

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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

Members Excused: Ms. Aileen McNabb-Coleman
Mr. Keith Batman

Guests Present: Ms. Monika Salvage- HEALing Communities Study
Mr. Dwight Martin
Mr. Andy Miller
Mr. Nate Garland- City of Auburn
Mr. Andrew Snell-Watershed Inspection Program

Staff Present: Janine Clifford
Eileen O'Connor, PE
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN
Brittany Massi-County Attorney's Office
Dr. Gioia- Medical Director
Megan Bell

Meeting was called to order at 12:15pm.

Minutes of November 26, 2019:

With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Archer and seconded by Dr. Brundage. The minutes of the November 26, 2019 Board of Health were approved as written.

Presentation by Mr. Dwight Martin:

Mr. Martin requested to speak to the Board regarding his Board of Health order. Mr. Andy Miller worked with Mr. Martin on the plan that was required as part of this order. Mr. Miller explained that part of the plan holds sensitive business information that would need to remain private and that was why he had not submitted a copy to the Health Department. Eileen O'Connor reviewed the Board of Health order that Mr. Martin needs to comply with. Mr. Miller said that the plan does address each of the items that were required in the order. Dr. Cosachov asked if they could broadly explain what was entailed in the plan. Mr. Miller explained that the plan is fluid based on a variety of factors pertaining to Mr. Martin's business and the direction he decides to go with his business. Mr. Miller described a lack of curbing on the concrete slab and removing the animals from the problem area as items that have been addressed with flexibility based upon the direction Mr. Martin wishes to go. Dr. Brundage asked how many cows are housed in the barn and if the cows typically are in the area of the concrete slab. Mr. Martin said that it is a 60 stall barn and that the cows go through the area a couple times a day to get to

various pastures. Mr. Martin explained that he would like to put in some diversions and establish grass in the area to re-direct where they water is going and use the grass as a better opportunity for nutrients to infiltrate and prevent nutrient runoff.

The Board questioned how they would know if the plan was being implemented properly if they are not aware of the measures that were suggested/implemented to stop the run-off since the plan is not being shared with the Health Department. Mr. Miller suggested that potentially a meeting could be scheduled between Mr. Martin, himself, Drew and a member of the Health Department to go over the plan. Eileen can then share appropriate information with the Board.

Mr. Martin also asked the Board if they would consider waiving the \$1,000 fine as he failed to meet the December 1st deadline for plan submission. Mr. Martin said that he had a difficult time getting together with a planner. Mr. Miller said that they had a plan together in concept before Thanksgiving but were not able to get it on paper until after the deadline. The Board said that they will discuss the fine levied against Mr. Martin and let him know of their decision.

The Board discussed how they would like to proceed regarding the fine against Mr. Martin. Eileen said that this particular farm has been on the watershed inspection committee radar for a number of year. Mr. Fessenden shared that there is funding through Soil and Water to assist farmers with projects, but they often have a hard time finding engineers or other required workers to actually carry out the work. Mr. Battista asked if the inspection program focuses on problem issues. Eileen shared that she is not sure, but that she hopes they are visiting properties that tend to have issues more frequently. The Board can invite Adam Effler and Drew Snell to their next meeting if they would like to discuss how they are monitoring properties that may have issues or have had issues in the past. Eileen stated that she can ask her staff to make joint site visits with Drew if that is something the board would like.

After discussion Dr. Archer made a motion to hold Mr. Martin to the \$1,000 fine stated in the Board of Health Order. Dr. Brundage seconded the motion and with all members in attendance in favor except Ralph Battista who abstained.

Director of Environmental Health: Eileen O'Connor, PE

Eileen introduced Andrew (Drew) Snell, Watershed Inspection Program Inspector to the Board members. The need for on-going monitoring of the Martin property was discussed.

Eileen stated that she will discuss with Aileen McNabb-Coleman about reaching out to Soil and Water to see if there is the possibility that they can make Mr. Martin's property a priority if he chooses to reach out to them for financial assistance with any projects outlined in his plan.

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent Orders:

Sakura Buffet- Auburn (C)

Curley's Restaurant- Auburn (C)

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

Eileen stated that Kathleen Gore's term as a member of the Variance Committees term has expired at the end of 2019. Eileen would like to have her re-appointed for another term as she is still willing to participate. A motion to re-appoint Ms. Gore to the variance committee for another term was made by Dr. Brundage with a second by Ralph Battista and all other members in attendance in favor.

Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford

Janine reviewed the claims with warrant dates of 12/30/19 and 12/31/19 and the credit cards statement with a date of 1/15/2020. With no questions or concerns a motion to approve the claims was made by Dr. Brundage and a second by Tim Fessenden with all other members in attendance in favor.

Eileen stated that she had another item that would need the Boards vote. A member of the Variance Committees term is expiring Kathleen Gore. Eileen would like to have her re-appointed for another term as she is still willing to participate. A motion to re-appoint Ms. Gore to the variance committee for another term was made by Dr. Brundage with a second by Ralph Battista and all other members in attendance in favor. Ms. Gore is re-appointed to the Variance Committee for another term.

HEALing Communities Study: Monika Salvage, Project Manager

Monika Salvage introduced herself to the Board and shared that she is the project manager on a new grant/research study at the Mental Health Office called HEALing Communities. Monika stated that the opioid epidemic has been deemed a public health crisis therefore she felt it important to inform the Board of this initiative going on in our community. It is a 4 year study in conjunction with Columbia University. The goal is to reduce opioid overdose deaths in our community. Cayuga County was chosen because they have a higher than average rate of opioid overdose deaths outside New York City in the state. This project is set up a little different than a typical grant because it is a research study. It is a community driven approach to fix the issues through evidence based practices. The initial step is putting together a steering committee who will be the decision makers regarding which evidence based practice will be utilized. Some of the practices suggested in the parameters focus on education and stigma reduction, naloxone and naran training, medication versus treatment and prescribing practices which focuses on working with the physicians and other professionals who can prescribe medicine in the community. Monika shared that the project is housed at the Mental Health office which is directed by Ray Bizzari, Monika will operate as the project manager and they will be bringing a few other staff members on for implementation and data analysis.

Dr. Cosachov asked if the research data will be published just with Columbia or if there will local information published as well. Monika shared that it will be both as Columbia is in charge of the project and that information will also go on local agency websites.

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

Nancy gave a brief update on the Hepatitis A outbreaks that have been happening statewide. Cayuga County had our first case diagnosed in the Cayuga County Jail. Staff had to work with Jail staff and develop a contact list and involve the State Health Department. We have been lucky, in that we have not had a restaurant worker related outbreak yet. Those are what often times trigger the larger scale pods, etc. We run an immunization clinic at the jail every month

and Hepatitis A is offered to the inmates. After the recent outbreak we have a jail clinic scheduled for this Thursday and over 75 inmates have signed up as well as 30 jail employees also expressing interest in receiving their vaccine as well. Staff also plans to have an after action meeting with the Jail administration to help with efficiency in the future. Staff is also planning a restaurant campaign to encourage restaurant employees to get vaccinated.

Nancy also shared some program statistics to be included in the meeting minutes. Current lead case management number are: 52 total cases. 8 of them have been closed due to lost to follow up or refusal for follow up contact. All 52 received initial education. Staff monitors cases until the blood lead level is below 5mcg/dl.

Flu is considered widespread for the eighth week, a 22% increase within New York State since last week.

Corona Virus-NYSDOH has issued a mandate for Health Departments to post a warning sign at entrances, similar to the EBOLA warning sign. Currently, how it is spread is airborne/person to person remains unknown, thus CDC and NYSDOH recommends healthcare facilities have available personal protective equipment of masks and gloves; and interview patient for having traveled to Wuhan, China within the past 2 weeks. They are encouraging the public if they have visited Wuhan to call ahead before going to MD or emergency department.

Nancy also shared an outline of the Community Health Services division 2019 accomplishments.

Medical Director's Report: Dr. Gioia

Dr. Gioia discussed the Hepatitis A outbreaks and shared that daycare centers are also Daycare centers also vulnerable population offer it to children at age 1 even though not required
Always suggested when traveling
Motor vehicle accidents

With nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Dr. Cosachov to adjourn the meeting and a second by Ralph Battista with all members in attendance in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1:32pm.