

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, January 23, 2023
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY – in-Person

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

John Endres, DVM – President
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Mary Cavanagh, Board of Supervisors Representative
Rachel Elder, MD
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Kurt Gormley, DDS
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R

EXCUSED

Gerry Edwards, MD

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Erica Bird, Deputy Director of Public Health
Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Director
Shawn Prieto, Director of Administrative Services
Rebecca LaPorte, Director of Community Health
Rosanne Lewis, Director of Children with Special Healthcare Needs
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Jennifer McGohan, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Board of Health VP Wendy Cary called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

The Board reviewed the December 2022 minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Meyers, second by Dr. Elder, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The December 2022 record of claims was distributed for review and discussion via email after the meeting. All approved via email

The January 2023 record of claims was distributed for review and discussion:

- Since December was an earlier meeting, this month has entries for 2 months
- Purchasing was pushed up a month, therefore administrative expenses are due in January
- This report is showing normal yearly expenses including once/year commission to Solix
- Reimbursement for tuition expenses
- Quadrant billed for final July payment
- Preschool transportation contracts are good through June

Motion to approve the audit of claims was made by Dr. Elder, second by Marla Velky-Reger, and approved by all

Reports

- Director's Report – Eric Faisst
 - Introduction of new staff promotions:
 - Erica Bird – Deputy Director of Public Health
 - Jennifer McGohan – Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
 - Positions to fill:
 - Health Statistician
 - Public Health Educator
 - Still waiting on Community Health Worker list
 - All other positions are full
 - The Department held an all-staff meeting last week – planning for strategic planning this year, and for accreditation preparations to start this year
 - Eric is a part of a committee working on distribution of Opioid funding
 - 2 recipients pending
 - Local Health Departments had a call with NYSDOH
 - Waiting on more information on the Workforce Retention grant, and details on how to use the funds
 - Data monitoring system is in process – will be a step towards further modernization
 - We use at least 20 data systems daily throughout the department
 - NOTE: New NYSDOH administration are very proactive in making positive changes for NYS and the local health departments
 - Syracuse University wastewater testing for opioids and cannabis is slated to start in February using the European Method, in which the same 7 day period is tested each year
 - A presentation on the Got Your Shot Together Health Festival for NYS is in progress
 - Working still to promote the CHIP
 - Steering committee consisting of local partners and Madison county department heads.
- County Report – Nothing to Report
 - Board of Health has new Board of Supervisors Representative Mary Cavanagh
 - Health & Human Services meets tomorrow
- City of Oneida – Nothing to Report
- Medical Director's Report – Dr. Newton
 - Flu continues to be widespread
 - Continuing to watch an Omicron sub variant thought to be the most infectious, but not as severe. The vaccine may not be as effective.
 - QA Meeting next week
 - Discussion occurred regarding flu and vaccination, as well as unusual GI symptoms trending in 10-20 year old individuals over the past 3 weeks
 - Discussion occurred on state AIDS advisory
- President's Report – Nothing to Report

Old Business

- IRB
 - Looking for non-science community member for the IRB board
 - Erica is preparing a draft of what training should involve for the IRB
- EH Report
 - Discussion regarding rabid raccoon and 3 dogs exposed

New Business

- Strategic Planning
 - Inward study of what we want to place as priority
 - Survey included in meeting packet
 - Deanna will send out stakeholder survey electronically – board members are asked to respond before next meeting
- Voting for Board of Health Officers
 - Motion to nominate Dr. John Endres for board President, and Wendy Cary for Vice President was made by Dr. Elder, second by Marla Velkey-Reger, all in favor

Motion to adjourn made by Marla Velkey-Reger, second by Dr. Meyers, and approved by all – 7:14pm

**Next Meeting February 27, 2023 at 6:30pm – IN-PERSON –
At Madison County Department of Health, Building 5 - Wampsville**

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt