

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, October 27, 2025
Public Health Building, Wampsville, NY – In-Person

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS' PRESENT

Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R – President
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Rachel Elder, MD
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Siubhan Bongiovanni, DVM
Kurt Gormley, DDS

EXCUSED

Gerry Edwards, MD
Mary Cavanagh, Board of Supervisors Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Faisst, Director of Public Health
Erica Bird, Deputy Director of Public Health
Seelan Newton, M.D. – Medical Director
Marisa Campanaro, Director of Administrative Services
Shelly DeGroat, Director of Children with Special Health Care Needs
Rebecca LaPorte, Director of Community Health Services
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

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

The Board reviewed the September 2025 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Elder, second by Dr. Bongiovanni, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

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

- Notable entry under CPSE Administration costs – incurred when schools charge back meeting-related services that are attributable to CPSEs.
- PHAB Accreditation annual costs
- Credits received back for returned expired vaccine

A motion to approve the audit of claims was made by Dr. Elder, second by VP Cary, and approved by all.

Reports

- County Report – No Report
- Director's Report – Eric Faisst
 - JUUL Settlement Project
 - Working on plans to distribute a survey tool
 - Plan to meet with steering group soon
 - Housing Collaborative
 - CBDG application submitted 2 weeks ago

- CFCNY grant application submitted – will hear back sometime in November – if awarded, will be used to fund the coordinator position
 - Meeting with Steering Committee in November
 - NCHH Consultant back in January to continue working on the group's formation and the steps to take next to implement plans and move forward
- Codes Enforcement Grant
 - Met with Consultant group who will be conducting interviews with Codes Enforcement Officers – working to improve efficiency and potentially consolidate codes efforts
- Budget Season
 - Have not heard anything about cuts at this time
- Staffing
 - New Health Statistician started – he is a graduate of University of Buffalo with a master's in public health. His name is Trent Meyer, and he is native to Lewis County.
- Building Renovations
 - Phase One is complete
 - Includes downstairs conference room and storage; 2 offices (1 upstairs, 1 downstairs); kitchen/breakroom full renovation
 - Phase Two planning to start in January for HVAC
- Transportation Report
 - Finishing up – looking into how the state handles transportation aide for schools
- ADA Compliance
 - Working with the County's Corporate Compliance Officer to update our webpage to make it ADA Compliant
- Youth Bureau
 - Joining us in January
 - Tina will move into one of our existing offices, and Aubrey will be in a cubicle outside of Tina's office
- City of Oneida – No Report
- President's Report – No Report
 - Asked about the status of Accreditation
 - We have not heard anything yet – waiting for word on the site visit. Likely to occur over two days, one remote, and one to involve the BOH – coordination will come when we get word.
- Medical Director's Report – Dr. Newton
 - Seeing cases of flu, URI, and GI Illness
 - Uptick in COVID cases – noting the new strain has been identified as the "Frankenstein" variant due to it being a combination of 2 previous variants. Though overall rates are down
 - COVID 2025-2026 vaccination is available, and MCPH has received our stock
 - The criteria for those outside of the 65+ range is flexible, and requires an attestation to a list of accepted co-morbidities
 - Still monitoring Measles cases in South Carolina – over 20 cases known at this time
 - QA Meeting today
 - EEEv patient in Madison County did succumb to the illness – his memory was honored in the local media.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Discussion of division reports occurred regarding:
 - High lead levels in individuals
 - Restaurant inspections
 - Many violations were improper cooling
 - Mobile Home Parks

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Elder, second by VP Cary, and approved by all – 6:56pm.

**Next Meeting November 24, 2025, at 6:30pm IN-PERSON –
At Madison County Public Health Department, Building 5 – Wampsville**

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt