

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, April 27, 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

Dr. Newton, Medical 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

VP, Wendy Cary called the meeting to order at 6:02pm noting that a quorum had been reached.

The Board reviewed the March 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.

- Consistent with previous months
- Not much of a drop from the end of March
- Tuition based programs still get paid
- Transport will drop next month as no transportation at all for April
- Prevent supply costs up due to COVID-19
 - Grant for COVID-19 will cover all expenses
- Transportation contracts up for renewal for another year
 - 1 reply received; 1 verbal reply received, waiting for written; 1 has not replied

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

Situation Update – COVID-19

- Operations Section – Katie
 - 1,219 Cases → 1,055 negative; 31 pending; 133 positive; 5 deceased
 - 29 in mandatory quarantine; 382 completed quarantine
 - Increase in pending tests due to hospitals screening for elective surgeries
- The Grand Nursing Home
 - 80 bed, skilled nursing facility
 - Last week we gave swabs to test Residents/staff → 30 pending
 - A call was made to the state, as the home was not getting information to us, and they are a state regulated facility
 - Waiting on contact information to begin tracing
 - Mayor or Chittenango contacted Eric and is concerned for the safety of the public
 - Sam is working on getting communication out to the community
- Business employees without masks
 - Businesses that employees have public contact are required to wear masks
 - If it is a business regulated by MCDOH, we can contact and provide guidance. If issue continues it can be turned over to the Sheriff for enforcement
 - If it is a state regulated business, it can be brought to the state
- There is no enforcement for the general public not wearing masks
 - Personal responsibility if social distancing cannot be maintained
 - If public entering business not wearing mask – it is up to the business to determine if they will be served or not
 - Executive Order from the Governor states that masks are for times when social distancing cannot be maintained
 - Not much enforcement behind it
 - Executive Order would have to clearly state any civil penalties if being imposed
- Executive Order released allowing pharmacies to conduct testing
 - Still being figured out how this will effect Madison County
 - MCDOH will survey pharmacies to determine what steps are being taken
- Oneida Hospital and Community Memorial Hospital are both starting elective surgeries
 - Both have met criteria of 10 days under 10 cases in the County
 - Testing each patient 3 days ahead of their surgery and ordering isolation until their scheduled procedure
 - All names on surgery list will be cross-referenced with MCDOH quarantine list
 - It is up to each hospital how long after being cleared from quarantine they will allow for a surgery to go on
- WHO released information on immunity issue – discussion occurred
- Dr. Barr asked the BOH for their thoughts on keeping dental offices and chiropractic offices in the same plan as elective surgeries – same information loop

- Katie can provide Madison County information, and will reach out to the state to see if any guidance is available

Reports

- Director's Report
 - CNY County Leadership → Multi-County Region
 - 11 counties and state representation combining to map out regional re-opening
 - Initial closing decision came from the state level, and it is anticipated that the Governor will give approval for authority to open or close moving forward
 - It is unknown at this time if businesses need to have a reopen plan approved
 - Staffing for outbreak is unknown entirely
 - A lot will depend on Testing and tracing ability
 - Most stressful part is if the positive case has a lot of contact tracing that needs to be completed
 - Volunteers are in place, and cross training has been completed
 - MCDOH staff have slowly started getting back to regular program work
 - Some help is available from the state at this point
- County Report
 - Mental Health working through video and phone calls → experiencing same number of cases as if still working out of the office
 - DSS programs experiencing some difficulties mainly in Children and Family Services, Child Protective Services and Adult Protection Services
 - Increase in abuse calls and substance abuse calls
 - A lot of SNAP and other assistance issues
 - Parole releases causing stress on all programs
 - Increase in homeless numbers
 - Food banks running low
 - Farmer's markets starting to open
 - Flu vaccine order has been placed
- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director's Report – No Report
- President's Report
 - Some positive cases in cats have been found in a report from China
 - 2 positive cases in cats in NYS
 - 1 in a COVID-19 household
 - 1 in a non-COVID-19 household → unaware how the animal contracted it
 - 3 tigers in NYC zoo
 - Not believed to be tiger to tiger
 - 2 dogs in Korea
 - 1 had co-morbidities

- 1 in a COVID-19 household
- Hamsters, Ferrets, and Cats are known to be able to contract the virus – but is not believed that they are carrier sources
- General recommendation to have someone else care for pets in another household if COVID-19 positive
 - Known contract ability through fecal matter

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 Supervisor Stepanski, seconded by Dr. Elder
All in Favor – 7:02pm

Next Meeting Monday, May 19, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt