

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, March 23, 2020
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY – ZOOM meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Katie Mungari, Director of Community Health
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Rosanne Lewis, Director of Children with Special Health Care Needs
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health
Shawn Prieto, Director of Administrative Services

Dr. Endres called the meeting to order at 6:03pm noting that a quorum had been reached.

The Board reviewed the February 2020 minutes noting no changes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Stepanski, seconded by Dr. Barr, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.

- Preschool still required to make regular payments
- Transportation paid for part of this month, only paid when provided

Motion to approve was made by VP Cary, seconded by Marla Velky-Reger, and approved by all.

Situation Update – COVID-19

- Operations Section – Katie
 - 101 Cases → 47 negative; 48 pending; 6 positive (5 in mandatory isolation, 1 deceased)
 - 25 in mandatory quarantine
 - Potential connections/exposure: 6 going in mandatory quarantine tomorrow; 15 with potential exposure on precautionary quarantine
 - Seeing challenges with providers doing tests and not following protocol of informing the Health Department

- PH was not notified of 2 of the positive cases being tested
 - We need to be able to track results from the lab, and once a person is tested, they need to be in quarantine until results are released
 - The department is not announcing locations of positive tests – as it may offer a false sense of security
 - Upstate has a hotline for people to call – directing people to closest swab site or hospital
 - There are 7 providers testing in the County – those not testing are hopefully directing to locations where testing is being done
 - It is believed that the virus was in communities before testing started
 - We are not testing known contacts if they are not showing symptoms – though will be placed into mandatory quarantine for 14 days
 - Testing being done for those with symptoms and known risk factors can be pushed through to Wadsworth – otherwise providers can test as desired, but will be run through private labs – note: ensure that flu is ruled out
 - Testing in isolation with limited supply
 - For release after virus – waiting on NYS guidance to match CDC guidance
 - Messaging is key – stay home and social distance
 - CMH hosting test site Tuesday at 10:00am
 - Will be by-appointment only, match criteria, after screening
 - OHC waiting for CMH results of testing sites
- Supplies & Staffing – Shawn
 - Inventory
 - PPE are good for our staff – good for about 2 weeks
 - Staff doing a great job – everyone working long hours and going above and beyond
 - Rotating staff for all to get one day off
 - Hired back 2 retired nurses
- Volunteer Coordination – Rosanne
 - Medical Reserve Corp contacted, have a good response for volunteers.
 - In a good place – working on scheduling
- Greenhouse & Days Inn – Aaron
 - Both Hotels and Greenhouse are considered essential
 - Greenhouse workers housing posing unique challenge
 - Greenhouse staggering shifts, breaks, and lunches to ensure social distancing. They have designated food and healthcare staff to separate clusters of employees. Employed a roving cleaning crew
 - Have been in contact with HR to establish a screening for employees and have been instructed on daily temperature monitoring, health checks, and daily questionnaires
 - 80+ contract employees housed at various hotels throughout Madison and Oneida Counties
 - Quarantine and isolation issues to be resolved still with these locations

- Waiting on greenhouse and hotel plans for if someone gets sick. Aaron has a conference call with them and hotel staff this week for guidance
- Messaging
 - Guidance available on our website – if anything should be included please let MCDOH staff know
- Specific Questions
 - Guidance being sought for situations where children are moving between parents with court-ordered visitation. Guidance can be coordinated with DSS.
 - Marla has been able to work out details with service provider – she will provide guidance to MCDOH in writing for us to use.
 - Directive from CPS could be effective
 - We will inquire to County Association as well
 - Difficulties with maintaining stringency with testing and resources – most resources are going to NYC area. Though with positive cases in our county have moved us from low priority to medium priority
 - FEMA is setting up in NYC – we are a ways away from that at this point
 - Telemed is an option if able
 - St. Joseph’s moving towards availability for telemed – though there are barriers for patients with technical limitations and internet access
 - Dr. Meyers noted that her practice has separated age groups

Reports

- County – Nothing to Report
- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director’s Report – No Report
- President’s Report
 - Nothing to report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

NOTE: Will be meeting every week on Monday at 6:00pm for Situation Updates

Motion to adjourn made by VP Cary, seconded by Supervisor Stepanski,
All in Favor – 6:55pm

Next Meeting Monday, March 30, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt