

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
Digital Meeting @ 12:15pm

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

Staff Present: Kathleen Cuddy, MPH  
Eileen O'Connor, PE  
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN  
Lorie Fischer, BS Ed  
Janine Clifford  
Dr. Gioia- Medical Director  
Megan Bell  
Rich Graham- County Attorney's office

Guests Present: Dan Purcell, Legal Counsel for Wegmans

Meeting called to order at 12:18pm.

**Minutes of January 26, 2021:**

With no questions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Keith Batman and seconded by Dr. Cassandra Archer the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved as written.

**Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford**

Janine reviewed the claims with a warrant dates of 01/12/2021 and 01/26/2021 and the credit card statements with a dates of 12/29/2021 and 01/15/2021. With no questions or concerns, a motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Ralph Battista and seconded by Ms. Elane Daly. All other in attendance in favor.

**Dan Purcell, Legal Counsel for Wegmans:**

Mr. Purcell addressed the Board of Health on behalf of his client, Wegmans, regarding their recent Board of Health hearing the concluding hearing officer's recommendation to the Board.

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

Lorie shared that the program is continuing to receive referrals daily and current programs numbers are as follows: Early Intervention 130, Preschool Special Education (3-5) 190, and Child Find 113.

There are currently 20 children on a waitlist for special education services and speech services are getting close to needing a waitlist.

Service coordinators continue to serve families virtually and both Early Intervention providers and Preschool service providers are conducting therapy both in-person and virtually. Service Coordinators also continue to assist the Department in COVID duties.

Elane asked about the waitlist for the special education services. Lorie shared that it is mainly for the Preschool Special Education program because Special Education Itinerant Teachers (SEIT) service providers have to be attached to an agency, they cannot operate as an independent provider. Also SEIT services are typically rendered in the school/classroom setting and due to the on-going pandemic many parents/guardians opted to withhold in person learning for their preschool aged children.

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

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent Orders:

DJ & J Farms- Genoa (T)

Napa Auto Parts- Moravia (V)

Auburn Bottle Return- Auburn (C)

BJ's Wholesale Club- Sennett (T)

Drifters on Owasco- Moravia (T)

Tops Friendly Market- Auburn (C)

With no further questions or concerns a motion to approve the Hearing and Consent orders was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Dr. John Cosachov. All other members in attendance in favor.

The Board then discussed the Wegman's hearing officers decision. Dr. Cassandra Archer motion to approve the Hearing Officer's decision as written, the motion was seconded by Dr. John Cosachov and all other members in attendance were in favor.

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

Kathleen shared that there has not been update regarding sports guidance and we have had some positive cases amongst the area high school sports teams.

Testing continues to be offered in Cayuga County. The Health Department partners with Auburn Community Hospital and the Cayuga County Emergency Management office to offer both symptomatic and asymptomatic testing.

Vaccination clinics continue as well. The Health Department must still follow the eligibility guidelines that have been determined by the State Health Department.

Kathleen shared that the Board must appoint new officers and that if the current executive Board could stay on after the meeting to have a brief discussion regarding nominating new officers.

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

Nancy shared with the Board some updated guidance documentation for schools. The Board reviewed the guidance and Dr. Brundage wanted to ensure that this document would continue to be reviewed and updated as CDC and State guidance are updated. Dr. Cassandra Archer motioned to approve the guidance and seconded by Dr. Brian Brundage and approved by all members in attendance.

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

Dr. Gioia shared that the Johnson and Johnson should be available in March and that will help with widespread vaccine distribution.

Dr. Archer made a motion to support the proposed pay increases for Nancy, Kathleen and Eileen. All members were in favor.

With nothing further to discuss Mr. Ralph Battista made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a all members in attendance in favor the meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm.