

Cayuga County Board of Health
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
In-Person & Virtual @ 12:15pm at the WIC Offices

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

Members Excused: Mr. Ralph Battista

Staff Presents: Deanna Ryan, MCH
Ani Fish
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN
Kathleen Cuddy, MPH
Janine Clifford
Tania Young, DTR
Dr. Philip Gioia- Medical Director
Megan Bell
Deanna Ryan

Meeting was called to order at 12:17pm.

Minutes of April 26, 2022 Meeting:

With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022 Board of Health was made by Ms. Elane Daly and seconded by Mr. Tim Fessenden with all other members in attendance in favor. The minutes of the April 26, 2022 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.

Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford

Janine reviewed the claims with warrant dates of April 14, 2022 and April 28, 2022 and credit card statements with dates of March 29, 2022 and April 15, 2022. With no questions or concerns regarding the claims a motion was made by Ms. Elane Daly and seconded by Dr. Brian Brundage with all other members in attendance in favor.

Coordinator of WIC Program: Tania Young, DTR

Prior to the meeting Tania gave Board members a tour of the new WIC offices and for those who had not yet been a tour of the Play Space. Tania thanked everyone for coming and touring the new space. She shared that March caseload was 1347 participants enrolled and that is approximately 89% of the target caseload. The State has shared that they have seen a 7% increase in enrollment and retention numbers across the State since March 2020.

WIC has been having some success in a new partnership with the PlaySpace for a mom's group. They have a designated time for play at the PlaySpace and then they can come to WIC and get

their babies weighed and measured. The number of attendees is growing, this past month they had 6 moms attend.

Tania shared that they are approaching farmers market season but have been delayed on the State's end but they are hoping it will be up and running by the end of the month.

WIC has been getting a lot of calls from participants regarding the formula shortage. A significant amount of staff time has been spent contacting local vendors to find out supply and type of the formula in stock and then relaying that to moms who are struggling to find the brand/type for their infant.

New York State also just recently announced that additional SNAP benefits will be available for families.

Tania shared that WIC is also taking this opportunity to promote breastfeeding with their pregnant moms and share the resources they have available to help moms be successful at breastfeeding including providing loaner breast pumps for WIC participants that may be in need.

Kathleen asked Tania to update the Board regarding the new WIC RFA. Tania shared that the new 5-year grant submission was due in January and after submission the State reached out to all grantees and applicants and shared that there had been an issue with RFA and that everyone would need to re-submit the grant application once the revised version is released. The State did extend all current grant programs for one-year at a 2% increase from the previous year. The revised RFA is due in July. The new RFA will be for 5 years with start being October 1, 2024. This is the first time that the RFA has included a 2% cost of living increase for each year of the grant.

Supervising Public Health Administrator: Deanna Ryan, MCH

Deanna shared that they have finally on-boarded a local coordinator for the public health fellows' program. The coordinator and Deanna will begin to look for two fellows to on-board immediately and start work on our Community Health Assessment.

We are launching the COVID vaccine campaign. The campaign includes movie theater previews, animated ads on social media, billboards and other print media.

Public Health Director: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH

Kathleen shared that we are currently putting together our annual statistical report that will be shared with the Board of Health. We typically share in February of the following year but had not completed the report for 2022 or 2021 so we are having to go back and gather statistics for those years. It is important to share all the other working that the Health Department was still conducting while also carrying out COVID responsibilities.

Kathleen and Eileen had the opportunity to attend a public health partners conference recently and it was nice to see other Health Directors and discuss with them how they were bringing back some of the program areas that were minimized during the COVID response. There was also a

lot of discussion about the new lead and copper rules that are coming from the EPA as well as discussion about other public health topics such as climate change and Alzheimer's.

Kathleen also shared that at the last meeting we discussed the preschool provider service rate and staff has done some work reviewing what other counties are offering as far as rates for service go as well as discussion with the HHS committee and staff is preparing some language to be brought as a resolution to increase the rate for services to be more comparable with surrounding counties with the goal of recruitment and retention.

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

Nancy shared that the Maternal Child Health program had fallen to the wayside during our COVID response, but it is a mandated program for public health departments. Staff are working towards redesigning the program to better meet the needs of the community. We are collaborating with the Hospital, the WIC program and local physician offices and focusing a lot of attention on prenatal care. Nancy shared some statistics from the Hospital including that approximately 50% of the babies delivered at Auburn Community Hospital have an insurance status of Medicaid. Another focus will be on supporting and educating women about breastfeeding during prenatal care instead of waiting until delivery.

We did have some struggles with our COVID clinics last month with the introduction of the additional booster, but we have made some adjustments including transitioning to walk-in clinics and that seems to be helping with efficiency at the clinics. We continue to offer all types and doses at our clinics and are planning to continuing to offer them weekly.

Nancy shared that we have recently purchased Medent as an electronic medical record system and we are looking to go live with Medent hopefully later in 2022.

Dr. Archer shared that she was invited to participate in a group with the Cayuga Community Health Network. Deanna shared that the Health Department will also be participating in that work group as well.

Nancy also shared that we are resuming our regular immunization clinics at the Jail. We typically go once a month to offer vaccinations to the inmates at the Cayuga County Jail.

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE (in her absence Ani Fish)

Ani reviewed the Hearing and Consent orders:

Scott Ford

Inn at the Finger Lakes- Auburn (C)

Applebee's Neighborhood Restaurant- Auburn (C)

Roseadah's Restaurant- Auburn (C)

Don Juan Café Restaurant- Auburn (C)

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Mr. Pizza- Auburn (C)

Auburn Diner- Auburn (C)

Ridgeway Property- Ira (T)

Auburn Smoke Shop, LLC- Auburn (C)

With no questions or concerns, a motion to approve the hearing and consent orders was approved by Dr. John Cosachov with a second by Dr. Cassandra Archer. All other member in attendance in favor.

Medical Director's Report- Dr. Philip Gioia

Dr. Gioia shared that individuals 50 and older and those who are immunocompromised are eligible for an additional booster and soon children 5-11 years old will be eligible for a booster as that is expected to be recommended by the FDA in the next couple weeks. Currently everyone 12 and older is eligible for a booster. Dr. Gioia also shared that recently the US has stopped recommending the J&J vaccination due to concerns with blood clots.

Dr. Gioia will be giving a presentation at the legislative meeting on May 24th. The presentation will focus on COVID data, vaccination and answer any questions the legislature may have.

Dr. Gioia also shared typical injury prevention measures for the summer.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Elane Daly and a second by Dr. Cassandra Archer with all other members in attendance in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.