

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Members Present: Dr. John Cosachov
Dr. Brian Brundage
Dr. Cassandra Archer
Mr. Keith Batman

Members Excused: Mr. Tim Fessenden
Mr. Ralph Battista
Ms. Aileen McNabb-Coleman

Staff Present: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH
Janine Clifford
Megan Bell
Eileen O'Connor, PE
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN
Shelby Medovich- CCHD Intern
Chris Palermo- Cayuga County Attorney

Dr. Cosachov called the meeting to order at 12:25pm.

Minutes of January 22, 2019: Dr. Cosachov requested two typing errors be corrected on the minutes. Megan Bell will make the edits before posting online. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Cosachov and seconded by Keith Batman. The minutes of the January 22, 2019 Board of Health were approved following the corrected typing errors.

Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford

Janine presented the updated Federal Fee Scale for 2019 following the release of the 2019 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. The Fee Scale is used mainly at Immunization Clinic and as a tool to determine eligibility for programs that have an income guideline as a qualifier. Janine pointed out a typing error in the date that will be corrected by staff before being utilized. A motion by Dr. Archer seconded by Dr. Brundage to approve the 2019 Fee Scale was approved by all members in attendance.

Janine reported on the claims with warrant dates of 2/8/2019 and 2/15/2019. There being no questions regarding the claims a motion was made by Keith Batman and seconded by Dr. Archer to approve the claims. All in attendance in favor.

Public Health Director: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH

Kathleen updated the Board on the Owasco Lake Watershed Rules and Regulation update project. The Steering Committee and Extended Work Group have a meeting scheduled for Friday, March 1st in the afternoon where the final draft will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and the plan for stakeholder groups and public meetings will begin to be developed. The goal is to have those meetings begin at the end of March beginning of April. After the meeting on Friday the draft will be shared with the Board of Health and if the Board wishes we

can spend a vast majority of our March meeting reviewing the changes. The consultant that was assisting with the project had to recuse himself and a new facilitator will be taking over. The Watershed Inspection Program will be contributing some funding to the remaining costs of the contract with the facilitator.

Dr. Brundage asked how the draft gets approved. Kathleen shared that the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco would have to vote to uphold the new rules and regulations and then it would get sent to the State Department of Health for final approval. The group is hoping that the transparency of the process that has been used in developing the draft and the inclusion of the public input will assist in the State level approval process.

Dr. Cosachov asked how violations are handled. Eileen shared that violations would go through the same process that they currently do, after a violation is determined it goes through the same hearing process as other Health Department violations and would end up at the Board of Health just the same as our other violations.

Kathleen also shared that Beth Huber, Program Director for the WIC Program has left for a new job at the State WIC program. Kathleen shared that they will be actively looking for her replacement once approved at the full legislature this evening. They did update the job description and that is available online for applicants to review.

The Health Department's Annual Statistical Report for 2018 is completed and Kathleen shared some of the highlights with the Board. We saw a notable increase in our immunization clinic numbers and some of the statistics surrounding the TB cases were clarified.

Dr. Archer asked why there was such a sharp decline in the number of MCH cases. Kathleen shared that we had a staffing gap where we were not able to take on the number of clients that we typically would as well as a decline in the number of referrals coming from WIC, our largest referral source, due to the change over from paper to electronic record keeping and some clarification regarding staff's ability to refer clients during WIC appointments. They did finally get some clarification from the State and referrals will begin to come from WIC again.

Kathleen introduced Shelby Medovich an intern with the Health Department from Wells College. She will be with us the entire Spring semester and is majoring in psychology and pre-med.

Director of Community Health Services: Nancy Purdy, RN, BS N

Nancy shared that the Premature Birth Grant is coming to a close at the end of February. The grant focused on reducing the amount of premature births in our county by focusing on smoking cessation. The Grant is hosting a seminar this evening for area providers, MD's, RN's, Social Workers, Dentists, etc. the seminar will be on Motivational Interviewing as it relates to smoking and vaping. The event is being held at Springside Inn, dinner is included and is free for providers to attend.

Nancy shared that the grant also hosted some vaping seminars geared more towards parents and school administrators at both the Auburn School District and the Union Springs School district earlier in the grant. They also hosted art contest for students in all of the counties districts to try and engage the students.

Nancy shared that in 2018, we had 3 active cases and 1 latent. We are currently working on a possible TB case.

The Lead Program currently has 9 cases that are opened to nursing case management and have had environmental home assessments. We just opened two more cases with levels above 15. They are monitored until their level goes below 5. One of these admissions was a 2 ½ year old boy who first tested at 8 mcg/dL, educational materials were sent and a referral to Healthy Neighborhoods was made. The child was re-tested with an elevated result of 20 mcg/dL. We also have 11 children who are being tracked, but are not opened to our LHCSA.

The City of Auburn has been very involved in the Lead Task Force and they have been working to develop a local law that would require participation in a rental registry. They recently held a public meeting regarding the development of the local law and there was significant push back from some of the landlords. The Task Force is hoping that the City will still continue to develop the rental registry as it would be beneficial in the prevention of lead poisoning, but also for other City Departments as well.

In 2018, we saw a decrease in referrals due to the WIC office, our main source for referrals, was undergoing a system change and were unable to send referrals for a period of time. The changeover has completed and we should begin to see referrals again. We continue to see referrals for our MCH program from Crouse, East Hill-Summit Pediatrics and Dr. Anwer's office most frequently.

Nancy shared that a quality assurance committee has been formed and is headed by Dr. Gioia as our medical director. The committee has met once so far and have begun working on some issues that have arisen following audits that were conducted. They are also working to develop new client satisfaction surveys for several Community Health Services programs.

Nancy also shared that she would be drafting a proposal to bring to the Board to consider offering one fee for multiple vaccinations. She is hoping that this will encourage some families, in particular, our Mennonite families to choose vaccine options that are not only required for school, but some of the recommended as well.

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent Orders:

Brookside Mobile Home Park-Locke (T)

A motion to approve the consent order was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Dr. John Cosachov with all others in attendance in favor the consent order was approved.

Eileen shared that she was notified by NYSDEC of two incidents over the past month regarding manure runoff events. The first involved a private well allegedly contaminated by manure. The home owner in Sempronius has a dug well and lives downhill from a farm field. He apparently experienced a manure odor and discoloration of his water after the farmer had spread some manure on a field up-gradient. The Watershed Inspector and Soil and Water visited the property and reported that it did not appear that manure had entered the well through overland flow. Eileen said it was likely that the manure entered the ground water which eventually reached the

well. Based upon a Cornell University weather site, the region had over 10 inches of snow during the time when the manure was allegedly applied. In addition, the slope of the field appeared to be about 8%. Eileen said that according to the CAFO permit, if there is more than 4 inches of snow, the facility must follow Cornell's winter spreading guidelines. It didn't appear that these guidelines were followed in this instance. During a discussion, a DEC staff member said that since these are guidelines, the farm is not obligated to follow them.

The second incident was a farm that had spread manure in Springport and the runoff had made its way into a stream and eventually to Cayuga Lake. Dr. Brundage asked if Eileen thought that this farmer would be fined and she thought that since the manure entered a watercourse, DEC would likely fine the farm. Eileen said that when DEC was updating the CAFO permits, she and others encouraged the prohibition of spreading of manure on snow. DEC however said that the application under those conditions could be done safely.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Keith Batman and seconded by Dr. Archer and the meeting adjourned at 1:07pm.