

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Digital Meeting @ 12:15pm

Members Present: Mr. Tim Fessenden
Dr. Brian Brundage
Dr. Cassandra Archer
Mr. Ralph Battista
Ms. Elane Daly
Dr. John Cosachov
Mr. Keith Batman

Staff Present: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH
Eileen O'Connor, PE
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN
Tania Young, DTR
Janine Clifford
Dr. Gioia- Medical Director
Megan Bell
Aileen McNabb-Coleman- Chairperson Cayuga County

Legislature

Meeting called to order at 12:17pm.

Minutes of February 23, 2021:

With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Elane Daly and seconded by Dr. Cassandra Archer the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.

Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford

Janine reviewed the claims with a warrant dates of 02/11/2021 and 02/25/2021 and the credit card statements with a dates of 01/29/2021 and 02/15/2021. With no questions or concerns, a motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Keith Batman and seconded by Dr. John Cosachov. All other in attendance in favor.

Janine presented the updated 2021 Fee Scale. The fee scale includes the updated federal poverty guidelines and a new administration fee for administering the COVID-19 vaccine. The Board discussed the fee scale and on motion by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Dr. John Cosachov the Board approved the updated 2021 version of the Cayuga County Health Department fee scale.

Coordinator of WIC Program: Tania Young, DTR

Tania shared that all WIC staff have been trained to work at the Health Department's COVID-19 vaccination clinics. The caseload as of January is 1360 participants which 90% of their target caseload. They are up 4% from the same time last year. In January and February the program has experienced a decrease in their show rate which is not atypical.

March is national nutrition month and the WIC program will be doing several media campaigns including one social media focusing on "personalizing your plate."

The State is conducting their site visits virtually this year. Tania has conducted the interview portion with State Representatives and they have listened in on participant visits with staff. The final step includes a review of the programs policies and procedures.

Tania updated the Board regarding the grocery store in Cato. It was recently sold to a new owner and so the store is not currently accepting WIC. After talking with the new store owner Tania shared with the Board that they plan to accept WIC in the near future once they have completed the transition process.

Tania also shared that the planned moving of the WIC office has been delayed as moving costs are finalized.

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent Orders:

Vape Kult- Auburn (C)

Circle K-Montezuma (T)

Cameron's Bakery- Auburn (C)

Kyle Property- Brutus (T)

Marsella Property- Aurelius (T)

New China Royal- Auburn (C)

Cozy Apts, LLC- Auburn (C)

Dr. Cosachov asked if the violation against Vape Kult was that the vape they were selling was flavored. Eileen said yes.

Eileen asked the Board to vote on all Hearing and Consent orders except the lead violation against Cozy Apts., LLC. She would like to vote on that hearing separately.

Dr. Cosachov made a motion to accept all hearing and consent orders with the exception of Cozy Apts., LLC. The motion was seconded by Keith Batman and all other members in attendance in favor.

Eileen asked the Board to consider modifying the language in the Hearing Officers decision to remove the language not allowing children to reside in the apartment and to add language giving the property owner 60 days to complete the necessary renovations. Eileen shared that there are not currently any children living in the apartment. After discussion a motion was made By Dr. Cosachov and a second was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer to adjust the language in the hearing officer's decision to state: "the apartment that is currently vacant shall remain vacant until repairs

are conducted and the apartment that is currently occupied repairs shall be completed within 60 days.” All member in attendance in favor of the adjustment in language.

With no further questions or concerns a motion to approve the Hearing and Consent orders was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Dr. John Cosachov. All other members in attendance in favor.

Eileen updated the Board regarding a call she received on March 7th regarding a manure lagoon overflow. NYSDEC called the NYSDOH on that day to report the spill. The NYSDOH then contacted Eileen. According to the DEC there was a significant overflow that reached Great Gully Creek. The manure lagoon is part of the Ashland Farms and the DEC is initiating an investigation and will take enforcement action against the farm. The Board asked Eileen what caused the overflow and Eileen was not sure as the DEC has not completed their investigation, but they said it was not caused by a weather event. The Board also asked Eileen if the farm is a CAFO and Eileen shared that it is. Keith Batman asked Eileen to keep the BOH updated on any enforcement taken by DEC.

Public Health Director: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH

Kathleen presented the nominated officers for 2021:

President: Keith Batman

Vice President: Dr. John Cosachov

Secretary: Tim Fessenden

The Board members voted on the presented nominated officers. All members in attendance voted in favor of the officers.

Kathleen shared with the Board that the Health Department continues to perform vaccination clinics at the mall. Eligibility has expanded to those 50 and over. We continue to receive the Moderna vaccination with approximately 300 doses a week. We have requested the Janssen vaccine and if we are able to receive the intent is to focus on farm workers.

The CDC has made revised recommendations regarding school-aged children. Including reducing the distancing required amongst students while in school. The State is still looking at the CDC guidance and has not yet changed the State’s guidance regarding distancing and barriers in schools. Onondaga County is looking to adjust their guidance to match the CDC’s.

Dr. Gioia discussed the press release from March 19th released by the CDC lowering the distance between students from 6ft to 3ft for students while wearing masks.

Dr. Archer shared the significant social/emotional ramifications she is seeing in her own practice amongst children and encourages the Board to seriously consider the CDC guidance allowing the distance between students to be reduced to 3ft therefore making more feasible for many districts to bring students back to in-person instruction 5 days a week. Dr. Archer does suggest waiting

two weeks post spring break to allow for any surge following many families traveling for spring break.

Members of the Board agreed that it would be wise to wait to adjust the guidance until two weeks after spring break (April 19th). Kathleen asked that all members of the Board vote individually on adjusting the guidance.

Dr. Brundage made a motion to approve the adjusted guidance and Dr. Cosachov seconded the motion and all members in attendance voted in favor.

Aileen McNabb-Coleman also agrees that the guidance should be held until 2 weeks post spring break to allow for any surge following travel for the break.

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Gioia

Dr. Gioia agreed that the new guidance developed to assist with schools going back to in-person instruction 5 days a week seems appropriate.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.