

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting  
Tuesday, June 27, 2023  
In-person & Virtual @ 12:15pm

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

Members Excused: Dr. Brian Brundage  
Dr. Dorothy Ainsworth  
Mr. Ralph Battista

Guests Present: Mr. Charles Hart  
Ms. Monica Salvage

Staff Present: Dr. Philip Gioia, Medical Director  
Kathleen Cuddy, MPH  
Deanna Ryan, MCH  
Eileen O'Connor, PE  
Janine Clifford  
Megan Bell

The meeting was called to order at 12:19pm.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Charles Hart addressed the Board in regards to a fine associated with his Board of Health order for not having his septic system inspected as required. Mr. Fessenden asked for clarification on the timeline leading up to the Board of Health order and Eileen O'Connor clarified. Elane Daly asked if the \$100 fine was a financial hardship for Mr. Hart.

**Minutes of the May 16, 2023 Board of Health Meeting:** With no questions or corrections a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 Board of Health meeting was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer with a second from Mr. Tim Fessenden and all other in attendance in favor.

**Healing Communities Presentation: Monika Salvage**

Monika Salvage presented to the Board on the Healing Communities study that has recently wrapped up in Cayuga County. The study focused on opioid addiction in the community. The study developed some very successful processes, trainings and programs that are directly responsible for the reduction in overdose deaths in our community. Monika shared that she has been successful in securing additional funding to build upon the successes of the Healing Communities program work.

**Director of Administrative Services:**

Janine reviewed the claims with warrant dates of 05/11/2023 and 05/25/2023 and credit card statements with dates of 4/29/2023 and 5/15/2023. With no questions or discussion, a motion to

approve the claims was made by Ms. Elane Daly and seconded by Mr. Tim Fessenden with all other members in attendance in favor.

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

Kathleen updated the Board on the communicable disease stats and immunization clinic stats from the last month. Typical seasonal upticks in certain communicable diseases. Summer immunization clinics are beginning to fill up with students needing vaccination for the upcoming school year.

Kathleen updated the Board on the remaining vacancies at the Health Department. We are still looking for a WIC CPA or a nutritionist. We have set up some interviews and are hoping to have a candidate in the near future. We are also setting up interviews for Junior Accountant and EI Service Coordinator. We still have no applicants for our Director of Community Health Services position and are going to do some adjusting to the advertisements.

The State did recently pass changes to regulatory obligations of local health departments that also operate as an Article 28 Diagnostic and Treatment Center and as an Article 36 LHCSA. Kathleen is hopeful that this will mean less administrative tasks and regulatory hoops for the Department.

Kathleen shared with the Board that she was recently elected to the Board of Directors for NYSACHO. This will mean participation in monthly meetings as well subcommittees.

**Deputy Director of Health Services: Deanna Ryan, MCH**

Deanna shared that Tania Young has returned as the WIC Program Coordinator. She started back yesterday and they have begun to interviewing for vacant positions. WIC also has a vacant peer counselor position and they have an individual ready to start once the resolution is passed. Nursing staff is also assisting with breastfeeding consultations while WIC is down staff. Farmers Markets coupons were released in June and staff will be in attendance at the farmers market to distribute coupons to participants and answer any questions about how to redeem them. WIC staff will also be participating in world breastfeeding week with their own "Latching Littles" event. The event will take place in August during world breastfeeding week at Clifford Park in Auburn.

Deanna shared that we have a new Director of Health Education and Public Information, Deborah Pickering started in early June and we are excited for what she will bring to the role.

The Healthy Neighborhoods Program has begun summer canvassing and they have left information for over 1,000 homeowners. The program has hired some summer work staff that have been helping with the canvassing along with members of the Auburn Fire Department.

The Bike Wheelsport program is working in partnership with the City of Auburn to offer bike rodeos and helmet give aways at City Parks through the Auburn Rec Program. The program also has a scheduled event at Fair Haven Beach park in July and is working on scheduling one with Filmore Glen. Program staff are also working on scheduling an event with the Port Byron Library.

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

Eileen reviewed the Hearing and Consent Orders:

The Board discussed the request of Mr. Hart to waive the \$100 fine associated with his Board of Health order from May 16<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer to reduce the fine attached to Mr. Hart's May 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Health order to \$50. A second was made by Elane Daly with all other members in attendance in favor. The Board of Health will issue a new Board of Health Order to Mr. Hart with a reduced fine of \$50.

Eileen reviewed the remaining Hearing and Consent Orders:

Spa at the Inns of Aurora- Ledyard (T)

Wendy's- Auburn (C)

Dunkin Donuts- Aurelius (T)

Waynes Construction

Kessler's Septic Service, LLC- Genoa (T)

Pleasant Valley Mobile Home Park- Moravia (T)

David Warrick- Auburn (C)

Citizens Telecomm Property- Cato (T)

Vanwie Property- Cato (T)

Schultz Property- Cato (T)

Schlueter Property- Cato (T)

O'Connor Property- Cato (T)

Schlueter Sheet Metal Property- Cato (T)

With no further questions or concerns a motion to accept the Hearing and Consent Orders was made by Dr. John Cosachov with a second from Elane Daly. All other members in attendance in favor.

Eileen reported that there is a meeting this Thursday with NYSDOH for the Watershed Rules and Regulations technical group. She also said that HABs have been reported on Owasco Lake already this year and that Auburn's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter disinfection by-product results were the highest 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter results since they have been collecting this data.

Eileen shared some information regarding wastewater testing for COVID-19 and how they are using it to predict trends in hospitalizations from COVID. This information is available to the public on-line.

She also shared with the Board some updated information regarding the hydrilla treatment in Cayuga Lake. This treatment will continue each year as maintenance and to keep it from spreading to other parts of the lake.

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

Dr. Gioia shared that it can be worrisome to be seeing HABs so early in the season.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Cassandra Archer and seconded by Mr. Tim Fessenden with all other members in attendance in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.