

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, July 28, 2020
Madison County Health Department, Wampsville, NY – ZOOM meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Wendy Cary – Vice President
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R
Gerry Edwards, MD
Rachel Elder, MD
Sam Barr, DMD
John Endres, DVM

ABSENT

Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Faisst, Director of Public 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 Priuvo, 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 June 2020 minutes – Motion to approve the minutes with no corrections was made by Marla Velky-Reger, seconded by Dr. Elder, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.

- Seeing a transportation expense as some schools are in session for summer
- Prevent refund for unused flu vaccine from last season. Expense from Hep A (IG) vaccine purchase
- Hotel expense for individuals needing accommodations due to COVID – grant reimburseable
- Weights and Measures major purchase of a trailer that will not need to be purchased for another ten years or more

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

Situation Update – COVID-19

- As of 4:00pm today
 - 416 positive cases to date
 - 4 active cases; 395 recovered
 - 17 deaths

- 194 currently in quarantine → of which 116 are travelers (40 still need to be entered into the system)
 - Total tested: 14,900 – 14,484 negative
 - 1,254 total quarantined to date
- Infection rate is .5%
- Weekly conference calls with colleges and universities, as well as school districts to assist with their plans for re-opening
- Dealing with a lot of travel quarantines
 - Some through the state system forms that get filled out when traveling by air
 - Some through neighbors turning people in
 - Travelers must be quarantined for 14 days, each day having contact from MCDOH
 - Contact tracing will initially be done through the state provided tracers
 - When colleges start back up our communities will see approx. 4,600 individuals, many from other states and countries
 - Colgate will be putting about 1,400 students into quarantine, due to travel, for 14 days upon arrival – all of which will need monitoring. As well as off-campus students considered residents of Madison County that MCDOH is responsible for contact tracing – likely will use the monitoring app
- Recent positive case resulted in the quarantine of 48 people, which we are monitoring closely → contracted locally, not from outside of the area
- Working with the colleges/university to assist them with devising a plan for the need arising of hospitalization of students
- Reinstated weekly calls with hospitals
- Enforcement of people not wearing masks, and businesses not enforcing
 - Notification to the MCDOH is mostly complaint driven via email, webpage and reporting site
 - Board of Supervisors has given enforcement responsibility to MCDOH
 - Implementing a 3-strike policy
 - Regarding businesses that are open, but should not be open – notice is 100% complaint driven – not actively monitored
- Greenhouse update
 - Bunkhouse A is complete and permitted (houses 72 individuals)
 - Bunkhouse B scheduled to be done in the next 1-2 weeks
 - 2 Farm houses permitted and occupied
 - Starting the plans for a 3rd bunkhouse with the same capacity plan (72-80 individuals)
 - Still have people in the hotel, but minimized overcrowding (1 per bed)
 - They are doing the best they can with what they have, and continue to move forward and make progress – MCDOH will continue to work with them
- Testing will be “crazy” with schools and colleges coming back in session – there is no known plan for “ramping up”
 - Some schools are contracting with private labs, as well as making purchases for equipment
 - The time issue is not with getting results, it’s the receiving of results that takes the time

- Results are coming back in different range of time
- Madison County is averaging 4 day turnaround for results
- Rapid testing is not readily available at this point
- PPE is difficult to get again
 - Advised schools to aggressively purchase their own sources for supplies. The County will not be able to provide PPE
- Discussion occurred regarding school plans/policies for return
 - We are on weekly call with the schools
 - Seeking guidance on transportation
- Wastewater testing – in 2nd week of testing
 - Early detection of the virus in wastewater
 - SUNY Morrisville (has the college and Crouse Community Center)
 - Cazenovia (has the college and the community)
 - Colgate working with SU directly
 - Nascentia will hopefully be working with us to deploy a rapid testing site if virus detected in wastewater of an area
 - Looking for funding to extend wastewater testing through December

Reports

- County Report
 - Supervisor Stepanski excused from the meeting – no report
- Director's Report
 - Contract with Mohawk Valley Planned Parenthood to provide STI clinics at OHC
 - Contract with Duflo for mosquito spraying if needed
 - CDC Grant
 - Submitted – will know in a week or so
 - 5 year grant
 - Erica working on CHA items
 - Focus on alcohol misuse – intern assisting
 - Mosquito Surveillance
 - Intern working with Environmental Health
 - Sampling strategy for the whole County
 - Hep A clinically diagnosed in a Taco Bell employee
 - Held a vaccination POD over the course of 4 days
 - 404 adult shots and 50 children
 - Gave first rounds, and advised individuals to get 2nd in 6 months with PCP
- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director's Report
 - Dr. Newton not in attendance – report document included in packet
- President's Report – No Report

Old Business

- Discussion occurred regarding restaurant inspections and the process
 - 1 failed inspection – non-COVID related
- Pre-school and EI services
 - In-person visits passed during COVID
 - Some have reinstated in July

- Some in-person classroom programs have opened with restrictions

New Business

- Discussion regarding plan for if a student tests positive
 - Investigation process and testing process discussed
- First positive EEE pool found in Madison County
 - About a month early

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elder, seconded by VP Cary, All in Favor – 6:56pm

Next Meeting Monday, August 24, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt