

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, June 22, 2020
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY – ZOOM meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R
Gerry Edwards, MD
Rachel Elder, MD

ABSENT

Sam Barr, DMD
John Endres, DVM

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Newton, Medical Director
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 Prievo, Director of Administrative Services

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

The Board reviewed the May 2020 minutes – a bit different than usual as they are a transcription of the live meeting. Motion to approve the minutes with no corrections was made by Dr. Meyers, seconded by Supervisor Stepanski, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.

- Expenses are looking more normal now
- Pre-school expenses just about normal aside from no transportation costs
- Federal and State programs are a bit up due to interpreter services needed for COVID cases at the hotels (Greenhouse workers) – grant covered
 - Will be a small amount of these services needed again next month

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

Situation Update – COVID-19

- As of 4:00pm today
 - 378 positive cases; 1 new case today
 - 20 active cases; 341 recovered
 - 17 deaths
 - Total tested: 8,172 – 7,794 negative
 - 48 in quarantine; 746 completed quarantine

- We have a cluster in Cazenovia area – resulting in 16 new cases since last Monday; averaging 2 new cases per day
 - 10 cases are in one familial household
- Found out the Fastrac in Canastota has closed due to a positive case in an employee
 - Individual lives in Oneida County – they will do the investigation
- Have had exposure potential at the Red Apple in Oneida – Press Release going out
- Press Release about a week ago regarding a positive case at the Brewster Inn, as well as a case at the Casino in Bridgeport
- Upstate Mammography van has been conducting COVID testing – 58 individuals so far – all negative.
- Partnering with Nascentia to do some targeted testing in senior homes and apartments – waiting on results for that. More testing to continue
- We are 2 to 3 times higher testing rates than the targeted amount for the criteria
- Zero hospitalizations at this time
- New cases were unrelated to those in Cazenovia
 - Tracing has been completed
- Challenge here now is to continue with messaging to wear face coverings and social distancing
- Met with colleges regarding opening in the fall
 - Went over the state guidelines with them today
 - Planning process continuing to open in the fall
 - They are in a good place – we will continue to meet with them

Reports

- County Report
 - Nothing to Report
- Director's Report
 - Working on a project – partnership with Syracuse University in late July, August, September, and October.
 - Sampling waste water treatment plants for COVID-19
 - There is a strong correlation between what is found in the waste water stream of elevated traces of COVID-19, and an increase in cases about a week later. Is believed that this could be an early warning sign for possible increase in COVID cases.
 - We will be piloted this with the village of Chittenango and SUNY Morrisville – both waste water treatment plants have agreed to participate.
 - Hoping for an early detection system to identify hotspot areas hopefully a week ahead of a spike
 - SUNY Morrisville includes the college and community center – Chittenango includes the Grande
 - Hoping SU will have cover the cost with their grant – hoping to get Cazenovia onboard as well. Colgate is hoping to work with Syracuse directly. Will be a good representation of the communities in Madison County

- Baseline will be established in August before students arrive – then run the program for 3 months. SU hoping to develop a statewide system.
 - Hoping this will help us catch spikes ahead of them rather than finding out where the virus was after it has spiked
 - CDC has a new 5 year grant – Environmental Health Strengthening Environmental Health Capacity Using Data and Evidence-Based Programming. Can use this same grant to continue the existing individual water program.
 - Focus on the homes around the lakes that have gone from seasonal to year-round residence
 - Will be able to continue with algae bloom testing
 - Will continue testing around the county, but want to expand the year-round residence
 - Grant due next Tuesday.
 - Looking to restart home visiting services the week of July 6th. EI and MCH
 - Developed guidance and protocols for safe visits – also adapting state guidance
 - No Prevent report – staff working on COVID. More updated report at next meeting
 - Updated the website – have had much feedback. Some good and some bad. More interactive map with the same information, different method to get it.
 - This software will be used for other programs as well
 - Upcoming Rabies Clinic filled within hours of opening
 - Drive-through clinic – may be how it is done from now on
 - Department of Health is open, but by appointment only – includes additional safety and health protocols in place.
 - Clinics will be reopening, by appointment only. Likely not the same amount of numbers as the past. Starting July 6th as well.
- City of Oneida – No Report
 - Medical Director’s Report – No Report
 - President’s Report – No Report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Discussion

- No need for additional tracers
- Nursing homes staff testing has moved to once a week – they have to arrange their own testing. Wadsworth will not take them unless a previous arrangement made.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elder, seconded by Supervisor Stepanski, All in Favor – 6:45pm

Next Meeting Monday, July 27, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt