

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Members Present:     Dr. Brian Brundage  
                           Dr. John Cosachov  
                           Mr. Tim Fessenden  
                           Dr. Cassandra Archer  
                           Mr. Keith Batman  
                           Ms. Aileen McNabb-Coleman  
                           Mr. Ralph Battista

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

Dr. Cosachov called the meeting to order at 12:17pm

**Minutes of March 26, 2019:** With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Keith Batman and seconded by Dr. Brian Brundage. The minutes of the March 26, 2019 Board of Health were approved as written.

**Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford**

Janine reported on the claims with warrant dates of 3/19/19 4/2/19. There being no questions regarding the claims a motion to approve the claims was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Mr. Tim Fessenden. All in attendance in favor. Janine also shared with the Board members that beginning next month she will present along with the typical claims and bills the Health Department's credit card transactions. Currently all credit card charges go to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor for processing, but beginning next month staff will attend a training to learn how to process and keep track of their own Departmental cards.

**Public Health Director: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH**

Kathleen introduced Tania Young the new WIC Program Coordinator. The Board members went around and introduced themselves. Kathleen shared that Tania will be presenting every other month and her and Lorie Fischer trade off months.

Kathleen updated the Board on the updating of the Watershed Rules and Regulations. Stakeholder group meetings were held in the beginning of the month. The groups were both very well attended. Both groups had come well prepared with well thought out questions and comments. The public meetings are coming up in the middle of May. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be at BOCES as 6:30pm and May 16<sup>th</sup> will be at Moravia High School at 6:30pm. The project website is where we are directing people to go to submit comments or questions regarding the draft. The intent is to keep the comment period open for 30 days following the public meetings. The work

group will then reconvene and review all the comments/suggestions and make any necessary adjustments before the final draft goes to the Town of Owasco and the City of Auburn to be voted upon. Once those two entities vote upon the draft if approved it will get submitted to the State Health Department for review and approval. Eileen mentioned that she had some discussion with Lloyd Wilson, the Director of the Bureau of Public Water Supply regarding the draft and the State approval process. Eileen is hoping that many groups/members of the Community can send letters supporting the document to the State once it is submitted. Dr. Brundage suggested that the Board send a letter ahead of the draft showing our support for the document. Keith also suggested putting our statement of support on the project website. Brian suggested as the Board sending a letter ahead of the draft supporting the draft

Kathleen reviewed some loose ends from the State Survey regarding our credentialing policy. The policy is not completed yet, but part of the requirements of the policy include re-appointment of the medical director. Next meeting things will be more organized and will have something more thorough to share with the Board.

The By-laws subcommittee met and made some revisions to the Boards by-laws and are waiting for the County Attorney to review and make any further recommendations. Once finalized they will be brought before the Board for formal adoption.

Board Officers: Dr. John Cosachov, President; Mr. Ralph Battista, Vice President; and Dr. Brian Brundage, Secretary are eligible and willing to continue in those roles for another year. On motion by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Keith Batman and all other members in attendance in favor. The Board Officers were re-appointed for a second year.

**Director of Community Health Services: Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN**

Nancy reviewed a few more requirements from the State Survey, Dr. Gioia will be chairing a QA meeting on Thursday. This committee will also incorporate the required infection control committee. The State wanted supplies for an emergency situation placed in bags to allow for portability. The Department is still waiting for our LHCSA survey. That survey will be unannounced and will focus on our Lead home visiting program, Maternal Child Health program and our Nurse Family Partnership program. Staff is currently working on revising the Lead policies as there will be new requirements coming down from the State regarding monitoring requirements for the various levels.

Nancy discussed that we currently do not have a fee associated with our lead testing. Based upon supply cost and nursing time associated with the test a fee of \$25 has been developed. The 2019 fee scale has been updated to reflect the new charge. A motion by Dr. Archer seconded by Dr. Cosachov with all in attendance in favor the \$25 fee for lead testing is approved.

Nancy also shared that the Departments recent newspaper article on STD's was the most read article of the week for the Citizen Newspaper. Nancy shared that it helps promote the importance of testing, vaccination especially of HPV and increasing those vaccination rates.

**WIC Program Coordinator: Tania Young**

Tania gave a little background on her experience in WIC before becoming the Program Coordinator. She also shared that the office currently has two vacancies they are looking to fill: nutritionist and WIC assistant.

The program recently had a State visit that focused on the breastfeeding program. They were able to observe a moms group and a one-on-one counseling session with a new mom and one of the peer counselors. They were very impressed with what the program is doing to help new moms.

Staff is beginning to plan for The Big Latch event that takes place in August every year at Hoopes Park.

Farmer's Market coupons will also be starting soon and last year Cayuga County had the highest redemption rate for the farmer's market coupons.

**Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE**

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent orders for this month:

Guiseppe's Pizzeria- Auburn (C)

Vape Kult-Auburn (C)

A motion to approve the hearing and consent orders was made by Dr. Cosachov and seconded by Dr. Archer with all other in attendance in favor.

Eileen updated the Board on the plan for 2019 HAB sampling. The NYSDOH Laboratory is no longer running analyses for HAB toxins. Last year was the first time the City of Auburn and the Town of Owasco had to send their water samples to private labs at their own expense. It costs approximately \$250 per sample and they always do a raw water and finished water sample. This year Wells College will also have to send their samples to a private lab. In the past the Health Department assisted these water systems by transporting the samples to the laboratory. We will not be doing that this year, the Water Utilities staff for each entity will be taking over that responsibility. The Town and the City have decided to utilize a lab in Tompkins County that is a little cheaper in cost. The Health Department is requiring that all three systems visually examine their raw water daily using a microscope. The City of Auburn water operator has been doing this for the past few years and has been working with the operators from Owasco and Wells on this technique. The water systems will need to initiate weekly sampling if evidence of HABs is seen under the microscope. If toxins are found in the raw water they will need to sample twice a week. This sampling frequency can be reduced depending on the results and visual observations.

Eileen discussed Hydrilla in Cayuga Lake. The Army Corp of Engineers found Hydrilla outside of the Wells College area in 2016, they applied herbicide in 2017 and they saw a large decline in the tubers in the soil. They reduced the amount of herbicide applied in 2018. In late June, the Army Corps will search for tubers in the area so the treatment can be applied only where needed. Herbicide applications will begin the first week of July and continue for 10 weeks. The Health Department will continue to sample the drinking water and the bathing beaches after each application. The activated carbon at the water treatment plant installed to address HAB toxins should also remove any of the herbicide that might make it into the raw water.

There was also an area in King Ferry where Hydrilla was detected, the area was dredged down to bedrock and will be monitored and herbicide will applied if needed.

**Medical Director's Report: Dr. Gioia**

Dr. Gioia discussed injury prevention.

Keith asked if we have had any measles cases in our area. Dr. Gioia shared that we have not, but the risk still exists.

Eileen asked how likely it is that a vaccinated person would get the measles. Dr. Gioia shared that a person with only one of the two shots may have a 5% chance.

Ralph asked if someone could have measles a second time. Dr. Gioia said potentially it could be difficult to determine with diagnosis.

With nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Keith and seconded by Aileen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.