

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday June, 25, 2019

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

Members Excused: Ms. Aileen McNabb-Coleman

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

Minutes of May 21, 2019: With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Mr. Tim Fessenden. The minutes of the May 21, 2019 Board of Health were approved as written. Minutes:

Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford

Janine presented the Board with claims from warrants dated 06/04/2019 and 06/18/2019. She also presented credit card statements from 06/03/2019 and 06/17/2019. With no questions a motion to approve the claims and the credit card statements was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and Mr. Tim Fessenden. Janine presented claims related to some advertising the Department was doing and the Board asked if they could see some samples. Kathleen shared that she would send around a sample of the advertisement for the Board to see.

Public Health Director: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH

Kathleen asked members if they would like to forego one of the summer meetings after some discussion the Board decided to cancel the July 23rd meeting as typically August is when HABs can be in full swing. There will be no July Board of Health meeting unless an urgent issue arises.

Kathleen shared that as part of our NYSDOH survey that took place in March the Department was asked to clarify the duties of the Medical Director. Kathleen developed a delineation of duties and reviewed it with Dr. Gioia. It was submitted to the Board of Health for review and approval as well. Kathleen shared that she focused on the mandatory/regulatory duties of the medical director and also clarified some of the administrative duties as well. Once this document is approved by the Board, Kathleen will use this to update his formal Civil Service job description. This document will have to be reviewed and approved every two years by the Board. After review a motion was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Dr. John Cosachov

the delineation of duties for Medical Director for the Health Department was approved by all members in attendance.

Kathleen had emailed the revised by-laws as requested after some clarification was needed following the initial review by the Board. The Board members reviewed the by-laws and after some discussion reviewing the clarification of chapter 7 “emergency circumstances” a motion was made by Keith Batman and seconded by Ralph Battista and all members in attendance were in favor of approving the Board of Health by-laws as presented.

Kathleen updated the Board on status of the Watershed Rules and Regulations update project; the public comment section has ended and the work group is looking to get back together to begin working through the comments. They plan to organize them by topic and respond to anyone who has requested feedback.

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

Nancy shared that the Health Department utilized some funding from a grant to purchase posters/advertising materials using the winning art work from the vaping contest held earlier this year. The plan is to disseminate this material to all the county school districts for posting in their buildings.

Nancy shared with the Board the recent regulation change no longer allowing students to have a religious exemption from vaccinations required for school. Nancy and staff have been meeting with both the school nurses and superintendents to ensure everyone is understanding the 14 day requirement. They also reached out to the State Department of Health to ensure that local pediatric offices will have no trouble getting vaccine orders approved. Nancy is hoping meet with some of the administrators from the various Mennonite schools in the county to ensure they are understanding the new regulation and offer assistance.

The Health Department has recently launched a new campaign titled: “Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby, Healthy Community”. The Department has purchased several ads promoting the campaign and will be doing local television spots and a press conference.

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O’Connor, PE

Hearing and Consent Orders:

Applebee’s Neighborhood Grille & Bar-Auburn (C)

CC’s Tavern- Auburn (C)

Pleasant Valley Mobile Home Park- Moravia (T)

Devaney’s Riverside Grill-Brutus (T)

Barry Property- Victory (T)

Thomas Property- Cato (T)

A motion to approve the Hearing and Consent orders was made by Keith Batman and seconded by Tim Fessenden with all other members in attendance in favor.

Eileen discussed the upcoming HAB season with the Board. Our new website has a button that will take you to all of our information regarding HABs. DEC also has a new page that is a better way for the public to view and report blooms. Recent blooms reported will show on the map as a

yellow dot so it easily identifiable by those visiting the page. Due to the transient nature of blooms, the Health Department continues with our message of “know it, report it and avoid it” rather than relying on what is shown on DEC’s map. The Department is also encouraging people to store clean water and sign up for the reverse 911 alert system.

Staff have met with the water operators at Auburn, Owasco and Wells College to review monitoring and sampling of the drinking water. All three water systems will be sending their samples to Community Science Institute this year. The operators will all be following the same protocol beginning July 1 of looking at raw water samples under the microscope to determine if HABs are present and if so sample collection for laboratory analyses will be started.

Environmental Health staff has been busy with lead this month. Eileen shared some pictures of recent home visits completed by lead staff. Windows and doors are often the worst culprits of lead poisoning as they have the highest likely to have peeling/chipping paint. All of the homes in the pictures have a current Certificate of Occupancy with the exception of one. Dr. Brundage asked how you can tell if it is lead paint that is being exposed. Eileen said that the Health Department uses an XRF machine, but the average homeowner can buy sampling kits from the hardware store.

Kathleen reported that progress has been made since the development of the Lead Task Force, Health Department staff have done presentations at City Council showing similar pictures, and the City has been able to hire an additional code enforcement officer. The City Attorney has also been able to implement fines for those landlords who do not show to court appearances when they have housing violations. The Task Force is working to implement the Spiegel Act. Monroe and Onondaga County have implemented their own versions of the Spiegel Act and we are working with Social Services to see about developing a similar program. The Task Force is also looking to see if there is any grant funding available to assist property owners to replace windows in older homes.

Eileen reported that Adam Effler, the executive director for the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council, recently had a meeting with the DEC regarding upgrading all streams in the Owasco Lake Watershed to an AA classification. Before someone can do work in an AA stream, they must get a permit from DEC which will protect the water quality of the watercourses. Dr. Effler has requested a letter of support from the Board of Health for when he submits his request. A motion to submit a letter of support was made by Dr. Brundage and seconded by Dr. Cosachov with all members in attendance in favor. We will get a letter drafted for Dr. Cosachov’s signature.

Coordinator of WIC Program: Tania Young, RD

Tania shared with the Board that they just hired a new nutritionist, Stacy Carter has started working and Tania is excited to have their nutrition staff back to full capacity again.

WIC also has a new marketing and promotion campaign through the National WIC association that is focusing on promoting healthy eating and positive body image.

Staff is currently working in the planning stages of the Big Latch On event held each year in August at Hoopes Park. The event is open to the public and they have lots of family friendly activities planned.

Tania has one more position to fill and hopefully by August the division will be fully staffed again.

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Gioia

Dr. Gioia spoke about seasonal injuries. This time of year have to be aware of insect bites, ticks and water safety.

With nothing further to discuss on motion by Tim Fessenden seconded by Dr. Archer the meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm.