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

OTHERS PRESENT
Seelan Newton, MD, Medical Director
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental 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 6:04pm noting that a quorum had been reached.

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

Audit of Claims
The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.
- This month was a big month, but we knew that last month with a lot of 2 month tuition payments
- Nothing out of the ordinary
Motion to approve was made by Dr. Meyers, seconded by Dr. Elder, and approved by all.

Situation Update – COVID-19
- Governor Cuomo announced today that the statewide average rate of positivity is at 2.39%, CNY 1.2%, Madison County is at 1.1% ⇒ numbers are steadily declining
- Madison County had 6 positive cases, over the weekend 16 positive cases, and as of this morning we had 2 positive cases
- Vaccination Clinics are seeing some difficulty in filling appointments in the clinics as is much of Central NY
- Starting to heavily address vaccination hesitancy in the month of May
- The County will start to push the vaccine more to providers and pharmacies and encourage them as primary vaccinators rather than the MCDOH
Want to keep partners engaged so when the time for boosters and further vaccination comes up we have a good partnership

- Moderna and Johnson & Johnson come in boxes of 100 – Pfizer has to be received in increments of 1,170 doses.
  - J&J can be refrigerated for the longest period of time → Pfizer needs deep freezer
    - Can request the first week in May
- NYS did away with the “Use It or Lose It” policy – so vaccine does not need to be used within 7 days of receiving.
  - With freezer storage capabilities – the ability to order and store larger amounts of vaccine is possible with our contract with Colgate University
  - NOTE: It is looking like Pfizer is the first one to likely approve 12-15 year olds as well
- The plan is to go into the high schools if we can get Pfizer – cannot request until the first week in May
  - MCDOH asked the Superintendents to gauge the amount of 16 & 17 year old students who want the vaccine – we don’t want to put on a full-scale event if there is hesitancy with that age group. We want to be strategic with our options to ensure we are addressing concerns
- We have not seen a major issue with anyone not getting their 2nd shots – the few who have were able to get somewhere else, or make arrangements with us.
- MCDOH beginning to address vaccination hesitancy
  - 33,000 mailers were delivered to every mailbox in the county
  - Print ads in every publication in the County
  - Some hesitancy reasons:
    - younger women surrounding lack of research on reproductive effects
    - belief that the technology is not known long enough or rushed
    - misinformation
  - Our strategy needs to turn to attempting to educate and provide true information to help convince those who are on the fence
  - Chrystal in MCDOH is working on packages going to Providers focusing on getting the correct messages out there and issues addressed
    - Let us know if there are any specific items that you would like covered and provided to Providers
- Madison County has administered 33,887 1st doses of vaccination, putting us at 47.9% of the entire population, but is more like 56% of the eligible population
  - We are either on par or ahead of all of the other counties around us
  - We do not know of any data with amount/percentage of those with hesitancies
  - Roughly 17% of our population are those younger than 16 who cannot get vaccinated at this time
- Discussion occurred regarding the spike in younger positive cases
  - Hamilton Elementary School has shut down for the next 10 days
- Nascentia started vaccinating homebound individuals → have done 65 so far
Reports
• Director’s Report – Situation Update is Director’s Report
• County Report – No Report
• City of Oneida – No Report
• Medical Director’s Report
  o Reiterated the importance of Providers communicating information and expressed need to get vaccinated
  o Boosters likely needed every 6-12 months
  o Research continuing on vaccinations for younger population
• President’s Report – No Report

Old Business
• Meeting with National Grid occurred regarding the mobile home park
  o National Grid made the corrections required
  o Newest violations were sent to the Operator last week – fines of roughly 25,000
  o County Lawyers recommend not moving forward with any evictions before the moratorium is lifted
  o DSS would like to visit the location when PH goes out there

New Business
• Request made to revisit the topic of Scholastic Wrestling → Previous guidance has not supported wrestling at this time
  o Recommendation to suggest that wrestling can commence when all are vaccinated in the Fall
  o No change to the guidance at this time

Motion to adjourn made by Wendy Cary, seconded by Dr. Elder; All in Favor – 6:56pm

Next Meeting Monday, May 24, 2021 @ 6:00 pm
VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt