

# Department of Health

2022 Executive Proposed Budget

# Core Programs & Functions

## **Prevent and Control Communicable Disease**

- Control the spread of over 80 reportable diseases
- Provide and promote child and adult immunizations.
- Diagnosis and treat TB and STDs
- Reduce HIV transmission through testing and pre and post-exposure prophylaxis.
- Inform the medical community of emerging public health issues and recommend appropriate responses

# Core Programs & Functions

## Protect the Environment

- Inspect and regulate public water systems, wastewater treatment facilities, fuel oil storage tanks, gas stations, chemical storage facilities and other potential sources of environmental contamination.
- Review and approve engineering plans for septic systems, water supply and sewage conveyance systems.
- Permit and inspect food service establishments, hotels and motels, day camps, public bathing beaches and swimming pools.
- Identify and mitigate environmental sources of lead, inspect high-risk housing and provide case management for children with EBLs

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## **Protect the Environment**

- Inspect diagnostic radiological facilities, monitor ambient radiation levels and respond to reports of accidental exposure.
- Active surveillance of disease bearing mosquitoes.
- Notify the public about rabid animals and send specimens for testing.
- Ensure enforcement of codes and regulations through an administrative hearing process and collection of civil penalties.
- Investigate public health complaints.

# Core Programs & Functions

## **Inform, Educate and Collaborate with the Community**

- Provide population-focused health education and information via news media, special events, social media, website updates, public health alerts and 24-hr information lines.
- Partner with CBOs to help residents reduce their risk of chronic and communicable diseases.
- Deliver and promote lifestyle change programs to address hypertension, diabetes and heart disease.
- Provide nutrition education, breast feeding support, electronic benefits to purchase healthy foods and referrals to health and social services for low-income women, infants and children up to age five.
- Improve health insurance access for residents and small business owners.
- Continue as a NYS certified Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

# Core Programs & Functions

## **Plan, Assess and Evaluate Services**

- Analyze data to assess the health status of residents and to evaluate trends in existing and emerging public health threats.
- Prepare and coordinate responses to public health threats and emergencies.
- Manage the department's budgeting, financial/grant reporting, human resources and contracting functions.
- Obtain and administer grants, State aid and third party reimbursement to maximize available revenue sources and reduce tax levies.
- Support quality improvement, a Public Health Strategic Plan and workforce development.

# Core Programs & Functions

## **Support Families and Children with Special Needs**

- Provide programmatic and fiscal oversight for Early Intervention Program.
- Provide initial service coordination and conduct quality assurance for the Early Intervention Program.
- Provide fiscal oversight for contracted 4410 SED approved providers and enforce contracted 4410 and related service provider compliance with Medicaid claiming requirements.
- Ensure that transportation vendors provide safe and efficient transportation for children with special needs under five.

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2021	2022
Operating Positions	196	202
Trust Positions	53	63
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>265</b>
Personal Service	\$16,630,485	\$18,144,626
Equipment	\$128,500	\$202,500
Materials & Supplies	\$444,442	\$366,200
Contractual Expenses	\$139,156,002	\$147,131,038
Inter-Departmental Charges	\$5,774,133	\$6,381,991
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$162,133,562</b>	<b>\$172,226,355</b>

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2021	2022
Inter-Departmental Revenue	\$171,900	\$4,900
Departmental Revenue	\$8,826,800	\$10,489,500
State & Federal Aid	\$68,177,407	\$83,653,864
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$77,176,107</b>	<b>\$94,148,265</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$84,957,455</b>	<b>\$78,078,091</b>

# COVID-19 Response

## Funding

- Awarded a \$3.76 million, two-year grant by HHS Office of Minority Health to reduce health disparities, improve vaccination rates and increase health literacy among residents most at risk of COVID-19.
- Awarded a \$15 million ELC school reopening grant to support in-person instruction in K – 12 schools with resources to enable and expand school-based screening and testing.
- Awarded \$8 million for a Public Health Corps program to provide staffing through a fellowship program.

# COVID-19 Response

## **Additional Responsibilities**

- Conducted case investigation and contact tracing for COVID-19.
- Provided COVID-19 vaccinations through mass vaccination sites, pop-up community clinics, school vaccination clinics, and a homebound vaccination program.
- Continued to assist with SARS-CoV-2 testing in select cases/populations as needed, including schools and in communities.
- Provided nursing staff and operational guidance for mass vaccination site which operated between late January and late April 2021.
- WCDH staff participated in numerous press conferences and briefings, town hall public meetings, and media interviews to educate the public about COVID-19 and the safety and efficacy of the vaccines.

# COVID-19 Response

## **Additional Responsibilities**

- Coordinated weekly meetings with NYSDOH on the management of COVID-19 case clusters and implementation of NYS guidance.
- Expanded WCDH workforce to support COVID-19 activities.
- Coordinated redistribution of COVID vaccines to nursing homes, medical providers, and with NYSDOH Vaccine Hubs.
- Maintained and expanded a COVID-19 webpage and supported a COVID-19 Data Dashboard to inform residents.
- Provided guidance to school officials regarding implication of COVID-19 positive cases and contacts to school operations and disease containment.
- Continued to review extensive guidance from CDC, NYSDOH, NY Forward, and other trusted medical experts on testing, school reopening, children's camps and pools.

# COVID-19 Response

## **Additional Responsibilities**

- Continued to provide COVID-19 information and communicate with residents through our social media sites.
- Produced and disseminated education materials to promote COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- Developed Public Health Updates/Alerts on COVID-19 that were disseminated to the medical community.
- Provided daily data reports regarding census numbers at hospitals number of COVID-19 cases, and number of deaths by COVID-19 (daily/cumulative) and number of vaccinations administered.

# COVID-19 Response

## Impact on Department Services

*Most services continued during COVID response. Some activities were suspended or reduced, but other areas continued at required levels.*

- Ensured the continuity of WIC, Health Insurance Access Program/Navigator and EI services through telehealth.
- Continued operate but on a more limited basis TB, PreP and STD services, and routine immunizations.
- Continued to investigate and case manage priority reportable communicable diseases – including TB, meningitis, rabies exposures, suspected measles, mumps, HIV, and syphilis.
- Continue to inspect facilities and review engineering plans

# New Initiatives & Highlights

- New 2020 funding to support the neighborhood health centers, telemedicine and a healthy moms/healthy babies initiatives
- Successfully Managed TB cases through telemedicine, including multi-drug resistant cases and contact investigations.
- Maintained the PrEP program and expanded to include PEP for non-occupational exposure.
- Collected 200 water samples from individual residential wells to test for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS).

# New Initiatives & Highlights

- Provided nearly 1800 Narcan kits to residents and municipal PDs.
- Coordinated with the Commissioners of DCMH, DSS and Public Safety to secure approval for a pilot program to install Naloxboxes at select shelter facilities.
- Coordinated the purchase and installation of new outdoor fitness equipment at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers
- Collaborating with WCDoIT to purchase and install video monitors/digital message boards in waiting areas of WCDH offices.
- Working with the Office for Women and County Administration to develop a targeted educational campaign for women at high-risk of pre-eclampsia during pregnancy.
- Participated in a NYSDOH-Bureau of Early Intervention annual review to ensure compliance with federal indicators required by OSEP.