

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, March 28, 2022
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY – ZOOM meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Rachel Elder, MD
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R
Gerry Edwards, MD
Sam Barr, DMD

EXCUSED

John Endres, DVM – President
Wendy Cary – Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT

Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Director
Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Shawn Prieto, Director of Administrative Services
Rosanne Lewis, Director of Children with Special Healthcare Needs
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Board Member Dr. Elder called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

The Board reviewed the February 2022 minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Barr seconded by Marla Velkey-Reger, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims was distributed for review and discussion:

- March is a pretty large month – especially for preschool
 - Some companies catching-up and sent both January and February bills
 - Nothing out of the ordinary – typical increase
- Other programs consistent with other months
- One-time expense finishing equipment needs for COVID wastewater testing

Motion to approve the audit of claims was made by Marla Velkey-Reger, seconded by Dr. Meyers, and approved by all

Situation Update – COVID-19

COVID Cases on 2/28/2022

New cases: 21 new today, 25 over the weekend (7-day avg = 20)
Active: 72 – 3 currently hospitalized
Deaths: 130

CDC Level of Community Transmission: LOW

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

Measure	Current Week	Previous Week	Trend
Rate of New Cases in Past Seven Days per 100,000	135.32	112.8	WORSENING
Percent of County Population Completed Vaccination Series	70.9%	70.9%	STABLE
Percent of County Population with Booster Vaccination	41.3%	41.1%	IMPROVING
Central New York Region: Average New Hospitalization Rate per 100,000 Pop	1.5	1.3	WORSENING
Central New York Region Hospitals: Average Acute Care Beds Available	11.0%	9.0%	IMPROVING
Central New York Region Hospitals: Average Intensive Care Beds Available	13.0%	12.0%	IMPROVING

As of 3/28/2022

Percent of Breakthrough Cases among Fully Vaccinated Residents

MC = 8.3%* NYS = 9.0%

Percent of Hospitalizations among Fully Vaccinated Residents

MC = 0.18%* NYS = 0.32%

*Madison County data verified thru March 27, 2022

Madison County Hospital Capacity

Average Acute Care Beds Available: 16%

Average ICU Beds Available: 43%

COVID Vaccination

Population with at least 1 dose by Age Group:

	Madison County	Central New York	New York State
5-11	35.2%	36.5%	40.6%
12-17	67.4%	65.6%	77.3%
18-25	59.8%	69.2%	86.1%
26-34	75.1%	73.2%	86.9%
35-44	83.0%	81.8%	93.4%
45-54	77.8%	75.0%	87.8%
55-64	92.9%	88.8%	95.7%
65-74	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%
75+	99.0%	97.8%	93.1%
Total	75.9%	78.4%	89.5%

As of 3/28/2022

Reports

- Director's Report – Eric Faisst
 - COVID Update
 - Breakdown of demographics of lab-test results shows no pattern or single explanation for uptick in cases in Madison County.
 - Back to normal clinic schedules for vaccination
 - Have provided several schools with test kits – Madison County Office of Emergency Management continues to push out tests as they get them – likely to get more from the state (unsure when or how many will arrive)
 - COVID Vaccination Campaign
 - We have hired a marketing firm to assist us with a campaign to get 18-25 year old, non-collegiate people vaccinated (our lowest vaccination rates)
 - After several meetings we have agreed upon a proposal for a free concert event at an outdoor venue with local bands that target that population, where they can get vaccinated and receive other merchandise and resources
 - Calling it *Get Your Shot Together*
 - Going through the proposal now – working on preparing details
 - Trying for some time the end of the summer before school starts, and to ensure immunity before going into the colder months
 - Has the potential to be an annual event
 - Regular Program Activities
 - Healthy Neighborhood Grant work is moving forward. We met with the state last week for the first time to discuss the program
 - Have a good idea of who and how to target residents for this program
 - Working on a campaign to market the program
 - Have established good relationships with other counties that run this program already – good opportunities for help with training and program understanding
 - We are hiring a Health Sanitarian to be the Project Coordinator for the program – we have several candidates
 - 5-year 100% grant funded position
 - Still trying to hire a Health Statistician
 - Waiting to advertise more heavily after graduation
 - There is one lead on a candidate in a current intern from Upstate MPH program who is working with our QI Coordinator, Erica Bird
 - Fully staffed at this time other than the two just mentioned
 - MCDOH in the process of updating data for the Community Health Assessment
 - Working with Steering Committee to determine the direction for the assessment.
 - Will have feedback to bring to the BOH
 - Goal of moving towards accreditation in 2024
 - In preparation we need to have an IRB in place

- We are proposing the BOH be the IRB – the initial proposal was sent to the BOH and will be discussed further as the process moves forward
- County Report – No Report
- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director’s Report – Dr. Newton
 - Not too much to report
 - Starting to see cases of the flu
 - Looking like FDA will be approving another booster if desired
 - Discussed other submittals for approval by Moderna and other vaccination options
 - Discussion occurred regarding monoclonal antibody treatments and efficacy on variants

Old Business

- Mobile Home Parks Update
 - Received update from D&R – they have received the 2nd pump and should be operational in the next couple of weeks
 - Maple View attorney going through the process necessary for eviction process.
 - Both parties have agreed to dismiss the original date of eviction for July 31 – change to 6 months after the date that we hear back from the attorney to allow tenants more time before eviction
 - They need to make sure they are following all laws and regulations pertaining to eviction
 - We are waiting on the Operator’s attorney
 - We have not notified residents at this time – MCDOH staff plan to go door-to-door of residents to notify eviction once date is finalized through attorneys
- By-Laws were sent out to the BOH for review.
 - Will discuss further at in-person meeting

New Business

- IRB discussed in Director’s Report
 - IRB would be an ad hoc subcommittee with other non-clinical members included
 - Protocol and procedures would be followed if we end up starting
- Discussion occurred regarding getting back to in-person meetings – will start with next meeting April 25th
- Dr. Barr announced that he will be closing his practice in Oneida and moving to Massachusetts. April 14th office closing, moving sometime in June – is interested in being included in the IRB if possible

Motion to adjourn made by Marla Velkey-Reger, seconded by Dr. Barr, All in Favor – 6:45pm

Next Meeting April 25, 2022 – IN-PERSON in Wampsville

ZOOM link will be available and delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt