

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, April 22, 2019
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative
Rachel Elder, MD
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Sam Barr, DMD
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Travis Hall, Clinical Psychologist

NOT PRESENT

Ofrana Reid, MD
John Endres, DVM – President (Excused)
Eric Faisst, Public Health Director (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. R. Seelan Newton, Medical Consultant
Aaron Lazzara, Assistant Director of Environmental Health
Kelly Golley, Assistant Director of Administrative Services
Katie Mungari, Director of Community Health
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Wendy Cary called the meeting to order at 6:30pm indicating that there was a quorum. The Board reviewed the March 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Meyers, seconded by Dr. Hall, and approved by all.

Presentation: Reality Check

Youth Summit held in Hamilton last month. Discussion and activity followed. Results shared with the BOH in regards to the desires of the youth at the event, for healthier communities with more opportunities for positive growth and less negative influences like tobacco and vape sales, etc. Copy of Dolgeville Law was distributed for reference of a local law establishing tobacco retail licensing.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims was distributed for review and discussion.

- Page 5 – one time per year expense for Solix
- Ergonomics purchase for 2 sit/stand stations. The price has come down considerably, and we will likely be getting more

Motion to Accept Audit of Claims made by Dr. Elder, 2nd by Supervisor Stepanski, All in Favor

Strategic Items

- Healthy Workplace
 - Conference Planning continuing to move forward – next meeting coming up next week – which will hopefully nail down keynote and breakout session speakers.
 - Integrated Worker Health Pilot
 - Meeting with Hood and Oneida Healthcare coming up mid-May
 - Internal workgroup sent out Health and Safety Culture Survey to the Health Department – we have received 17 responses. Subgroup working on data collection, management, and organization
 - Plans for the Wellness Center in the Health Dept. building have been approved. RFP out right now, hoping to start construction in June/July to conclude in Oct/Nov
- Dental Health
 - Dental Health Profile is complete, currently at the printer
 - The Schuyler Center provided training last week in how to introduce and familiarize the public with community fluoridation. There will be some challenges with the trainings and introductions, which the Schuyler Center representatives gave us strategies and helped us define the public population to engage.
 - The State has provided us with sample fluoride varnish kits to get local offices started
 - A request was made for more outreach to daycares to engage in dental care at an early age.
 - Work plans are moving forward
- Individual Water Systems
 - Environmental Health Specialist position is still open – we have 3 interviews scheduled for when Geoff returns from vacation. Pete Church has been continuing to work within the work plan, and is still getting appointments – we have received roughly 7 requests for testing this far.
- CHA/CHIP
 - 3 of the 4 assessments have been completed
 - Community Themes & Strengths assessment is underway with Zogby conducting phone surveys next month. Focus groups will include targeted at risk (elderly and low-income). Maps similar to those used by the Reality Check Youth Summit will be rolled out with this assessment to target youth

Reports

- County – No report
- Director's Report – No report
- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director's Report
 - Flu rate is coming down, and most of what we are seeing is Type A

- Measles outbreak downstate has prompted an advisory from NYS which is included in the packet – mainly stating that any provider presenting symptoms will be immediately furloughed. Numbers have been jumping quickly
- There are a few Mumps cases out of state, but has not been declared an outbreak
- Locally there is no definition of religious exemptions, nor any legal precedence in NYS. Rockland county is being sued for their ban of unvaccinated individuals in public gathering places
- Further discussion occurred in regards to immunizations and regulations thereof.
- President's Report – No Report

Old Business

Action requested from the board in regards to Dr. Reid. To be discussed at next meeting

NOTE: Next meeting will be one week earlier due to Memorial Day holiday.

Discussion occurred in regards to Tick resurgence due to spring. Request made to put the Lyme Profile back to a predominant location on the MCDOH website, and reminded that the Health Department has tick kits and Lyme disease info available. Education items are available and will be going out – please contact the Health Dept. if any are needed. Info will be made available to Urgent Cares. Discussion occurred in regards to training and tick education with CME, Upstate or SUNY ESF.

Mosquitos will be out soon as well, the Health Dept. will provided educational resources for that as well.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elder, 2nd by Dr. Hall, All in Favor – 7:27 pm

Next Meeting May 20, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

**** NOTE: One week earlier due to Memorial Day Holiday ****

Madison County Department of Health – Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt