

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, May 20, 2019
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachel Elder, MD
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Sam Barr, DMD
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Travis Hall, Clinical Psychologist
John Endres, DVM – President

NOT PRESENT

Ofrana Reid, MD
Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Dr. R. Seelan Newton, Medical Consultant
Aaron Lazzara, Assistant Director of Environmental Health
Shawn Prievo, Director of Administrative Services
Rosanne Lewis, Director of Children with Special Health Care Needs
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Wendy Cary called the meeting to order at 6:32pm indicating that there was a quorum. The Board reviewed the April 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes, with addition of Eric Faisst to the excused absence list, was made by Dr. Barr, seconded by Dr. Hall, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims was distributed for review and discussion.

- Pre-School is on schedule
- EI down due to early meeting this month
- Prevent is up due to replacement vaccine cost, should be back to normal next month
- EH not much change
- Vaccine fridge had some preventive maintenance done

Motion to approve the Audit of Claims made by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Meyers, and approved by all

Strategic Items

- Healthy Workplace
 - Pilot site meeting held last week
 - HP Hood was unable to attend
 - Oneida Healthcare and Madison County PH were in attendance

- Both still collecting data – MCDOH has a data management meeting scheduled to determine the data we want to collect, and to start collecting it.
 - OHC has identified initiatives and are implementing them at the extended care facility in addition to collecting data.
 - Eric had a call with the team at Harvard, and they will provide questions to assist the pilot teams that may be experiencing some challenges with the project
 - Conference Planning
 - Working on finding a free/inexpensive registration system
 - Drafting letter to gain sponsorships
 - Many speakers have been secured
- Dental Health
 - There have not been any recent work group meetings
 - Oral Health Profile has been completed and provided to BOH Members at this meeting
 - This document is being used to move forward the dental health initiatives
 - There may be funding available through the CNY Community Foundation through a training program they are providing.
 - If the CHA process identifies dental health as one of the 3 priority issues, the profile will serve as the in depth analysis and framework for initiatives.
- Individual Water Systems
 - 4 interviews completed for the vacant IWS position
 - Identified a candidate – references are being checked – hoping for a start date of June 17th
 - Pete is continuing to fill in until new person is secured – there have been 5 recent calls
- CHA/CHIP
 - Community Themes & Strengths assessment is underway with Zogby assessment to come soon.
 - Will combine pending Themes & Strengths data with other assessment results to identify final priority issues.

Reports

- County – No report
- Director's Report
 - Working on Corporate Compliance Electronic Health Record Policy
 - Department specific policy is being drafted by Shawn
 - Drafting the County level policy that will cover Mental Health and Public Health EHR use.
 - Identified a potential new BOH member – to be discussed further in Old Business
 - Working with Health Statistician on the ACES profile
 - Dr. Meyers & Dr. Hall are reviewing and providing feedback

- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director’s Report
 - Flu is no longer prevalent in Madison County
 - There are 3 Physicians up for renewal for credentialing – paperwork provided and signed by VP Cary
 - QA meeting July 25th
- President’s Report
 - Oklahoma State is conducting a study regarding ticks on dogs tested to determine what diseases the ticks are carrying. This is an effort to identify any developing diseases that may be seen in humans in the future. Dr. Endres hopes to receive feedback later this year.
 - Eric pointed out that the Disease Surveillance committee here at PH want to add canine sentinel surveillance – there will be questions to follow
 - If the public bring in ticks collected from pets Dr. Endres will collect and provide them to the study. Ensure they are retrieved from pets/animals not humans – and include what it came off, and where it is from
 - Further discussion occurred in regards to ticks surveillance and systems being used.
 - Katie identified speaker option from CME to present about ticks – she will reach out

Old Business

- Dr. Reid
 - Letter was sent previously, no response
 - A draft letter was reviewed notifying Dr. Reid of the BOH’s request for termination being presented to the BOS for the June 11th meeting.
 - Edits to the letter should include verbiage reflecting BOH request for termination of Dr. Reid’s appointment – BOS to make official decision – draft resolution also included for review. Letter to Dr. Reid will be sent after BOS meeting and decision
 - Eric will look into the option for future meetings to have phone-in capabilities

New Business

- New Board Member option
 - Gerry Edwards, MD is a family practitioner from Cazenovia affiliated with St. Joseph’s Hospital – he is interested in being a member of the Board
 - He is a founding member of the Rural Health Council
 - Active in the community with the “Girls on the Run” & “Walk with a Doc” events
 - The BOH requested his background information – Eric will ask for his CV and provide to the BOH as soon as he is able.
 - Request also made for Dr. Edwards to come to the next meeting to introduce himself
 - Motion made to draft a resolution for the BOS to appoint Dr. Gerald Edwards to the BOH made by Dr. Elder, 2nd by Dr. Meyers, all in favor

- Non-Medical Exemptions for Vaccinations
 - Resolution template provided by NYSACHO.
 - Edits need to be made to reflect Madison County, and address the BOH concerns including.
 - Define the setting in which this is required
 - Who is the audience of the bill?
 - Definition of medical exemptions in current state law
 - Determine if this eliminates the burden on school Superintendents to make the decision on exemption requirements
 - Adjustments to be made, letter sent to BOH members to review and edit before next meeting.
 - Once finalized and approved the letter will be sent to the following area representatives:
 - Assemblymen
 - State Senators
 - Governor's Office
 - NYS DOH
- Mosquito testing will resume when intern Dan Peck returns next week
- Dr. Meyers presented to the concern for rise in suicide attempts due to access to lethal means. She has suggested more guidance to be available to the public, and would like to find out if there are any free/low cost trigger locks available, or any programs that provide this option to the public. Eric will research this. Inquiries to the Sheriff and others did not identify any current local programs. Dr. Meyers noted a video made years ago between child advocates and gun advocates – to be located and shared with the BOH.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Endres, 2nd by Dr. Hall, All in Favor – 7:30 pm

Next Meeting June 24, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

Madison County Department of Health – Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt