

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, June 23, 2025
Delphi Falls, 2006 Cardner Road, Cazenovia, NY – In-Person

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R – President
Rachel Elder, MD
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Kurt Gormley, DDS
Gerry Edwards, MD
Siubhan Bongiovanni, DVM
Seelan Newton, M.D. – Medical Director (via Zoom)

EXCUSED

Wendy Cary – Vice President
Mary Cavanagh, Board of Supervisors Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Erica Bird, Deputy Director of Public Health
Marisa Campanaro, Director of Administrative Services
Shelly DeGroat, Director of Children with Special Health Care Needs
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health
Rebecca LaPorte, Director of Community Health Services

Board President Marla Velky-Reger called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

The Board reviewed the May 2025 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Gormley, second by Dr. Meyers, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The May 2025 audit of claims was distributed for review and discussion:

- Extra contracting services for veterinarian services and chest clinic services.

Motion to approve the audit of claims was made by Dr. Elder, second by Dr. Bongiovanni, and approved by all.

Presentation: Erica Bird provided a walkthrough of the Madison County Health Atlas platform. This dashboard, developed by Metopio, is intended to be used by community members and local organization to access local data in chart and map formats. The cost of this program is being shared with Oneida Health and Community Memorial hospitals. The department plans to launch the platform publicly by the end of July.

Reports

- County Report – No Report
- Director's Report – Erica Bird – on behalf of Eric Faisst
 - Housing Collaborative meeting was held on June 11th. Co-chairs were selected for each committee, and meetings for both the Steering Committee and the full group were scheduled for the remainder of the year.
 - Continuing with the Occupational Surveillance System to include Tier 2 reports
 - Conducting an evaluation of the Healthy Neighborhood Program

- Efforts continue to reduce preschool transportation costs. School districts have been receptive and open to ongoing conversations.
- City of Oneida – No Report
- President’s Report – Marla Velky-Reger
 - Nothing to report at this time
- Medical Director’s Report – Dr. Newton
 - Measles cases continue to rise, with 1,214 reported in the U.S., including three deaths. Most cases are concentrated in the Ontario region and Mexico.
 - A new COVID-19 variant has emerged, with rising case numbers reported in China. This variant may become the dominant strain moving forward.
 - The FDA and HHS have officially updated guidance recommending that healthy children and pregnant women not receive the COVID-19 vaccine, as of May 2025. This was a top-down policy change under the current Health Secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Note: this guidance is evolving and subject to ongoing professional debate).
- QA/QI meeting is coming up

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Discussion on Public Health role’s in Emergency Preparedness activities during natural disaster similar to this past weekend’s storm.
 - The Department’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Jennifer, is working with the County Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) and Public Information Officer (PIO) to determine how we can support emergent needs and assist with linking residents with available resources
 - Question posed if any water testing will occur as a result – Director of Environmental Health was not present to confirm; however, public health sanitarians typically reach out to public water systems for support and address issues.
 - Question posed about mosquito-borne illness given the increase in standing water. The Department mosquito surveillance program began the first week of June, and testing has been conducted with no positive cases reported to date.
 - Question posed about mold concerns, particularly in flooded basements. This is an opportunity for education on mold and promotion of the Healthy Neighborhood Program.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elder, second by Dr. Gormley, and approved by all – 7:11pm.

Next Meeting July 28, 2025 at 6:30pm IN-PERSON –
At Madison County Public Health Department, Building 5 – Wampsville

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt