



# CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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## MINUTES

August 3, 2016

The 848<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cattaraugus County Board of Health was held at The Point Restaurant, 800 East State Street, Olean, New York on August 3, 2016.

The following members were present:

Dr. Joseph Bohan  
Dr. Zahid Chohan  
Mrs. Sondra Fox

Mr. Richard Haberer  
Mr. David Smith  
Mr. James Snyder

Also present were:

Kevin D. Watkins, MD, MPH, Public Health Director  
Mark Howden, County Attorney  
Richard Helmich Jr., County Legislator  
Sue Labuhn, County Legislator  
Donna Vickman, County Legislator  
Paul Schwach, MD, Clinic Physician  
Gilbert Witte, MD, Medical Director  
Dave Porter, Hearing Officer  
Rick Miller, Olean Times Herald  
Susan Andrews, Director of Nursing  
Raymond Jordan, Sr. Public Health Sanitarian  
Debra Lacher, Secretary to Public Health Director  
Eric Wohlers, Director of Environmental Health

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bohan. The roll was called and a quorum declared.

Dr. Bohan asked for a motion to approve the June minutes but pointed out that a modification should be made to page five of the minutes. He stated that the first sentence of paragraph five should read "Mrs. Fox made a motion to support the recommendation to prohibit the sale of tobacco, tobacco products, electronic cigarette products, and herbal cigarettes in Cattaraugus County to those under the age of 21". Mr. Haberer made a motion to accept the modification to the minutes as stated and the motion was seconded by Dr. Chohan, and unanimously approved.

*"Public Health for Healthy Communities"*

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Dr. Watkins reported that the Zika virus continues to lead the headlines in public health news. Recent reports revealed that at least (15) residents in South Florida were infected with Zika virus. All (15) cases were non travel related cases, and were likely transmitted through the bite of mosquitos. He added that no mosquitos have currently tested positive for the Zika virus in Florida. He informed the board that mosquitos do not travel further than 500 yards, therefore it is speculated that some mosquitos in Florida became carriers of the Zika virus after biting infected persons in Florida who contracted Zika virus after traveling to a Zika infected area and then returned to Florida. These mosquitos are now able to transmit the virus to residents they bite in South Florida. A Zika virus action plan to protect residents against Zika virus has been activated in Florida. Dr. Watkins went on to say that the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has ordered blood banks in Miami Dade, and Broward County to stop collecting blood until they can test each unit or incorporate technologies that can kill blood pathogens. The Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a travel warning to anyone traveling to South Florida especially to women who are pregnant or women who are trying to become pregnant. He added that women who are pregnant and have visited this area since June 15th should be tested within the next 8 weeks and should avoid any unprotected sexual contact within the next 8 weeks. He went on to say that it is speculated that we will hear of many more Zika virus cases this summer and fall season that are non-travel related. Dr. Watkins remarked that CDC reports that the spread of the Zika virus will not be as prevalent as seen in Central America and South America because here in the United States most of our windows and doors have screens, houses have air conditioning, and the mosquito control programs are more effective. He reminded the board that four out of five people who are infected with Zika virus are asymptomatic. Symptoms usually appear between 2-7 days. The most common symptoms are acute onset of fever, maculopapular rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis. Zika virus appears to pose the greatest risk when it affects pregnant women, given its ability to cause microcephaly in babies. Dr. Watkins informed the board that according to the CDC over (1,650) individuals in the United States have been diagnosed with Zika virus. Most of these are travel related incidents, over (440) cases have been reported here in New York State. He stated that in WNY there is a confirmed case in both Erie and Niagara Counties, but there has been no reports of the Zika virus in Cattaraugus County. Dr. Watkins went on to say that the department has placed two Biogents Sentinel Traps, traps that are known to attract *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitos, in discrete locations throughout the county as part of the mosquito surveillance program. He added that due to the drought conditions this summer, very few mosquitos in Cattaraugus County have been collected and it is unlikely that larviciding will occur this year.

Dr. Watkins updated the board on the heroin/opioid task force, he stated that the task force has met for the second time, and six subcommittees have been established to develop solutions for the heroin/opioid epidemic within Cattaraugus County. One of the subcommittees the Provider Education committee consists of CEO's, physicians, and pharmacists that are coming up with a plan to work with providers in our community in order to develop standard protocols for prescribing opiates for acute pain and tapering patients that are on opiates for chronic pain. There are plans for continuing medical education (CME) workshops on opiates, and webinars are being offered; resources are sought to bring speakers in to do face to face CME workshops. Volunteer pharmacist will be used to go and conduct face to face encounters with providers outside of Olean to discuss the CDC opioid Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain

Dr. Watkins stated that the Naloxone (Narcan) Access committee is working on ways to increase the distribution of Narcan to more first responders, law enforcement agents and fire fighters (especially in the Olean area). In addition, this committee is working with pharmacists to see if a central database can be kept to quantify the distribution of Narcan made to residents of the community. Finally, the committee is looking at ways to find funding sources to pay for Narcan when the free supply dries up.

Dr. Watkins reported that the Data Surveillance committee is collecting data for heroin/opioid use in Cattaraugus County. He explained that the data currently received from the state is usually one to two years old and collecting raw data will give the task force a more real-time analysis of what is currently happening in the county. Dr. Watkins distributed a handout to everyone in attendance that gave an overview of heroin/opioid use in Cattaraugus County, the data included Narcan distribution, Community Based Organizations (CBO's), law enforcement and several county departments information on heroin/opioid use within the various organizations.

Dr. Watkins stated that the Office of Alcohol Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) committee is working on grant opportunities for this area. He stated that local CBO's will be submitting an application by September 16<sup>th</sup> in order to find funding for capital projects (i.e. increasing the number of inpatient treatment beds) within our community. He stated that a regional approach by Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties to work together on this grant will increase our chances. Dr. Watkins informed the board that OASAS staff, Patricia Zuber-Wilson, Director Government Affairs in New York State, and Patrick Morris, regional coordinator for OASAS, came down to Cattaraugus County last month to do a listening tour.

Dr. Watkins reported that the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.) committee is working together to increase the number of residents that can be placed in beds at facilities within our area. January to date the P.A.A.R.I. program have serviced (55) residents and they still have a waiting list of at least (50) more that need services. The Sheriff's department is considering initiating a P.A.A.R.I. program within their department and the task force is hoping other local law enforcement agencies in the county create this program within their departments as well.

Dr. Watkins stated that the Parent Support Group committee is working with CAREs to establish a centralize number for parents of addicts who often have questions regarding how to cope with the lifestyle changes of a parent living with an addict. He stated that this support group has come up with a lot of questions which the task force will have to tackle at the next meeting in September.

Dr. Watkins mentioned that he spoke to the heroin/opioid ad-hoc legislature sub-committee in Allegany County last week about the inter-workings of the Cattaraugus County heroin/opioid task force and gave them a summary of the task force progress. He stated that Allegany County legislature ad-hoc sub-committee asked for a seat on Cattaraugus County task force and invited us to have a seat on their committee. He added that the task force is also looking at a regional approach of developing an (8) county taskforce to have standard practices throughout Western New York. Dr. Watkins remarked that recently a heroin/opioid crisis hotline went live in Erie County. He stated that a subcommittee of the task force is looking to see if Cattaraugus County can piggyback with Erie County to use their crisis hotline until Cattaraugus County can hire a centralize coordinator.

Dr. Watkins informed the board that the department finally received a summary report from the accreditation site visit team. He shared the summary statement which stated that "The applicant is striving to attain the highest standards in public health. They work well together with those organizations with which they collaborate, and with one another. Opportunity exists to use this accreditation process as a spring board to implementing expanded approaches to quality improvement, performance management, and organizational development to enhance the public health system. As efforts progress, the sophistication of the efforts and associated documentation will increase. This work will be assisted by capitalizing on the present engagement of partners and Boards, by including non-managerial staff to a greater degree, and by continued focus on community and agency systems changes. Additionally, enhancing agency visibility and branding will serve the organization well." Dr. Watkins stated that the department will not find out its accreditation status for another two weeks.

Dr. Bohan congratulated Dr. Watkins for heading up the Heroin/Opioid task force and questioned how many additional beds the task force was looking to achieve. Dr. Watkins stated that an additional (50) beds is what is being applied for to share between Allegany and Cattaraugus County. He stated that the biggest foreseeable problem is finding a location that will accept this type of facility in their community.

Dr. Chohan asked if it was medically safe to administer multiple doses of narcan to one individual. Dr. Witte shared that narcan is a fixed dose so it neutralizes a fixed amount of drug and it is not dangerous to give additional doses. The important thing is to get the individual to a place where they can receive medical attention after the dose has been given.

Dr. Watkins informed the board that as part of the accreditation process the board must review the progress of the strategic plan developed for the Health Department. He stated that the strategic plan is intended to accomplish three important tasks: to clarify the outcomes that the department wishes to achieve; to select the broad strategies that will enable the department to achieve those outcomes; to identify ways to measure progress. The strategic plan was handed out to those in attendance. Dr. Watkins explained that there were a total of seven goals on the strategic plan and today's review would only focus on the goals and objectives of the first goal. The board reviewed the first goal, "Improving electronic infrastructure" and its four objectives and recognized that 100% achievements were met in the first three objectives and the fourth objective was still in progress.

**ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Mr. Porter reported on the following enforcement case from a hearing held on June 14, 2016.

**DOCKET 16-009**

**Marjorie Langs, 3774 Rt. 417, Lot 144, Allegany, NY, 14706. Violation sanitary code of the Cattaraugus County Health District Sec. 24.2.5 Respondent failed to submit the required animal confinement verification form and rabies certificate for her dog, Lucky, by the prescribed date following a human/animal exposure on April 5, 2016.**

Public Health Sanitarian: Rebecca Johnstone appeared for CCHD and was sworn in.  
Respondent: Marjorie Langs, at home, bedridden

**DOCKET 16-009 (continued):**

Recommendation: (1) That the respondent pay the civil compromise of \$75.00, have the dog, Lucky, vaccinated for rabies and return the confinement form to the CCHD by 8-31-16. Failure for compliance will result in a \$10.00 per day per diem until in compliance.

A motion was made by Mr. Haberer to accept Mr. Porter's recommendation seconded by Mrs. Fox, and unanimously approved.

**DOCKET 16-011**

Previous Docket 16-004, 14-008

**Mark Stavish, Don's Tavern of Olean, LLC, 659 E. State St., Olean, NY14760.**  
**Violation SCCCHD 11.8 The respondent did not fully comply with all conditions (#1) of a stipulation offer signed by the respondent on 3-30-16 in settlement of a notice of administrative hearing issued by the CCHD.**

Public Health Sanitarian: Richard Dayton appeared for CCHD and was sworn in.

Respondent: Mark Stavish appeared and was sworn in.

Recommendation: Respondent comply with the stipulation order dated 3-10-16 Docket 16-004 and signed by the respondent by 8-26-16. Verification on 8-29 through 8-31-16 by CCHD. If re-inspection finds violations outlined in the signed stipulation order for Docket 16-004 then a modification to the operating permit would be put in place (bottled beverage and pre-packaged food only.)  
Respondent pay a \$500.00 fine for non-compliance of the signed stipulation order covering Docket 16-004 and dated 3-10-16 by 8-26-16. Failure to pay the fine will result in a \$10.00 per day per diem until paid.

A motion was made by Mr. Haberer to accept Mr. Porter's recommendation, the motion was seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously approved.

Documentation was handed out regarding **Docket #16-008 Corner Sports Bar & Grill, Inc., Darel Tingle, 8383 Kingsbury Hill Rd., Franklinville, NY 14737. The order by the Cattaraugus County Board of Health included:**

1. That Respondent hire and employee for a period of 1 year a certified water operator.  
Purpose: Repair, operate and report on disinfection system for the non-community water System at respondent's establishment The Stage Coach Inn. Compliance by 7-15-16.
2. Two tests of the non-community water system 8 hours apart enabling the Boil Water Notice to be removed by 7-15-16.

**Docket #16-008 (continued)**

3. Installation of an auto solenoid to be installed in the non-community water supply that will turn off the water supply when the disinfection system is not operating correctly. Must meet compliance by 7-15-16.
4. Testing 10NYCRR Sec. 5-1.52 Table II will go from quarterly to monthly. Compliance by 7-15-16.
5. A fine of \$500.00 for non-compliance is levied and must be paid on or before 7-15-16
6. Permit to operate The Stage Coach Inn, 3054 South SR98, Franklinville, NY 14737 Will be pulled for non-compliance of the recommendations on 7-15-16.

Dr. Watkins reported that the orders of the Board were not complied with and it is the department's recommendation to revoke the owners permit as previous ordered Board of Health.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fox to accept this recommendation, seconded by Dr. Chohan, and unanimously approved.

**NURSING DIVISION REPORT:** Mrs. Andrews reported that this was the first month that there were no new Hepatitis C cases. There have been (13) confirmed Lyme disease cases this year. She stated that there have been (2) Legionella cases, (1) case of Campylobacter and (1) case of tetanus in an unvaccinated 8 year old male. Mrs. Andrews remarked about the tetanus case and explained that the child apparently had a cut to his foot and approximately 6 days later he developed jaw pain and trouble opening his mouth and became progressively worse and now the child is in intensive care on a ventilator. Dr. Bohan asked why the child wasn't vaccinated, Mrs. Andrews answered that he was Amish. She added that this situation although unfortunate, allowed the Cattaraugus County Nursing staff to administer (17) doses of tetanus including (11) children and (6) adults within the Amish community. Mrs. Andrews went on to say that in 1993 there were (43) cases of gonorrhea, this year Cattaraugus County have reported (44) cases. She added that (6) Cattaraugus County residents have been tested for the Zika virus and there were no positives results.

Mrs. Andrews reminded everyone that the meningococcal vaccine is going to be required for all children entering the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The county is fully stocked with this vaccine and anyone may call to get an appointment.

Mrs. Andrews added that to date there are (23) post exposure rabies vaccine cases this year, recent exposures were due to; two bats in a sleeping area, a fox that bit someone and was not captured, and a raccoon that was taken in as a pet and then bit the person.

Mrs. Andrews reported that staff had their first meeting to implement the new Electronic Medical Records program and the software being used is from athenahealth.

Mrs. Andrews informed the board that a clerical staff from the family planning division retired last month and has not been replaced.

Mrs. Andrews reported that there were (3) new elevated blood lead levels in July, all were one year of age. Their blood lead levels were 11ug/dl, 14ug/dl, and 20ug/dl (normal 0-9 ug/dl). The children were from the Olean and Allegany areas. Follow-up has been completed. She added that three WIC clinics held point of care lead testing and education and eleven blood lead tests were performed.

Mrs. Andrews informed the board that the current homecare census is (360) and approximately (50) clients are being followed in maternal child health. July admits were (134) which is less than pre VNA days. There is (1) open RN position. Mrs. Andrews also expressed concerns over inadequate Occupational Therapy (OT) coverage.

Mrs. Andrews expressed concerns over a change in deadlines for the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program funding for patients that are not readmitted to the emergency room or hospital. The deadline to accomplish goals was originally set for March 2017 but has now been moved up to September 30, 2016.

Dr. Watkins stated that he has spoken to one of the contractors that provides OT coverage for the department and the contractor stated his agency can provide an OT assistant that would be overseen by an OT to provide the department coverage until an OT is hired.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION REPORT:** Mr. Wohlers reported another rabid raccoon has been confirmed but fortunately had no human exposure. A horse with no confirmed rabies vaccination is currently in quarantine due to this incident.

Mr. Snyder asked if bats were rabid. Mr. Wohlers stated that usually 3% of the bats that are turned in for testing are proven to be positive for rabies. Mr. Wohlers said if a person is sure that they weren't bitten then they can release a captured bat but if the bat is found in a room with a sleeping child or someone who has disabilities that might not realize they were scratched or bitten then the animal should be captured and tested. He added that the fall rabies clinics have been scheduled for September.

Mr. Wohlers informed the board that due to the dry weather conditions the mosquito surveillance program has produced minimal numbers of mosquitos and therefore there will be no mosquito spraying this year. He added that due to the drought conditions there have been no reports of toxic algae blooms this year.

Mrs. Labuhn asked if there was reporting of many dry wells. Mr. Wohlers stated that there are certainly areas that are probably experiencing problems.

Mr. Wohlers commented that this is the peak time of year for food inspections, with multiple festivals and the county fair underway.

Mr. Wohlers reported that the department was able to spend all of the funding received from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to replace septic systems and water supply systems for low income residents. Early last month, a request for proposal applications notice came out and the department will work with rural revitalization to apply for future funding for this program.

Mr. Wohlers stated that many public water system projects are taking place this summer. The new waterlines in West Valley are 70-80% complete. Projects are ongoing in Randolph, Cattaraugus, Gowanda, Ellicottville and Olean.

Mr. Wohlers reported that last year the Governor signed a companion dog law that would allow customers to bring their dogs to outdoor seating eating areas. Letters were mailed out to food establishments that had outside seating areas notifying them of the new rule and letting them know what they needed to do if they chose to participate.

Mrs. Fox asked if more specific information could be provided to the public on how to capture bats. Dr. Watkins offered that the information could go on the County website. Mrs. Andrews stated that at one time there was a YouTube video on the department's website that instructed viewers how to capture a bat safely. Dr. Watkins stated that he would make sure it was added back on the website for the residents.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Haberer, and seconded by Mrs. Fox and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin D. Watkins, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.


Kevin D. Watkins, M.D., M.P.H.  
Secretary to the Board of Health

Mr. Smith stated he is honored to be a part of this board, and he got on the board to be an advocate for young people which is the sector of his constituency. He shared that his mother died of cancer when he was 13, directly related to cigarettes, his father died of a heart attack caused by diabetes when he was 18, directly impacted by cigarettes as both were lifelong smokers. He went on to say that he respects the opinion of all board members, and he has heard the common arguments that if an 18 year old can fight for the country, and can vote in elections they should be able to smoke. However, he stated he got on the BOH to help the board make recommendations that will make our County residents healthier, and if he could prevent one child from becoming an orphan then it is worth making the recommendation of increasing the smoking age from 18 to 21.

Mrs. Fox interjected that the younger a person is when they start smoking, the more addictive that process will be and anything that the board could do to discourage early addiction would be a great help.

Mr. Haberer stated that in the past he has expressed his concerns over this recommendation. He stated that he is opposed to a law that restrict individuals between ages 18-21 from smoking but based on the medical reasoning he supports this recommendation by the BOH. He added that he thinks the best forum to discuss this in depth would be in the legislature with a public hearing.

Ms. Raftis stated that she totally agrees with Dr. Witte it is a simple black and white issue.

 Mrs. Fox made a motion to support the recommendation to prohibit the sale of tobacco, tobacco products, electronic cigarette products, and herbal cigarettes in Cattaraugus County to those under the age of 21, the motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. A vote count was taken as follows: Dr. Bohan-aye, Dr. Hamlin-aye, Sondra Fox-aye, Richard Haberer-aye, Julie Hamacher-aye, Thersa Raftis-aye, and David Smith aye.

**NURSING DIVISION REPORT:** Dr. Watkins shared the following nursing report. There were (5) new hepatitis C cases in the month of May. There were (6) gonorrhea cases, (17) new cases of chlamydia, and (1) new case of syphilis in the month of May. There were (6) individuals tested for the Zika virus, all were negative.

He remarked that the meningococcal vaccine is going to be required for all children entering the 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He stated that children in these grade levels, must have this vaccine prior to the start of the school year September 2016.

Dr. Watkins reported one elevated blood lead level case that was identified above 10 ug/dl (normal 0-9 ug/dl). He add that the department is following (9) children with blood lead levels over 10 ug/dl.

He concluded that the homecare census is currently (329) patients, and for the month of May there was (127) new admissions.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION REPORT:** Mr. Wohlers announced that late yesterday the State Health Department issued a new advisory to health care providers and hospitals about testing and reporting mosquito and tick borne illnesses. He stated that the department has been conducting mosquito surveillance, and reports indicates that there are very few larvae in any of the dry mosquito

# Cattaraugus County Opioid Task Force Data Surveillance Subcommittee

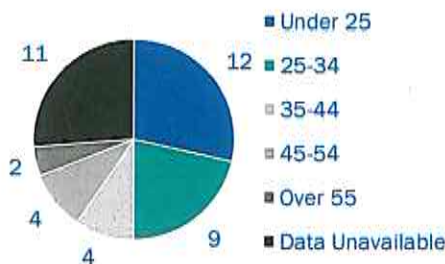


## Narcan Usage Data

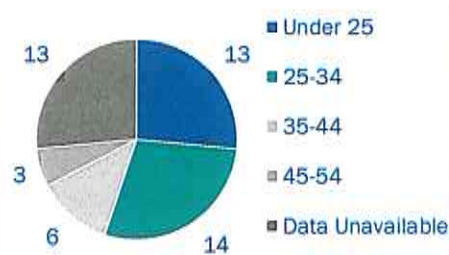
Total cases in Cattaraugus County for 2015 – 42

Total cases in Cattaraugus County for 2016 (as of 7/22/16) – 49

### Age of Those Aided in 2015



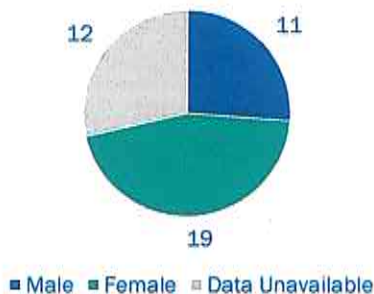
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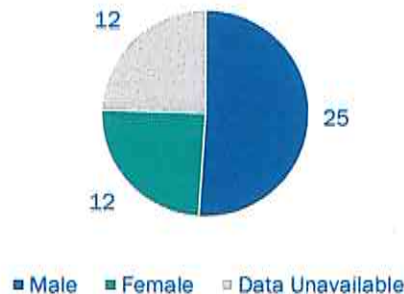
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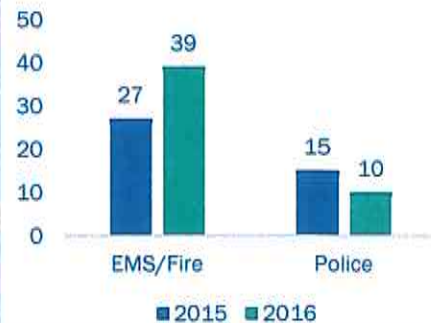
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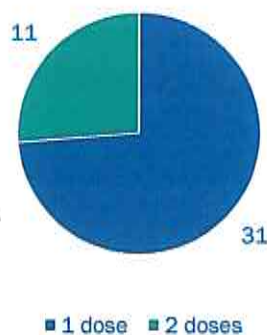
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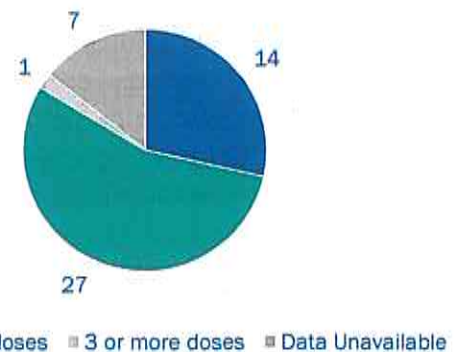
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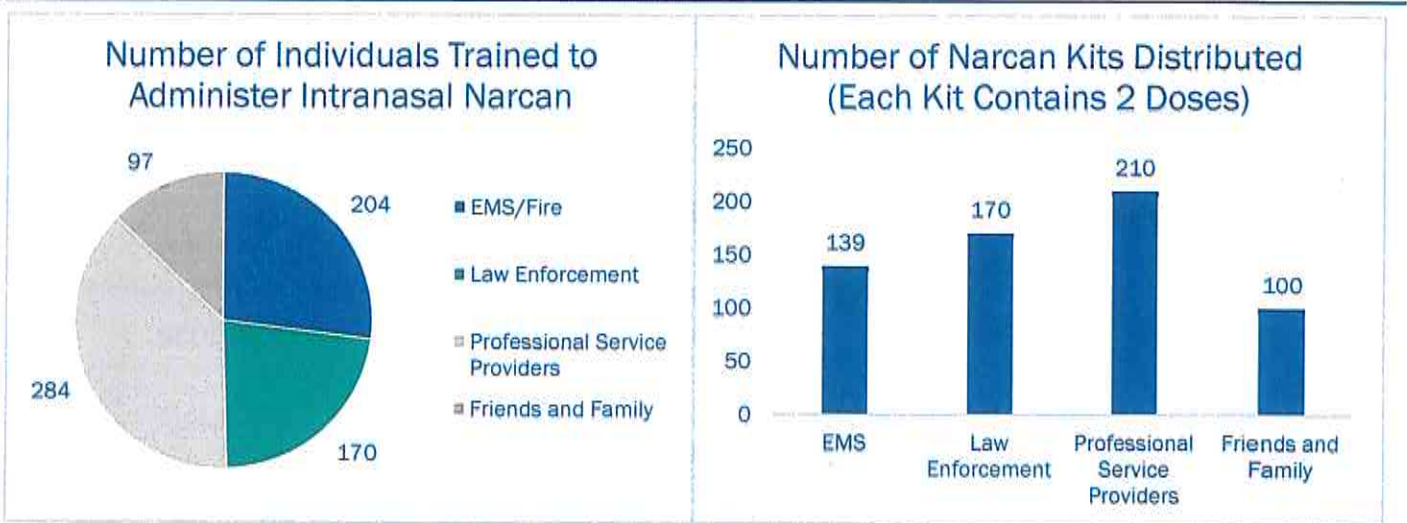
### Doses Administered in 2015



### Doses Administered in 2016



## Narcan Training Data



## Opioid Treatment

- Data from Olean General's Behavioral Health Unit
  - Between May 1, 2016 and July 17, 2016 – 23 of 109 patients self-identified or received a secondary diagnosis of drug dependence
    - 15 of the 23 were Cattaraugus County residents
    - 12 were Male
    - 11 were Female
- Data from County
  - As of May 2016 - 117 clients in Community Service (Mental Health) in treatment
  - From Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2016 – 123 children were displaced from homes due to parental opioid use
  - From Jan. 2015 – May -2016 – 153 inmates identified as users of opioids
- Data from CARES
  - 49 people on the Suboxone program currently
    - 11 people on the waiting list
  - 10 people on the Vivitrol program currently
    - 10 people pending insurance approval
- Data from Seneca Strong - June 27, 2016 – July 24, 2016
  - 67 out reaches – contacts to users
  - 13 access to inpatient care
  - 19 access to outpatient care
  - 35 denied having any problems
- Data from CVS
  - 1 Narcan Kit sold
- Number of deaths in Catt. County per Catt. Co. DOH Death Certificates - 10