BOARD 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
Eric Faisst, Public Health Director
Aaron Lazzara, 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

VP, Wendy Cary called the meeting to order at 6:01pm noting that a quorum had been reached.

The Board reviewed the April 2021 minutes noting a change to page 2. Remove sentence noting zero deaths from COVID-19 vaccinations. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Elder, seconded by Dr. Barr, and approved by all.

Dr. Elder asked if there is any information on reported deaths from Moderna or Pfizer vaccinations. Details of reports are unknown at this time, though Dr. Elder will look into this information.

Audit of Claims
The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.
- On the lighter side this month, due to largest contractor not getting their invoice into us prior to this meeting – otherwise standard for the month
  - Prevent Division saw an increase due to advertising for vaccinations
Motion to approve was made by Supervisor Stepanski, seconded by Dr. Edwards, and approved by all.
- Audit of Claims Discussion
  - Expenses → Transportation
    - Current 5 year award is finishing out, and we just bid out for routes. Opened a week and a half ago
      - Received 3 bids, but down to 2 as 1 was very expensive
    - 2-5 year awards → won by Lanpher Transportation and Birnie Bus
• 18-20% increase in new costs – expected with rising fuel costs
• Will limit to CPI or 3% maximum increase; whichever is LESS
• Will have to increase budget for next year
  • NOTE: Auburn Limo forgot to bid
  • Possibility to pick up route if available, and MC can decide to rebid at any time
  • EI transports 4 children
  • Preschool transports 47 children

**Situation Update – COVID-19**

- **Numbers:**
  - 29 Active cases – 3 new today; 5 per day on 7 day rolling average; 91 deaths to date
  - Hospitalization Rate → 62% Inpatient availability; 25% ICU availability
  - Positivity Rate → 1.5% Madison County (colleges not in session, so not testing); 1.6% Central NY (highest in NYS); 9% NYS
  - Vaccinations → 39,805 Madison County residents have received at least one dose; 56% of the total population, and 64% of the eligible population
    - GOAL: 65% in County
- **Vaccination Clinics**
  - Last week Morrisville hosted Pfizer clinic providing 1st doses to individuals 12 years and older → 264 students
    - 12-18 year olds are getting vaccinated in large numbers
      - As of last Friday 40% of 16 and 17 year olds had received 1st dose, and as of today 20% of 12-15 year olds have received their 1st dose
  - Clinic on Wednesday in Oneida and Morrisville for Moderna 2nd dose
  - Clinic on Thursday at MCDOH for 1st dose Pfizer
  - Colgate is storing our Pfizer vaccine in the ultra-cold freezer
    - Has worked out well, and we have given some Pfizer to them for distribution
  - Kinney’s partnering with us to assist with vaccinating school age kids
- **Messaging**
  - Continuing to address vaccination hesitancy
- **Phasing down of COVID response operations**
  - After 2nd dose Pfizer on June 8th we will be closing the Morrisville site and working out of the Oneida site and MCDOH
    - Oneida site continuing to do well (90 last Friday)
  - Anticipate doing some pop-up clinics for more targeted vaccinating, and smaller numbers
    - Reaching out to County churches and houses of worship
  - Call-Center will be phasing out by the end of the month and transferred back over to MCDOH
- Internal Operations calls scaling back to twice a week, and then eventually to once a week
- Last week was last weekly call with the colleges as they are out of session. We will periodically check in with them as needed
- Only weekly call continuing is School Districts while school is in session
- Hospital weekly call – last one last week – will also touch base with them periodically as well
- Nursing Homes have asked for materials to help educate those resistant to vaccination still
  - Received a letter from NYS informing us of Madison County being awarded $2.2 Million to enable school districts to do COVID screen-testing programs in the Fall
    - We emailed the Superintendents last week to gauge interest
      - Have heard back from 2 schools, who are not interested
        - (note: this is optional to take the money)
    - Likely that MCDOH would provide the money to the schools to run their own programs if they choose to
    - We would need to have several of the schools willing to participate to accept the money
      - If only a couple are interested we wouldn’t need this money, as we could fund 1 or 2 programs with COVID relief money already available
    - We will go with whatever the school districts want to do
    - We are meeting with the state this week to get further information on this
      - Unsure if testing will be mandatory in the fall – Governor wants all schools completely open in the Fall
      - Unclear where and how the tests would be procured
    - Tests can be done by MCDOH, the school itself, the school can contract, there are options
    - Exploring options on how this would be conducted
      - Homebound vaccination – number on website for those individuals to call to make arrangements
      - Cazenovia and Colgate are requiring proof of vaccination upon return in the fall. Morrisville still unsure if they will do the same.
      - Nursing Homes cannot mandate vaccination at this time, as EU is only approval. We are not aware of any of the Nursing Homes requiring vaccination
      - MCDOH going through the influx of guidelines coming up as things are opening
      - Meeting with Madison County Fairgrounds, and Bouckville organizers to discuss guidance for events and openings
      - MCDOH staff encouraged to take vacations and time off
- Mask confusion
  - Website has updated guidance, and maintains as we receive it
Contact tracing and case investigations are still occurring in-house
  ▪ VCC informed us that they will be able to make arrangements to assist with people getting vaccinated as well.
  ▪ School guidance did not change from the state with new opening policies

Reports
  • Director’s Report
    ▪ Meetings to start back up next month to start talking about how to transition back to normal programming
    ▪ Board approved pay raises for our nurses
    ▪ Quality Improvement Coordinator position – currently being filled by Erica Bird while open interviews occur
      ▪ Will oversee Quality Improvement and Informatics, Accreditation process, Community Health Assessment, and Health Profile reports
      ▪ Hoping to fill Statistician position next year – will be overseen by Quality Improvement Coordinator
    ▪ Task Force formed with Mental Health Dept. to address Mental Health needs in the County – Erica and Eric are a part of that committee
  • County Report – No Report
  • City of Oneida – No Report
  • Medical Director’s Report – No Report
    ▪ Short discussion regarding myocarditis in younger individuals after Pfizer vaccine
    ▪ Pfizer and Moderna have submitted requests to come out of EU
    ▪ Foreseeing some issues with hesitancy in individuals under 12 getting vaccinated
    ▪ Booster Discussion occurred
      ▪ Pfizer has come out and said that boosters may be expected 6 mos or so after → still unknown
  • President’s Report – No Report

Old Business
  - None

New Business
  - Vector programs starting back up
    ▪ Ticks → not collecting here at Madison County. NYS has collection sites in Madison County and report out about the County
      ▪ Upstate is testing ticks – they are not collecting, but will test if sent into. Reporting via online
    ▪ Mosquito → Madison County program starting this week – intern hired and ready to go

Motion to adjourn made by Wendy Cary, seconded by Dr. Elder; All in Favor – 7:04pm
Next Meeting Monday, June 28, 2021 @ 6:00 pm
VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt