

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, February 27, 2023
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY
In-Person & Zoom due to inclement weather

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Via Zoom:

John Endres, DVM – President
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Rachel Elder, MD
Gerry Edwards, MD
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R

In Person:

Jennifer Meyers, MD
Kurt Gormley, DDS

EXCUSED

Mary Cavanagh, Board of Supervisors Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Erica Bird, Deputy Director of Public Health
Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Director
Shawn Prievo, 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
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Board of Health President Dr. Endres called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

The Board reviewed the January 2023 minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Wendy Cary, second by Dr. Elder, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

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

- February expenses back to normal
- Nothing to discuss

Motion to approve the audit of claims was made by Dr. Edwards, second by Wendy Cary, and approved by all

Reports

- Director's Report – Eric Faisst
 - 2 new staff started
 - Health Statistician – Andrew Brennan
 - Public Health Educator – Dhaani

- Community Health Worker position is still vacant
 - We do have the civil service exam list – but unsure if enough to hire from
- In the preliminary stage of Strategic Planning, as well as moving the department into accreditation
 - Using this year to assess and address needs for accreditation
- Working on 2020 and 2021 Years in Review
 - Describing the pandemic and our response
- Planning to hold another Healthy Workforce Conference in the fall
- NYS awarded staff retention grants for local health departments
 - We are pursuing more clarification as to exactly what it can be used for
 - Possibility it will cover building renovations to build 2 new offices and add some storage
- Working on a public health app – meeting this week
- SPIKE Program – free program this year
 - Partnership to end addiction
 - Overdose (OD) map – real-time map that denotes agency response to overdose situations
 - Alerts agencies to spikes in OD situations
 - NOTE: Personal information is not shared with the public
- County Report – Nothing to Report
- City of Oneida – Nothing to Report
- Medical Director’s Report – Dr. Newton
 - Flu is widespread
 - Change in face covering requirements – no longer required for hospitals and nursing facilities – though facilities may have their own policies
 - QA Meeting held on January 31st – charts looked good
- President’s Report – Dr. Endres
 - Tick species are increasing. We are now seeing the following species in our county:
 - Lone star
 - Gulf coast
 - Long horn (not widely – but has been seen here)
 - Eric notes that our new Public Health Educator Dhaani will be sitting on panel at Colgate for Lyme Disease

Old Business

- IRB
 - Board membership still being determined
 - Will need 1 lay-person who is not affiliated with the board
 - There is one potential candidate that the board has given permission for staff to pursue
 - Training process discussed including hours needed
 - Deadline for training completion is after the summer
 - Will be no cost to the members for training.

- Strategic Planning
 - survey feedback discussed
 - board members would like focus on ACEs, Primary Care, Oral Health
 - logo option – most votes for option 2

New Business

- Hearing Officer decision for Happy Mart in Cazenovia
 - Happy Mart fined for offering for sale flavored vape products
 - NOTE: the store is closed, and will not be re-opening (per their legal representative)
 - Hearing Officer recommended 2/3 fine of \$9,134.94
 - Board decision requested
 - Motion to follow Hearing Officer recommendation of 2/3 fine in the amount of \$9,134.94 made by Dr. Edwards, second by Wendy Cary, all in favor

Motion to adjourn made by Dr Meyers, second by Wendy Cary, and approved by all – 7:33pm

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

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt