BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT
Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Rachel Elder, MD
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R
Sam Barr, DMD
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Gerry Edwards, MD
John Endres, DVM – President

OTHERS PRESENT
Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Director
Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health
Shawn Prievo, Director of Administrative Services
Katie Mungari, Director of Community Health
Rosanne Lewis, Director of Children with Special Health Care Needs

VP, Wendy Cary called the meeting to order at 6:02pm noting that a quorum had been reached.

The Board reviewed the January 2021 minutes noting no changes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Barr, seconded by Dr. Meyers, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims
The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.
- The Epi Pen for vaccination is in case of any reaction to the shot
- As expected preschool costs are much higher this month
- Everything else is normal – lower than most months as not much spending in January
- Have been able to bill for vaccination, and have received substantial amount so far
  - 2nd dose higher revenue than 1st dose
Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Stepanski, seconded by Marla Velkey-Reger, and approved by all.

Situation Update – COVID-19
- Working on guidance for quarantine in schools and weddings – to be reviewed and updated at this meeting
- Continuing to meet with Nursing Homes
Federal arrangements for vaccinations in pharmacies – state has reached out to LHD’s to help coordinate the distribution of vaccine to nursing home new residents and staff
  - Specific vaccine should be set aside for that population
- Meeting with colleges still
  - Colleges are conducting a lot of testing, still seeing good numbers
  - Staff and Faculty are part of the eligible staff for vaccination
  - Colgate has been approved by the state to be a vaccination site
    - Will start once they receive vaccine
    - Initially for their faculty/staff/students, but will likely partner with MCDOH and Community Memorial for community sites
- Met with School Superintendents – they are aware of changes with sports guidance last week
  - No negative comments
- Case numbers
  - Each day the numbers look better
  - Today 2 new cases → 7 day average new cases down to 8
  - 61 active cases (reminder that a little over a month ago we were at 300-400 active cases)
  - 86 deaths
  - This past weekend was the first weekend that MCDOH staff was not working from the office – first weekend since March 2020
    - VCC is handling weekend work – seemed to go well
- Testing
  - Still continuing the Upstate testing at the County Office Building
    - Numbers have gone down quite a bit, but may go up when sports start back up, and when weddings start happening again as people will need to get tested for those activities
  - Scheduled through March
- Messaging
  - Continuing to get messaging out for vaccinations, but also to remind people to go to their regular doctors for normal issues that may have been put off during COVID
- Health Equity Advisory Committee helping identify areas in the community where assistance is needed to get people vaccinated
- Vaccination
  - Received notification of allocation of doses that were cancelled last week due to weather
    - Received today – doing a double clinic as we received our normal 200 doses as well
    - 1st dose clinics both Thursday and Friday – at SUNY Morrisville
    - 2nd dose clinic on Wednesday at Chittenango
    - 2,200 total 1st doses and 1,813 2nd doses so far
    - Agreed to work with nursing homes to get new admissions and previously declined to get vaccinated in all area nursing homes
• Identifying need and numbers to avoid any issues due to high turnover with staff and residents
  ▪ Opening up to co-morbidities this week

**Reports**
• Director’s Report – Situation Update is Report
• County Report – No Report
• City of Oneida – No Report
• Medical Director’s Report
  ▪ Waiting on vaccine approval for Johnson and Johnson as well as Astrid-Zeneca
  ▪ First documented case of South African variant in New York State found
• President’s Report – No Report

**New Business**
• Wedding Guidance
  ▪ Document reviewed and updated – release pending final approval
• Quarantine Guidance
  ▪ Document reviewed and updated – release pending final approval

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Stepanski, seconded by Wendy Cary; All in Favor – 7:27pm

**Next Meeting Monday, March 22, 2021 @ 6:00 pm**
**VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email**

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt