrator	Present	
Carrie Kane	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Director of Area Agency on Aging, Nutrition	Present	
Shannon Phillips	Cortland County, NY	Employment & Training Director	Present	
Dr. Pearl Reed-Klein	Cortland County, NY	Director of Area Agency on Aging	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Allison Veintimilla	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Director of Social Services	Present	
Kristen Monroe	Cortland County, NY	Commissioner of Social Services	Present	
Kristen Beard	Cortland County, NY	Child Advocacy Center Coordinator	Present	
Tom Tedesco	Cortland County, NY	Director of Veterans Services	Present	
Amber Giamei	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Director of Area Agency on Aging	Present	
Sara Watrous	Cortland Area Communities That Care	Project Manager	Present	
Nicole Carter	Cortland Area Communities That Care	Epidemiologist	Present	
Patricia Dawson	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Remote	

Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Remote	
Eddie Velazquez	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Remote	

Minutes Approval

1. Health & Human Services Committee - Committee Meeting - Jan 10, 2023 9:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	George Wagner, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

Resolutions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Members - Cayuga/Cortland Workforce Development Board - Employment and Training Grant Administration

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 2/23/2023 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Members - Cayuga/Cortland Workforce Development Board - Employment and Training Grant Administration

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2017, the Governor of the State of New York has authorized and directed the Chief Local Elected Officials of Cortland and Cayuga Counties, which have been designated as a workforce area, to appoint/reappoint members to the Workforce Development Board for said area, AND

WHEREAS, due to a resignation from the board, a vacancy exists, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following be and hereby are appointed effective immediately to serve on the Cayuga/Cortland Workforce Development Board for the term and from the sector listed below:

Name	Address	Sector	Term Ending
Michelle Spadacino	14 Stewart Place Cortland, NY 13045	Business - Walden Place	6/30/2024
Kansas Underwood	134 Homer Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	Business - Guthrie Cortland Medical Center	6/30/2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Abolish Senior Caseworker/Create Case Supervisor Grade B - Department of Social Services

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 2/9/2023 9:00 AM
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

Abolish Senior Caseworker/Create Case Supervisor Grade B - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, the needs of the department will be better served by abolishing one (1) Senior Caseworker position and creating one (1) Case Supervisor Grade B, AND

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

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Senior Caseworker (Grade 20, \$26.4087-33.4267/hr, CSEA, full-time with benefits, competitive class) be and hereby is abolished effective February 23, 2023 at midnight, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Case Supervisor Grade B (Grade 22, \$28.4246-35.9782/hr, CSEA, full-time with benefits, competitive class) be created with permission to fill effective February 23, 2023 at 12:01 am.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Authorize Agreement with Community Partners for Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System Data Sharing - Health Department

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 2/23/2023 6:00 PM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

Authorize Agreement with Community Partners for Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System Data Sharing - Health Department

WHEREAS, Hospitals in New York State report emergency room visits to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) each day for 13 different syndromes, including but not limited to, GI, respiratory, overdose and suicide AND

WHEREAS, these visits are de-identified and put into the Electronic Syndromic Surveillance System (ESSS) by NYSDOH, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Health Department (CCHD) has access to the ESSS and the reports generated by the system AND

WHEREAS, the system also gives CCHD daily alerts if there is a higher than normal number of visits for a particular syndrome, AND

WHEREAS, the ESSS is useful for situational awareness of public health events in the community and can be used in conjunction with other data sources to inform response, AND

WHEREAS, multiple partner organizations that work on the scope of the Community Health Improvement Plan/Community Health Assessment can assist in its goals by using the shared data from the ESSS in prevention strategies with the population that they serve within the community, AND

WHEREAS, there would be no cost to the County, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and the Public Health Director, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, are hereby authorized to sign agreements with partner organization to utilize the ESSS data in their willingness to assist the Health Department in the scope of the Community Health Improvement Plan/Community Health Assessment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Appointment of Youth Board Member - Health Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 2/23/2023 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Richard Stock, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Appointment of Youth Board Member - Health Department

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

WHEREAS, due to a resignation, a vacancy exists on the Cortland County Youth Board, AND

WHEREAS, Youth Representatives on the Board serve one year terms and all other members serve three year terms, AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cortland County Youth Board By-Laws any person appointed to fill a vacancy due to resignation shall be appointed for the remainder of the term, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

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

NAME	CAPACITY	ADDRESS	TERM ENDING
Melissa McDermott	Catholic Charities	55 Cortland Street, Homer, NY 13077	12/31/2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – Amend 2023 Budget - Carryover Consolidated Appropriations Act for Nutrition Services Grant Funding - Area Agency on Aging

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 2/23/2023 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Amend 2023 Budget - Carryover Consolidated Appropriations Act for Nutrition Services Grant Funding - Area Agency on Aging

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging has made available funds under HDC5 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Nutrition Services, for the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, for the purpose of COVID disaster relief services, AND

WHEREAS, the grant had funds in the amount of \$1,516.15 remaining at the end of 2022, which need to be carried over to the 2023 budget in order to be expended within the remainder of the grant year, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2023 County Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase:

Revenues:

A677444-44772-HDC5	Federal Aid	\$1,516.15
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Expenses:

A67745-52015-HDC5	Department Specific Equipment	\$1,321.15
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A67745-54040-HDC5	Association/Membership Dues	\$195.00
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – Authorize Contracts/Delegate Authority - Use of Community Impact Dollars for HEALing Community Study - Mental Health Department

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 3]

Next: 2/23/2023 6:00 PM

MOVER: Paul Heider, Committee Member

SECONDER: George Wagner, Committee Member

AYES: Sandra Price, George Wagner, Paul Heider, Joseph Nauseef

NAYS: Ann Homer, Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Richard Stock

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Contracts/Delegate Authority - Use of Community Impact Dollars for HEALing Community Study - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Mental Health Department has been awarded \$267,250 in one-time Community Impact Dollars (CID) as part of the Columbia HEALing Community Study (HCS), AND

WHEREAS, the HCS leadership committee has designated the funds to be used for funding evidence-based practices and communications interventions matching the approved action plan, AND

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee to authorize the Cortland County Administrator, Chair of the Cortland County Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee and the Director of Community Services for Cortland County to approve the designation of funds to various Cortland County contracted agencies, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Administrator, Chair of the Cortland County Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee and the Director of Community Services for Cortland County will approve the designation of funds to various Cortland County contracted agencies, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute agreements with approved county contracted agencies for these funds, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Treasurer is authorized to pay the approved county contracted agencies from the appropriate expense account.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – Authorize Agreement Blooming Health, Inc. - Area Agency on Aging

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 2/23/2023 6:00 PM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreement Blooming Health, Inc. - Area Agency on Aging

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging wishes to enter into a contract with Blooming Health, Inc., for a no cost pilot program to improve client engagement and decrease social isolation and loneliness using a digital platform, AND

WHEREAS, the State of New York has allocated funds for the care of older adults in New York which are dispersed through an Education Project Grant from the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) to the Association on Aging in New York, Inc., a New York non-profit-organization (“Aging NY”), AND

WHEREAS, Aging NY has entered into an agreement with Blooming Health, Inc. whereby Aging NY will pay Blooming Health, Inc. to provide its platform and services to Area Agencies on Aging in New York with the intent to improve older adults’ awareness of community-based aging services and benefits in New York, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging is a beneficiary of Blooming Health, Inc.’s agreement with Aging NY and the Cortland County Area Agency on Agency acknowledges and agrees that the provision of the platform and the services hereunder are subject to Aging NY’s payment to Blooming Health, Inc. for such services, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, and subject to any appropriation of funding by the Legislature, be and hereby is authorized to execute said agreement.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 – Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds

Ms. Homer MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES to entertain a resolution not previously on the agenda, Ms. Preston SECONDED THE MOTION, and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 2/14/2023 10:00 AM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds

WHEREAS, the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 State Budget proposal would end the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) federal pass-thru to counties and New York City, AND

WHEREAS, the State is proposing to keep all of these federal savings going forward and use them to cover further expansions of Medicaid eligibility and benefits and to increase payments to health care providers, AND

WHEREAS, the elimination of this ACA eFMAP federal pass-thru will require the 57 counties to spend at least \$280 million more in SFY 2024, and approximately \$1 billion when New York City is included, AND

WHEREAS, the SFY 2024 costs to counties and New York City are scheduled to grow by 30 percent by SFY 2027, AND

WHEREAS, it is the strong view of Cortland County that congress intended these federal savings to be shared with counties proportional to the amount they contributed toward the nonfederal Medicaid match, AND

WHEREAS, since 2003, the state has shared the funds proportionally based on our analysis of savings we have received during periods when an enhanced federal Medicaid match was enacted by Congress, AND

WHEREAS, enacted in 2011, the Medicaid statutory cap for all 62 counties is \$7.6 billion. The Medicaid statutory cap for the 57 counties outside of New York City is \$2.25 billion, AND

WHEREAS, the additional unbudgeted cost to Cortland County for the remainder of 2023 would amount to over \$700,000, AND

WHEREAS, starting in SFY 2014, New York began sharing these federal ACA savings directly with counties. The savings for a year were provided by lowering the weekly payments each county and NYC make to the state to support the State's Medicaid program. Through February 1, 2023, the state continues to share the federal savings from the ACA eFMAP with the 57 counties and NYC, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County strongly disagrees with the need to cut county funding so deeply when the Governor's budget proposes to fully fund its own reserves two years ahead of schedule by depositing \$5.4 billion into reserves before the end of SFY 2023, while also projecting a general fund surplus of \$35 billion by the end of SFY 2024, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cortland County calls on the State to continue to share these federal funds with counties as has been the precedent for over 20 years, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Cortland County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, the New York State Congressional Delegation, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 – Authorize Agreement Code Blue Behavioral Health and Security Services - Department of Social Services

Ms. Homer MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES to entertain a resolution not previously on the agenda, Ms. Preston SECONDED THE MOTION, and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Homer MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to combine the resolution with the resolution for Code Blue Security Services, Ms. Preston SECONDED THE MOTION, and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 2/14/2023 10:00 AM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreement Code Blue Behavioral Health and Security Services - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Social Services desires to purchase on-site behavioral health services to promote the safety and well-being of individuals placed in emergency shelter settings including motels and warming centers, AND

WHEREAS, Family Counseling Services and Liberty Resources are authorized providers of behavioral health counseling services, AND

WHEREAS, circumstances involving guests placed under New York State Code Blue regulations have resulted in the need for on-site behavioral health services, AND

WHEREAS, the \$12,000 needed for these agreements from February 24, 2023 - April 30, 2023 has been approved to be reimbursed as New York State Code Blue funding, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Social Services desires to purchase security services to monitor and promote the safety of individuals placed in emergency shelter settings including motels and warming centers, AND

WHEREAS, the services of a professional security company are being sought, AND

WHEREAS, circumstances involving guests placed under New York State Code Blue regulations have resulted in the need for on-site security, AND

WHEREAS, the \$38,000 needed for this Agreement from February 24, 2023 - April 30, 2023 has been approved to be reimbursed as New York State Code Blue funding, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement for the time period February 24, 2023 - April 30, 2023 with Family Counseling Services and/or Liberty Resources for a combined amount not to exceed \$12,000, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement for the time period February 24, 2023 - April 30, 2023 with a security company approved by the County Administrator and Commissioner of Social Services in an amount not to exceed \$38,000, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2023 County Budget be amended as follows:

Increase:

Expense:		
A60105.54800.4696	Code Blue	\$50,000.00
Revenue:		
A601043.43689.4696	Code Blue	\$50,000.00

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – Resolution to Advocate for Immediate Changes to the Emergency Housing and Mental Health Admission Requirements

Ms. Homer MADE A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES to entertain a resolution not previously on the agenda, Ms. Preston SECONDED THE MOTION, and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Homer MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to add a final resolved clause for the distribution of the resolution, Ms. Preston SECONDED THE MOTION, and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Preston MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to change the word "recommends" in the first resolved clause to "urges and advocates", Ms. Homer SECONDED THE MOTION, and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 2/23/2023 6:00 PM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Paul Heider, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution to Advocate for Immediate Changes to the Emergency Housing and Mental Health Admission Requirements

WHEREAS, Cortland County is experiencing an unprecedented homeless crisis in that there has been an increase of 57% in the past year of instances of individuals being placed in emergency housing through Temporary Assistance programs, AND

WHEREAS, this increase does not account for the numerous homeless individuals who are not seeking assistance, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County Department of Social Services is the entity charged under New York State laws for arranging emergency housing for anyone found in their district pursuant to Article 17 of the New York State Constitution, AND

WHEREAS, various social challenges and policy changes in areas such as bail reform, incarceration rules, substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment and inpatient medical care are resulting in more individuals with behaviors and needs that cannot be safely met with existing emergency housing resources, AND

WHEREAS, the emergency housing capacity and structure was not modified on a statewide basis prior to systemic policy reforms, AND

WHEREAS, the Temporary Assistance shelter rates have not been increased in over two decades

and are far less than market value rental amounts therefore denying Temporary Assistance recipients the opportunity to afford any permanent housing, AND

WHEREAS, the homeless crisis is worsened by the last decade of closures of Inpatient Hospital and State Psychiatric Center (PC) beds; requiring an urgent process and timeline for the restoration of beds taken offline prior to or, as a result of, the pandemic with established fiscal incentives for reopening off-line beds, AND

WHEREAS, local mental health departments are seeing massive increases in the issuance of 730 competency restoration orders that place individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) into State PC forensic facilities at 100% of the cost to counties; and this syphons millions of dollars from county budgets needed for critical community-based resources into the State's General Fund, AND

WHEREAS, the New York State PC admission criteria and referral process via the Health Commerce System (HCS) should be urgently corrected for a prioritized transition from local hospital inpatient to State PC; to correct the bottleneck of referrals affecting hospital to state PC referral process, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Cortland County Legislature urges and advocates that New York State leaders assist counties in immediately designing, developing, and funding emergency residential options that will provide a safe form of shelter to those individuals who are exhibiting behaviors that are unsafe and damaging in any existing emergency housing resources, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature strongly urges the New York State leaders to prioritize the transition from local hospital inpatient to State PC and remove the mandatory fourteen (14) day requirement for hospitals to refer to a State PC to allow the individual to get the needed assistance and to protect the other members of the community, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature, Commissioner of Social Services and Director of Community Services recommend immediate changes to the communication requirements of other counties when placing individuals in existing emergency housing locations outside of their County, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Cortland County Legislature is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Governor, the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader, the Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker, the Honorable Carl Heastie, State Senator, the Honorable Peter Oberacker, Assemblymember, the Honorable Dr. Anna Kelles, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Discussion Items

1. HEALing Communities Study Data Fact Sheet

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Monthly Reports

1. Health Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Department of Social Services Fourth Quarter Statistics 2022

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 10:24 AM



Health & Human Services Committee

Committee Meeting

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Tuesday, January 10, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

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Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
George Wagner	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Ann Homer	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice Chair	Present	
Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Richard Stock	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
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Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Nicole Anjeski	Cortland County, NY	Public Health Director	Present	
Laurie Leonard	Cortland County, NY	Personnel Officer	Present	
Carrie Kane	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Director of Area Agency on Aging - Nutrition	Present	
Amber Giamei	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Director - Area Agency on Aging	Present	
ReBecca Smith	Cortland County, NY	Public Health Program Manager	Present	
Amy Buggs	Cortland County, NY	Grants Administrator	Present	
Tom Tedesco	Cortland County, NY	Director of Veterans Services	Present	
Kristen Monroe	Cortland County, NY	Commissioner of Social Services	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director of Finance	Present	
Sharon MacDougall	Cortland County, NY	Director of Community Services	Present	
Margaret Mellott	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Present	
Sara Watrous	Cortland Area Communities That Care	Project Manager	Present	
Nicole Carter	Cortland Area Communities That Care	Epidemiologist	Present	
Aster Parrott	Cortland Area Communities That Care	Community Engagement Specialist	Present	
Eddie Velazquez	Cortland Voice	Reporter	Present	

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 10, 2023 9:00 AM (Minutes Approval)

Minutes Approval

1. Health & Human Services Committee - Committee Meeting - Nov 1, 2022 9:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

Presentation

1. Cortland Area Communities that Care (CACTC) HEALing Communities Study Presentation

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Resolutions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Accept Resource Allocation Plan Funding - NYS Office of Children and Family Services - Youth Bureau

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 1/26/2023 5:00 PM
MOVER:	Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Accept Resource Allocation Plan Funding - NYS Office of Children and Family Services - Youth Bureau

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, through the Resource Allocation Plan has made available the sum of \$68,686 to Cortland County, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Youth Bureau has designated the funds to the various Cortland County municipalities and agencies for the year 2023, a copy of which is kept on file in the County Youth Bureau Office, AND

WHEREAS, \$51,686 will be allocated to Cortland County municipalities and \$17,000 will be allocated to the Cortland County Youth Bureau administration, \$17,000 which has already been budgeted, AND

WHEREAS, the 2023 County Budget will need to be amended as follows:

<u>Revenue:</u>		<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Balance</u>
A73125.43820.YB	Youth Bureau	\$17,000	\$51,686	\$68,686
<u>Expenditure:</u>		<u>Current</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>Balance</u>
A73125.54815	Contracted Agencies	\$0	\$51,686	\$51,686

, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute the Resource Allocation Planning Agreement with the NY State Office of Children and Family Services and contracts with approved agencies, AND BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer's office is authorized to pay from the appropriate expense account and that in the event that the county does not receive the appropriate funds from the NY State Office of Children and Family Services, the County shall not be liable to pay any of its own funds to meet any deficiency under the terms of the contract.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Extend Temporary Public Health Fellow Positions Public Health Fellow (4 Positions) and Public Health Fellow Coordinator – Health Department

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 1/17/2023 10:00 AM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Extend Temporary Public Health Fellow Positions Public Health Fellow (4 Positions) and Public Health Fellow Coordinator – Health Department

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 90-22 gave the Cortland County Health Department permission to enter into a grant with Health Research, Inc. for the NYS Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program in the amount of \$849,912 for the period of 9/1/21 - 7/31/23, AND

WHEREAS, Health Research, Inc. has extended the grant end date to 6/30/24 and awarded the Cortland County Health Department an additional \$250,000, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby approves the extension of the four (4) temporary Public Health Fellow positions (CSEA, Grade 16, \$22.9307-29.0244/HR, competitive, with benefits) and one temporary Public Health Fellow Coordinator (CSEA, Grade 22, \$28.4246-35.9782/HR, competitive, with benefits) to end 6/30/24, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the 2023 County budget will need to be amended as follows:

Account No.	Description	Increase
A40455.51005	Personnel	\$125,414
A40455.52005	Office Equip	\$12,000
A40455.54000	Phone	\$624
A40455.54005	Office Supplies	\$5,000
A40455.54015	Software/Maint Agree	\$6,500
A40455.54035	Educ/Train	\$25,000
A40455.54045	Travel	\$5,000
A40455.54045	Program Supplies	\$28,949
A40455.58020	Retirement	\$17,558
A40455.58030	FICA	\$9,594
A40455.58040	Workers Comp	\$10,225
A40455.58060	Health Ins	\$4,083
A40455.58062	Dental Ins	\$53
TOTAL Expense		\$250,000
A40455.43450 PHCF Revenue		\$250,000

, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and Public Health Director, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, and subject to appropriation of the funding by the Legislature, is hereby authorized and directed to sign an agreement to accept these funds, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Director of Finance shall carryover all unused grant funds to the subsequent year(s) budget covered by the grant, per the approved grant agreement.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Establish Cortland County Opioid Settlement Fund Subcommittee

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 1/26/2023 6:00 PM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Establish Cortland County Opioid Settlement Fund Subcommittee

WHEREAS, opioid manufacturers had prior knowledge of the risks of opioid abuse and have misled doctors and patients about the addictive nature of opioids, have misrepresented the dangers of opioids and have marketed opioids in a manner that promoted addiction, AND

WHEREAS, opioid manufacturers, distributors, and promoters have been responsible for an opioid epidemic that has harmed the citizens of Cortland County and financially damaged the County and its taxpayers, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has been involved in litigation to recover damages from those parties that have contributed and continue to contribute to County costs due to opioids, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has recovered and continues to recover damages from those parties, AND

WHEREAS, there are specific uses as defined by Court Order and the Cortland County Legislature for the funds recovered, AND

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Cortland County Legislature to establish an Opioid Settlement Fund Subcommittee to provide recommendations for best use of the funding, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature hereby establishes the Cortland County Opioid Settlement Fund Subcommittee for said purpose, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that recommendations for use of the funding shall be brought forward to the Health and Human Services and Finance and Administration Committees for review, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the following individuals shall be appointed to the Opioid Settlement Fund Subcommittee with terms commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2023:

Legislator Paul Heider - Subcommittee Chair
Legislator Sandra Price

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 10, 2023 9:00 AM (Minutes Approval)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Appoint Members - Older Americans Act Advisory Council

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**Next: 1/26/2023 6:00 PM****MOVER:** Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair**SECONDER:** Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston, Committee Member**AYES:** Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef**ON MOTION OF PRICE****RESOLUTION NO.****Appoint Members - Older Americans Act Advisory Council**

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Older Americans Act Advisory Council of the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging state membership shall be 15-25 voting members with at least fifty percent 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, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the following appointments be appointed/reaffirmed:

Name	Capacity	Term Number	Term Expiration
William Hopkins	Community Member	2 nd Term	12/31/24
Maria Dillingham-Purcell	Community Member	2 nd Term	12/31/24
Barb Nichols	Community Member	2 nd Term	12/31/24
Jan Dempsey	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/23
Dixie Latimer	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/24
Eden Harrington-Hall	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/24
Sheila Cohen	Community Member	2 nd Term	12/31/24
Melissa Potter	Mobility Manager	1 st Term	12/31/24
Joanne Brown	Cortland Chenango Rural Services	2 nd Term	12/31/24
Sharon Zeches	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/24
Mary Ellen Bloodgood	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/23
Beverly Ryan	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/23
Shawna Grinnell	Cortland Housing Assistance Council	1 st Term	12/31/24
Mary Coye-Robillard	Tompkins Trust Co.	1 st Term	12/31/24
Sue Covington	Community Member	1 st Term	12/31/25
Chris Newell	Cortland County Legislator	n/a	Ex-Officio

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – Appoint Director of Area Agency on Aging

It was MOVED by Ms. Homer, seconded by Mr. Wagner, and unanimously approved by voice vote of members present, to enter into an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person. MOTION CARRIED.

An executive session was held from 9:50 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at which time on motion of Ms. Homer, seconded by Mr. Wagner, it was unanimously approved by voice vote to exit executive session.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 1/26/2023 6:00 PM

MOVER: Ann Homer, Committee Vice Chair

SECONDER: Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Wagner, Homer, Fairchild-Preston, Heider, Stock, Nauseef

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Director of Area Agency on Aging

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of Elizabeth Haskins, the current Director of the Area Agency on Aging for Cortland County, there is a need to appoint a new Director of the Area Agency on Aging, AND

WHEREAS, an interview committee was established and conducted interviews and offered a recommendation for this appointment, AND

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has received the recommendation for appointment of _____ as Director of the Cortland County Area Agency on Aging, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby appoints _____ as Director of the Area Agency on Agency at an annual salary of \$_____ (Grade 7, Step _____, Management Compensation Plan, non-competitive class) effective February 6, 2023 at 12:01 a.m.

Monthly Reports

1. Health Department Monthly Report

RESULT: COMPLETED

Discussion Items

1. HEAP Update

RESULT: COMPLETED

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 10:02 AM

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 10, 2023 9:00 AM (Minutes Approval)



Kristen Monroe
Commissioner

Justification for Grade B Supervisor from Abolishment of Senior Caseworker February 2023

Purpose and Background:

This proposal is to abolish a vacant Senior Caseworker position (CSEA Grade 20) and to create a Grade B Supervisor Grade CSEA Grade 22). There are currently 5 Grade B Supervisors in the Family and Adult Services Unit. One additional Grade B Supervisor oversees the Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (CCSI). There are seven Senior Caseworkers and twenty-eight Caseworkers. Within our current structure and workload demands, the Senior Caseworker positions are asked to supervise, train, and handle special caseload assignments. The demands on these positions make it difficult to do all tasks adequately and lead to unrealistic expectations for the title.

Goals and Objectives:

1. Our workforce requires strong supervisory support and training due to turnover and challenges inherent in the work. An additional Grade B Supervisor will increase training and retention of new workers.
2. Grade B Supervisory positions provide incentive for experienced staff to stay with us whereas, there is little to no fiscal incentive for experienced staff to accept Sr. Caseworker positions. Most Caseworkers make less money as a Sr. Caseworker due to the small pay increase of being moved up two pay grades (approx. \$1,500/yr.) being less than they made doing on-call work (after hours field work available to Caseworkers).
3. This new structure would help cover daily supervisory workload demands because it is one more potential supervisor available when others use benefit time and/or are on medical leave.

Operational Impact:

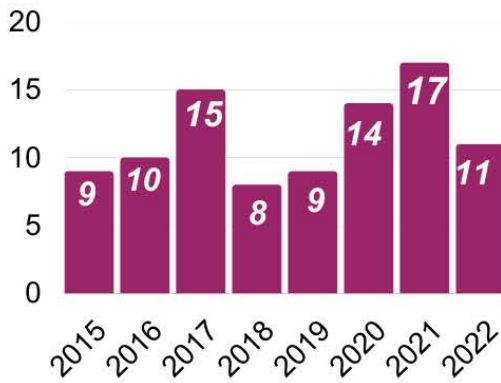
1. If we add this Gr B Supervisor, the supervisor to worker ratio will be 1:5 direct reports per supervisor. This ratio is high, but more manageable than our current structure.

Fiscal Impact:

- Senior Caseworker starting pay \$26.41/hr. or \$48,064/yr.
- Grade B Supervisor starting pay \$28.42/hr. or \$51,733/yr.

The gross increase would be \$3,669/yr. The county share increase is approximately \$1,101/yr.

Fatal Overdoses in Cortland County



11
fatal
overdoses in
2022

- Despite increasing by 20% in 2021, fatal overdoses dropped 35% in 2022
- Although there was a decrease in 2022, there have already been 3 fatal overdoses so far this year (2023)

73%

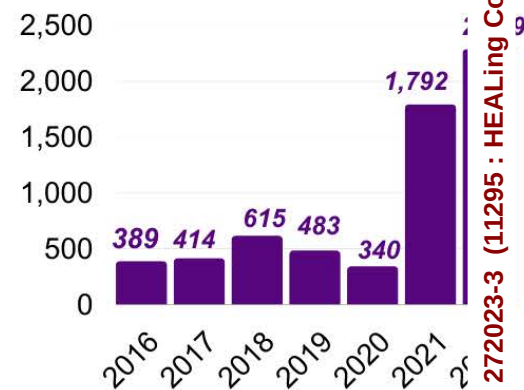
of the overdoses in 2022 were related to an opioid, fentanyl specifically

Naloxone Distribution in Cortland County

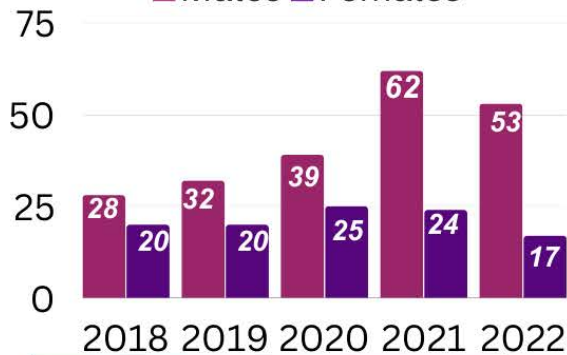
- In 2022, naloxone distribution increased by over 20%

Note: Guthrie distribution for Q3 and Q4 was not included for 2022

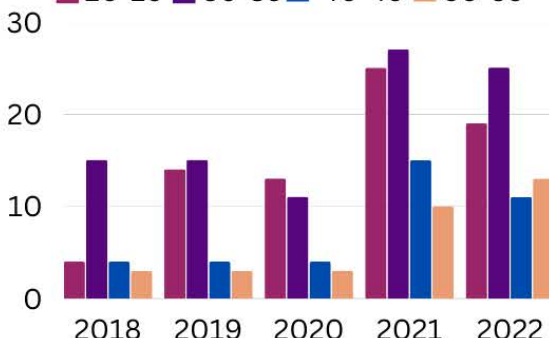
2,289+
kits
distributed



■ Males ■ Females



■ 20-29 ■ 30-39 ■ 40-49 ■ 50-59



City of Cortland Overdose Demographics

- 20-39 and 30-39 have had the most overdoses in the past four years
- 50-59 has increased over the last 3 years
- Males represented over 70% of the overdoses responded to by City PD in the last two years

*Note: the demographics refer to the overdoses responded to by City of Cortland Police

For more information, email the Project Director Sara Watrous at swatrous@cortlandareactc.org or visit healingcortland.org.



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Health and Human Services Committee Report February 2023

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COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 cases:

- a. 1/1-1/7=69
- b. 1/8-1/14=53
- c. 1/15-1/21=60
- d. 1/22-1/28=80

4 week total of **262** new cases.

As of January 26: Cortland County's community level is Low

FLU 2022-2023 Season Update

Flu cases:

- a. 1/1-1/7=39
- b. 1/8-1/14=16
- c. 1/15-1/21=39
- d. 1/22-1/28=11

4 week total of **105** new cases.

COVID-19 and Flu vaccines

The Cortland County Health Department urges all Cortland County residents to get their COVID-19 and Flu vaccine as soon as possible. Vaccination is safe and is the best way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19 and Flu in our community. Residents can find a location to get vaccinated at the following link: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

Staffing

- Active recruitment for one nursing position

Sincerely,

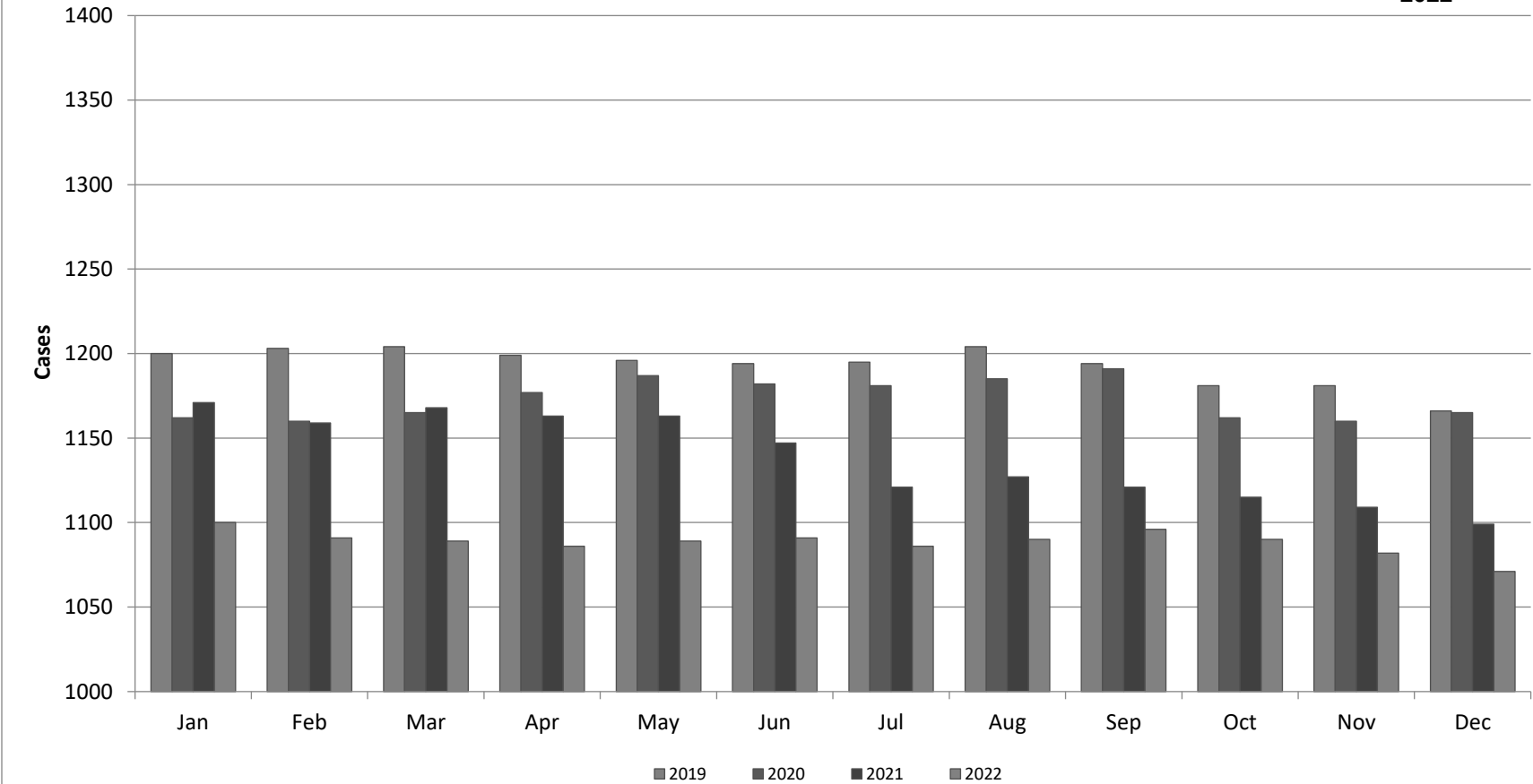
Nicole Anjeski, MS, MPH
Public Health Director



	2022											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
TA Cases	326	319	306	293	299	296	284	290	307	309	322	340
SNAP Cases	3213	3207	3239	3245	3206	3179	3221	3244	3235	3228	3271	3295
Managed Care Individuals	10143	10234	10266	10261	10317	10395	10468	10431	10479	10530	10573	10663
MA Only Cases												
Medicaid MAGI	931	943	952	963	969	993	1005	997	992	993	1006	1001
Medicaid Chronic Care	1509	1499	1513	1508	1508	1512	1516	1512	1511	1507	1509	1518
MA/SSI Cases	1100	1091	1089	1086	1089	1091	1086	1090	1096	1090	1082	1071
MA Total Cases	3540	3533	3554	3557	3566	3596	3607	3599	3599	3590	3597	3590
Foster Care Total	64	62	65	65	74	81	91	84	88	88	98	98
Adult Services Cases	210	213	209	209	208	201	202	201	197	204	211	203
Long Term Care Cases	39	40	38	38	34	35	36	36	37	37	38	41
CPS Hotline Cases	98	86	117	90	104	91	74	94	86	98	105	87
Child Preventive Cases	89	84	83	87	79	103	88	89	95	100	90	86
Day Care Cases	69	70	70	73	71	65	68	83	87	92	99	93
Services Individual Total	1070	1063	1061	1065	1065	1097	1115	1164	1163	1190	1235	1249
Child Support Cases	2752	2754	2750	2728	2729	2740	2733	2717	2719	2719	2690	2708
Front End Detection Fraud Referrals (FEDS)	28	20	31	29	31	20	22	21	29	22	20	25
Fraud Under Care	1	5	7	1	3	5	4	4	2	5	6	1
Estimated Total Clients	12299	12455	12721	12839	12787	12722	12877	12908	12820	12011	12180	12406

Medical Assistance - Supplemental Security Income Caseload

2022

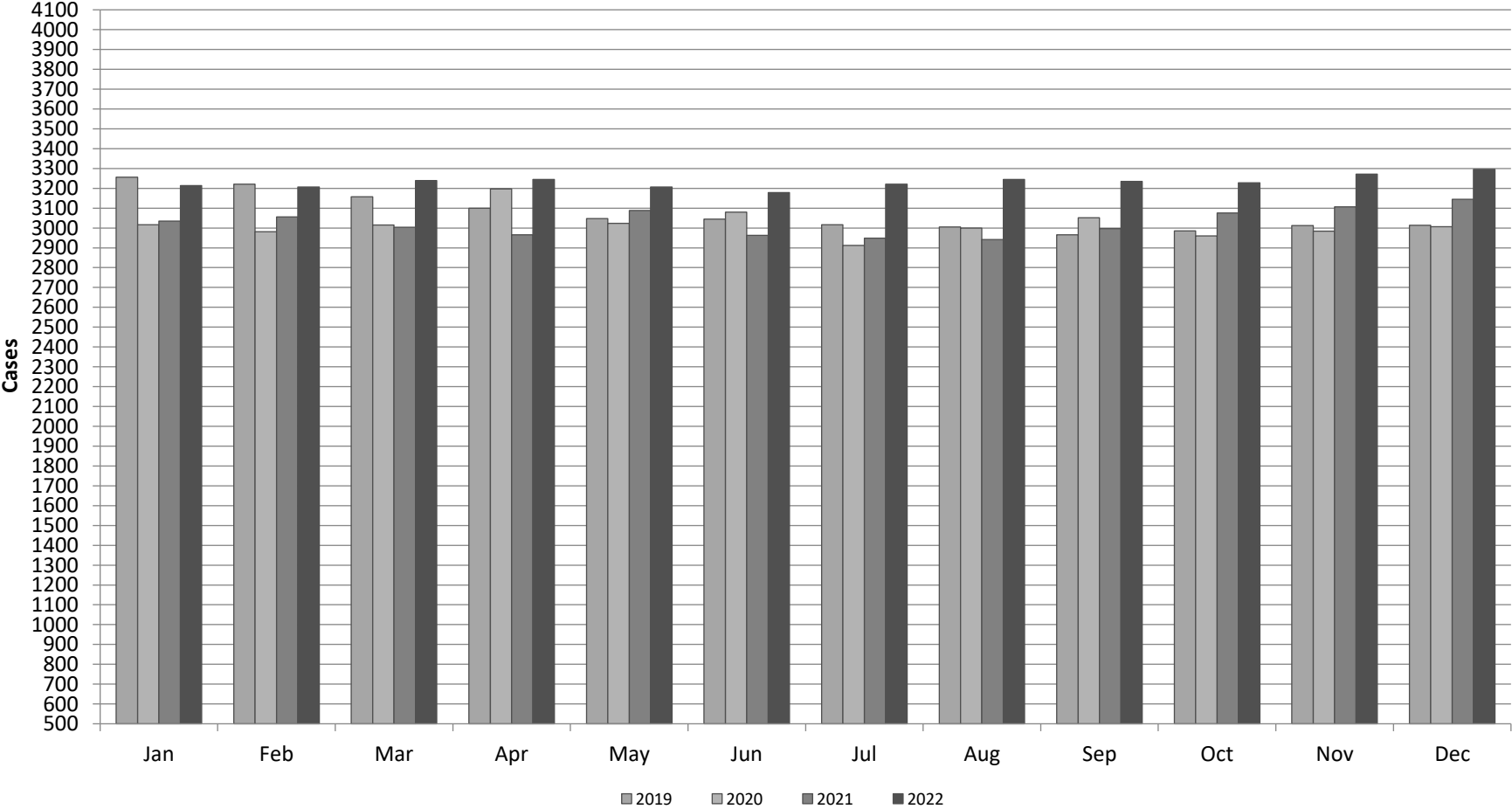


Monthly Caseload Averages:

2019	1193
2020	1173
2021	1139
2022	1093

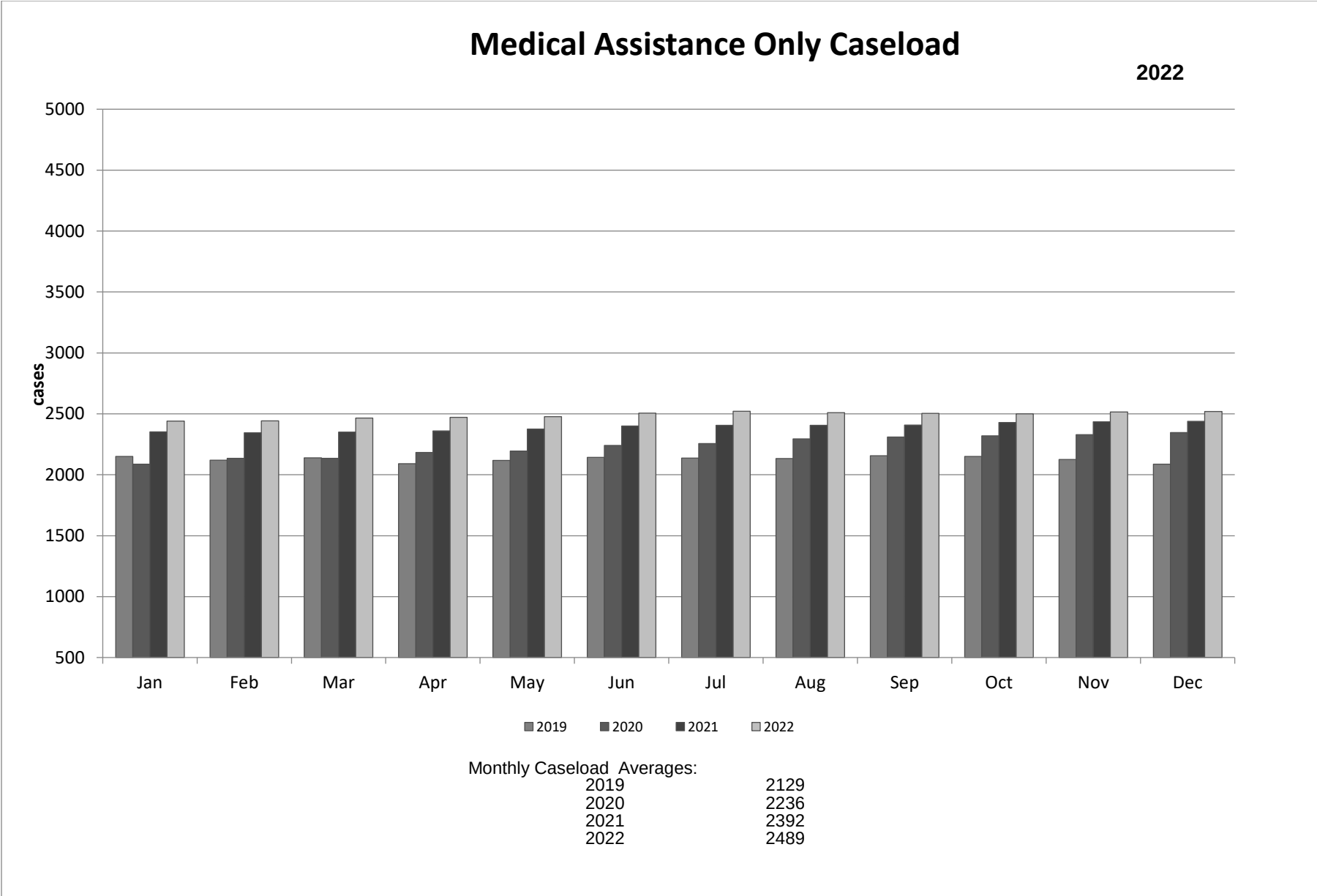
SNAP Caseload

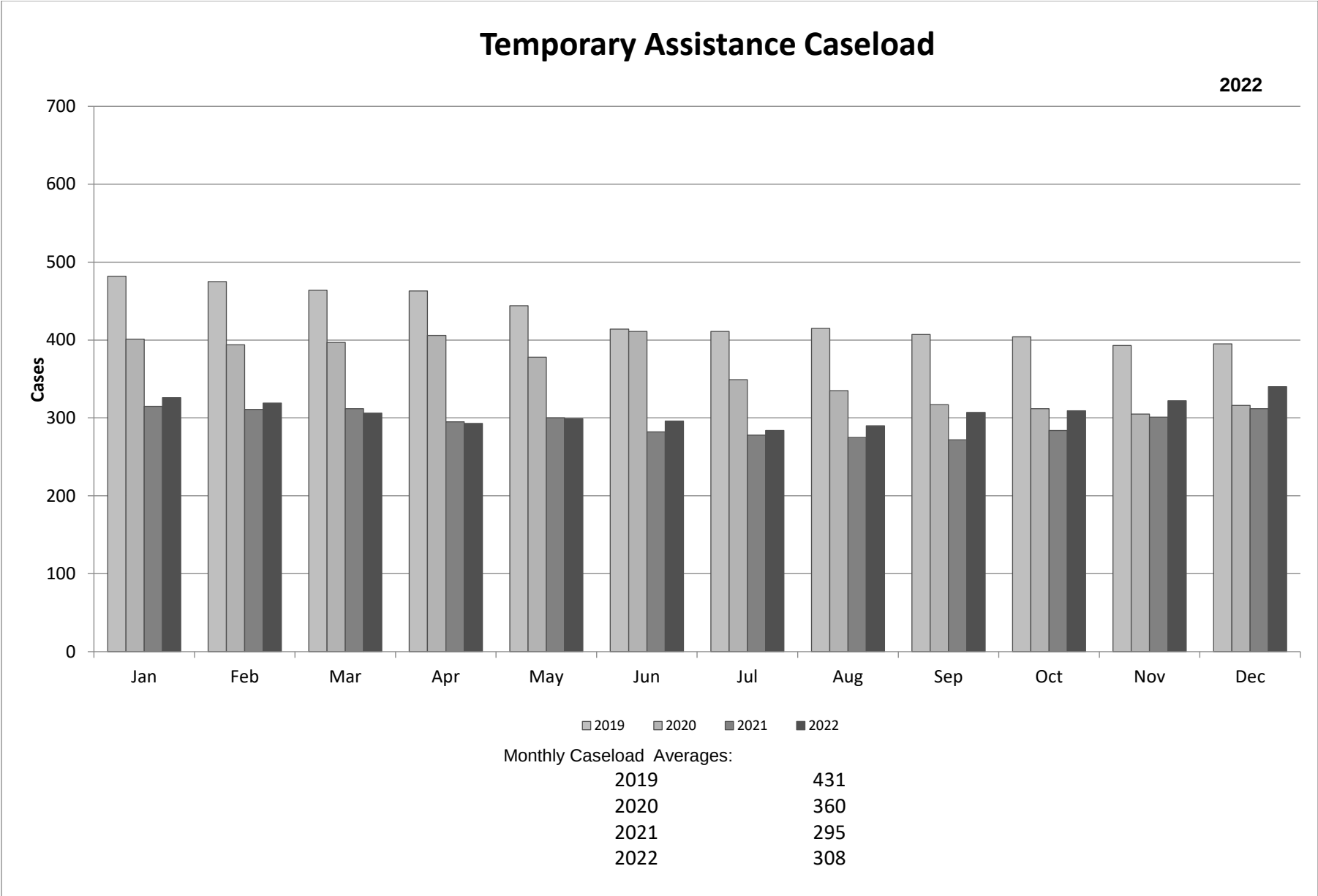
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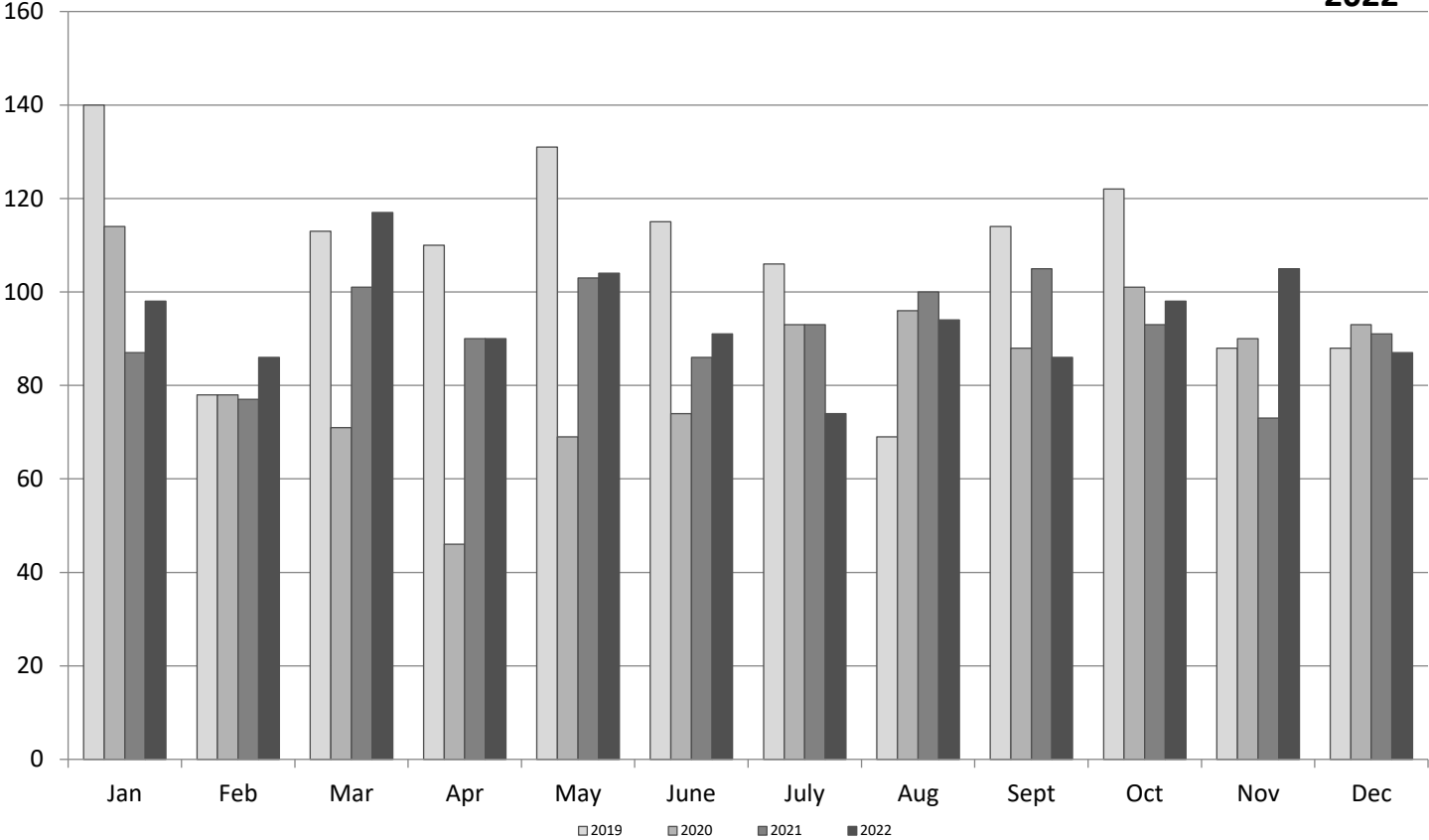
2019	3069
2020	3019
2021	3027
2022	3220





Child Protective Services Hotline Reports

2022



Yearly Totals:

2019	1274
2020	1013
2021	1099
2022	1130