

Cayuga County Board of Health
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
In-Person & Virtual @ 12:15pm

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

Members Excused: Mr. Ralph Battista

Guests Present: Riley Graney, Health Department Inter
Robert Harding, Citizen Newspaper

Staff Present: Dr. Philip Gioia- Medical Director
Janine Clifford
Eileen O'Connor, PE
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN
Deanna Ryan, MCH
Lorie Fischer, BS Ed
Megan Bell

Meeting was called to order at 12:16pm

Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Meeting:

With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022 Board of Health was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Dr. John Cosachov with all other members in attendance in favor. The minutes of the May 17, 2022 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.

President of the Board of Health: Keith Batman

Keith brought to the Board a discussion about outside presentations. Agencies and individuals have reached out to the Board requesting to give presentations and the Board discussed how they would like to proceed in the future. The Board tries to keep the meetings to one hour to respect all members schedules. After discussion the Board agreed that it will not entertain presentations from individual agencies but will entertain presentations on topics that promote the Boards ability to carry out its duties. Those who request to make a presentation will be asked to submit an explanation/justification for the presentation. This will be circulated before the Board before a decision is made.

Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford

Janine reviewed the claims with warrant dates of May 12, 2022 and May 26, 2022 and credit card statements with dates of April 29, 2022 and May 15, 2022. With no questions or concerns

regarding the claims a motion was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and second by Dr. Brian Brundage with all other members in attendance in favor.

Coordinator of Programs for Children with Special Needs: Lorie Fischer, BS Ed

Lorie shared that at the most recent legislature meeting a resolution was passed providing a pay increase for preschool service providers. Letters were sent to the providers notifying them of the pay increase that would begin on July 1. Lorie also shared that she recently has had some retired school district staff reach out with interest in providing preschool services. The State has created a task force to work with colleges to help gain interest in these fields.

Lorie also provided current statistics for the program which are:

Preschool 3-5 program: 300 students receiving services

Early Intervention- approximately 200 children receiving services, which Lorie has never seen in her almost 20 years working in Early Intervention

Child Find- approximately 119 children receiving services, again which Lorie has never seen in her tenure here.

Supervising Public Health Administrator: Deanna Ryan, MCH

Deanna shared with the Board the Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) documentation that gets updated annually prior to HAB season and disseminated to the public. It also shows the public where they can find updates/press releases issued by the Health Department and what avenues we utilize to get important notifications out to the public.

Staff has recently completed an overview packet outlining what the Health Department offers. Deanna shared that this document will be provided to new hires, interns and subcontractors to help them get a better understanding of what services are offered at the Health Department. Dr. Archer shared that it would be good to provide to physician offices to share with new physicians/staff so they are familiar with the resources in the area as well.

The COVID vaccine campaign has finally launched and will be viewable in multiple media outlets including movie theater ads, social media as well as commercials running on subscription services like HULU or Youtube TV.

Deanna introduced Riley Graney a pre-med student who will be doing an internship at the Health Department over the summer.

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

Nancy shared that since January 2021 we have had over 200 COVID vaccine clinics. Last week was the first week we did not offer a clinic and through July we will only be offering them every other week. We will most likely pick back up to weekly in August as everyone prepares to go back to school.

We have two days scheduled in July and two days in August where we will be offering back to school vaccinations and have begun making appointments for those.

Nancy shared that recently the COVID vaccine has been released for ages 6 months to 5 years and at this point in time Vaccine for under 5 years old has been released- hospital will lead this undertaking through their practices waiting hear from East Hill and Finger Lakes Community Health to see if they will be offering at their practices

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent Orders:

Cross Lake Park- Cato (T)

Hejamada Campsites- Montezuma (T)

Whitford Airport- Cato (T)

Duck Lake Mobile Home Park- Conquest (L)

Pleasant Valley Mobile Home Park- Moravia (T)

Owasco Lake Mennonite School- Fleming (T)

Meadowbrook Golf Course, Inc.- Brutus (T)

Falcon Lanes- Auburn (C)

Jreck Subs- Weedsport (V)

Octane Social House- Auburn (C)

Papa Paulie's Pizza- Auburn (C)

Historic Grounds- Auburn (C)

Moonflower Macarons- Auburn (C)

Nino's Pizzeria- Port Byron (V)

New York Pizzeria- Weedsport (V)

Blondy's- Auburn (C)

Classic Cones- Throop (T)

C.J's Pub & Restaurant- Weedsport (V)

Alan Caster

Cayuga Lake Estates- Locke (T)

Days Inn- Auburn (C)

Hyland Partners's Property- Ira (T)

Daino Property- Ira (T)

The Panda Smoke & Vape, LLC- Auburn (C) decision was presented by Eileen with proposed changes that the \$300 penalty with a mandatory \$250 surcharge fee would be for violating Article 13 Section 1399-cc(7) of the PHL for having vape products improperly displayed, not for having vape products for sale. In addition to specify that the assigned points will be assigned for 36 months, and if the retail dealer accumulates 3 or more points, the Health Department will notify the Dept of Taxation and Finance to suspend their tobacco license for 1 year.

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

Eileen updated the Board regarding Hydrilla treatments in Cayuga Lake. Hydrilla was first found in 2016 in Cayuga Lake near Aurora. The Army Corp of Engineers began treatment in 2017 using Fluoridone. Some spread of Hydrilla was noted in 2020 and 2021 so treatment areas have been increased mainly along the shoreline. This year the DEC will be participating in the treatment with the Army Corps and will be responsible for treating part of the area. All residents

who live within the treatment area have been notified regarding treatment and when it will begin by the applicator. Keith asked Eileen if Cayuga Lake was the only Cayuga County lake currently experiencing Hydrilla and currently it is.

The Department has received feedback regarding the updated Watershed Rules and Regulations that were sent to the State Health Department in December 2020. The NYSDOH stated that they will not be able to promulgate the proposed regulations as written and that the draft will need to be revised to remove contradictions with state law. NYSDOH has organized a State Inter-Agency Working Group that will include representatives of the Cayuga County Extended Staff Working Group that developed the draft WSRR. The current plan is to meet twice a month to review each section and come up with replacement language that will be acceptable to the NYSDOH. Dr. Brundage asked how long the revision process will take and Eileen shared that she is hopeful that the document will be completed by 2023.

Eileen shared with the Board some information regarding an increase in the number of vape shops in the County, mainly in the City of Auburn. Currently the county has 11 vape shops and there is another one scheduled to open soon. Of these 4 opened in the past 3 months. Recently the City of Auburn passed a moratorium on new shops opening for the next six months. Eileen just wanted to bring to the Board's attention the rise in number of these shops and the increase in the number of young people statewide who are using vape products. The County does have a local tobacco law, but it does not include a limit on the number of facilities that can sell tobacco products in the county.

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Philip Gioia

Dr. Gioia shared that often mental illness pairs with increased drug use and increased suicide rates. He also reminded the Board of the typical injury prevention items that increase in the Summer months.

Prior to adjournment Dr. Brundage commented on hospitalization and COVID vaccination status.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Brian Brundage and second by Dr. Cassandra Archer. With all other members in attendance in favor the meeting was adjourned at 1:32pm.