

County Overview

Steuben County is located in the western portion of New York State in the southern tier of counties bordering Pennsylvania. Steuben County is twice as large as any of the other counties in the nine-county Finger Lakes Health Systems Region. This rural county is part of the glaciated Allegheny Plateau, with topography of ridges and high, rolling uplands with many hilltops.



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History

In 1918, a TB nurse was appointed for Steuben County which was the beginning of Steuben County Public Health and Nursing Services. It arose from the campaign in the county to prevent the spread of TB. On January 1, 1928, the work of the County Nurse was changed from a Tuberculosis Program to general Public Health Nursing, which now included TB, the care of infants, new mothers, communicable disease, preschool and school follow-up. Another nurse was appointed and the county was divided in half. By the late nineteen fifties, the role of the Public Health Nurse had expanded to include Home Service and Clinical Services. Home Service consisted of visits to client's homes for health education, assisting with the interpretation of physician's orders, and the deliverance of nursing care.

In 1966, the city nurses merged with the county nurses to provide all services collaboratively. Today, Steuben County Public Health provides clinic services, preventative services, health education, and services for children with special health care needs. Steuben County Public Health is not a full service health department as we do not have an environmental component. Environmental services are provided via the regional NYSDOH Hornell office located at 107 Broadway, Room 105, Hornell, New York 14843. The environmental unit can be reached by phone at (607) 324-8371 and more information is available on the NYSDOH website at www.health.ny.gov. Given that Steuben County Public Health is not a full service health department, the Steuben County Legislature is considered the "Board of Health" in which all recommendations come from the Human Services, Health & Education Committee.