

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

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alex Stepanski, Board of Supervisors Representative  
Jennifer Meyers, MD  
Gerry Edwards, MD  
Rachel Elder, MD  
Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R  
Sam Barr, DMD  
John Endres, DVM – President

**EXCUSED**

Wendy Cary – Vice President

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Newton, Medical Director  
Katie Mungari, Director of Community 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 Prievo, Director of Administrative Services

Dr. Elder called the meeting to order at 6:02pm noting that a quorum had been reached.

The Board reviewed the August 2020 minutes noting no changes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Stepanski, seconded by Marla Velkey-Reger, and approved by all.

**Audit of Claims**

The record of claims were distributed for review and discussion.

- Pre-School expenses back where they should be
- Grant fund up a little due to Wastewater testing – but covered 100% by reimbursement – done twice weekly (\$800/week cost)
- Finishing up sampling that goes with the CDC grant for water testing

Motion to approve was made by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Supervisor Stepanski, and approved by all.

**Situation Update – COVID-19**

- Wastewater Testing Discussion
  - SUNY Morrisville has found traceable amounts through their own testing in dorms. Resulted in pool testing for students in those dorms
    - They did find a correlation to a positive student – but we were aware of that student positive already. This shows that it is working

- Cazenovia site testing last week – will see if there is any correlation
- MCDOH is working on translating wastewater findings into a Public Health action
  - Having talks with municipalities – possibility of multiple uses for other issues
- Meeting weekly with colleges, superintendents and hospitals; starting nursing homes on a monthly basis
  - Wastewater testing calls every other week – will be inviting other counties
- There are no random testing events occurring in schools – resources to test are limited
  - MCDOH putting out guidance to the schools to help the nurses assess sick children and make recommendations
- Testing once each week with Upstate Mobile Unit – evening hours, and rotating locations weekly
  - Onondaga County has reserved the unit every day
- Madison County Pharmacies are not testing – though some other pharmacies in the area are
- Contracts established with 3 different labs, as well as Wadsworth
  - Nascentia is contracted to conduct testing for MCDOH
- Offer made for one of the positions newly open – receiving applications for the other two
- First week in October will be a good tell of how things are going in the public schools
- No new cases today – only 6 active in the County – 180 in quarantine, most of which are travel related
- Internal workgroup meeting tomorrow to put together and review the vaccine plan
- Redesigning website October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Making it smoother to navigate
- Putting together and disbursing a “best-practice” for Halloween
- Greenhouse has 3 staffing quarters in process
- Businesses are following protocols to the best of our knowledge – complaints have fallen off considerably
- Reinfection is to be expected – information was sent out
  - Not expected to gain herd immunity – much like the flu
- No clarification on vaccine at this point
  - Working on the vaccine plan
- Following NYS guidance, and typically only focus on CDC when NYS does not have any
- PPE supply left to entities to get on their own
- Flu vaccine
  - We have enough regular flu-vaccine
  - The high dose will be more limited, and will likely be the first to run out

## **Reports**

- Director's Report
  - Health Equity Training worked with Rural Health Network – put together a recorded video training for all staff – then provided in-person training to small groups of the whole Department
  - Starting Disease Surveillance again in October
  - Continuing to advocate getting flu shots this year
    - Discussion regarding recommendations to get flu shot later in the season. Some recommendation to start earlier
- County Report – No Report
- City of Oneida – No Report
- Medical Director's Report – No Report
- President's Report
  - Questions regarding COVID – is there any tracking of individuals with long-term symptoms from the Health Department?
    - MCDOH would not have access to that information. We track them through release of isolation
  - Discussion regarding testing of animals

## **Old Business**

- None

## **New Business**

- None

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elder, seconded by Supervisor Stepanski  
All in Favor – 6:53pm

**Next Meeting Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 6:00 pm**  
**VIA ZOOM – Link to be delivered via email**

*Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt*