

Cayuga County Board of Health Meeting  
Tuesday September 24, 2019

Members Present: Dr. John Cosachov  
Mr. Keith Batman  
Dr. Cassandra Archer  
Ms. Aileen McNabb-Coleman

Members Excused: Dr. Brian Brundage  
Mr. Tim Fessenden  
Mr. Ralph Battista

Staff Present: Donna Gilfus  
Eileen O'Connor, PE  
Megan Bell  
Kathleen Cuddy, MPH  
Maxine Kinsella, RN, BSN  
Nancy Purdy, RN, BSN  
Brittany Massi- County Attorney's Office  
Dr. Philip Gioia

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

Kathleen shared that the Water Shed Rules and Regulations update project is moving along. Staff is meeting each week and continue to respond to the community input on the proposed draft. The group is looking to have a steering committee meeting in the next few weeks and then hopefully the draft will be presented to the Town of Owasco and the City of Auburn for review and adoption before they send it to the State for review.

The Community Health Improvement Plan and the Community Health Assessment are currently being working on by staff as they are mandated every five years. We utilized a public survey to obtain input from the community and we had an excellent turn out. Nancy and Deanna along with some interns really worked hard on getting the survey out into the community. Kathleen will shared them with the Board before they are submitted to the State and posted on our website.

Kathleen shared that the State will move forward with the October 1<sup>st</sup> start date for the new lead regulations. Currently nursing staff and environmental staff do not open up a case until the lead level is 15 or above, with the State's new regulations that has been lowered to 5ug/dL. We are working on some community grants for lead improvement to area housing. The grant will focus on window replacements, radon mitigation and roof and heating issues. The Lead Task Force is also working on some grants working with the Allyn Foundation and the Emerson Foundation and monies would be available to both landlords with rental properties and home owners. The foundations would like to see window and door replacements. If we can pilot this programming successfully for a few years hopefully we will be able to apply for federal funding through HUD in the future.

Nancy mentioned that these new regulations will affect physician offices as well as testing and follow up practices will need to be adjusted.

Eileen shared that one of her concerns is that most often when a child is poisoned with a level of 15 and over and staff go into the home for a lead investigation the source of the lead poisoning is obvious. She feels that it will be more difficult to identify the source of poisoning for a child with a level of 5ug/dL.

Kathleen shared that vaping has been in the headlines recently. New York State has now banned flavored vaping products with the exception of mint and menthol. 84 cases of vaping related lung illnesses in New York State are being followed by the CDC. The age of purchase of tobacco in New York State will raise to 21 in November 2019. The Governor is requesting State police accompany Health Department staff when carrying out ATUPA checks.

Nancy mentioned that Danielle from the Cancer Services Program was sent to school to become a smoking cessation expert within Health Department.

Kathleen also mentioned how appreciative the Army Corp of Engineers was in regards to Environmental Health staff's response to the early application of endotoxin in Cayuga Lake to treat the Hydrilla. One of the area legislatures also shared with Kathleen some positive comments they had received from constituents in regards to the Health Department's staff quick notification to the public.

Meeting was officially called to order at 12:33pm once a quorum was obtained.

**Director of Administrative Services: Janine Clifford, In her Place: Donna Gilfus**

Donna reviewed the credit card statements dated 8/15/19- 8/28/19 and 8/29/19-9/13/19 as well as the claims with warrant dates of 08/20/19 and 9/3/19 with the Board. With no questions a motion to approve the claims and credit card statements was made by Dr. Archer and seconded by Aileen McNabb-Coleman.

**Minutes of August 27, 2019:**

With no questions or correction, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Batman and second by Aileen McNabb-Coleman. The minutes of the August 27, 2019 Board of Health were approved as written.

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

Hearing and Consent Orders:

Eileen presented the Hearing and Consent orders to the Board. The Board discussed the Locust Meadow Mobile Home Park and the Martin Property separately.

After reviewing the Hearing Officer's decision the Board proposed adding language to include an attachment that outlined each individual occurrence of each violation. They also proposed changing the deadline from October 1 to November 1 due to the delay of Board review.

On a motion by Dr. Archer to accept the language revision to include an attachment outlining the individual occurrences of each violation and to adjust the deadline to November 1<sup>st</sup> with a second

from Dr. Cosachov, the motion passed unanimously. The Locust Meadow Mobile Home Park Hearing was adopted as a formal Board of Health order.

The Board discussed the Hearing Officer's Decision on the Martin property. Dr. Cosachov asked when Mr. Martin was notified of the issue and if he has made any adjustments to stop the manure from going into the ditch. Eileen said that Mr. Martin has reached out to the Health Department a couple of times and seems willing to work on a correction, but the Health Department has not been made aware of any adjustments to date.

The Board would like additional language added to the decision to say that a fine of a \$1,000 per month will be due and payable each month following November 1<sup>st</sup> that manure is found to be entering the ditch on Ensenore Rd. A motion by Dr. Archer to add the additional requirement to the original Hearing Officer's decision was seconded by Mr. Keith Batman. All in attendance in favor.

After the Board voted upon the Locust Meadow Mobile Home Park and the Martin Property hearings separately Eileen presented the remaining Hearing and Consent orders:

The Crane Company- Cottrell Road Property Cato (T)

Downtown Deli-Auburn (C)

A motion approve the remaining consent orders was made by Dr. Cosachov and seconded by Keith Batman with all other members in attendance in favor.

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

Nancy discussed with the Board the Health Department's new launched campaign called Health Mom, Health Baby Healthy Community. Staff just did a press conference launching the campaign and Maxine the supervisor for the home visitation programs at the Health Department is here to share a little bit about the campaign. Maxine shared that the goal of the campaign is to let everyone in our community know that there are a lot of programs in our community to help pregnant women, new moms and families. The goal of the campaign is to get moms referred to services that are offered either by the Health Department or other community agencies. Maxine shared with the Board a list of questions/discussion topics she tries to cover when she reaches out to the referred mom. The Health Department had developed some brochures to help get the word out to the community about the campaign. Maxine and staff worked on strengthening relationships with other community programs such as WIC and provider offices like AOG. Referrals have begun to increase and staff have been referring out to other agencies as well such as: healthy families, pregnancy care center and Auburn Housing Authority.

Nancy updated the Board on school immunization clinics. The Health Department held 16 clinics in September and 7 in August. Staff is working to get students vaccinated to keep them in school prior to the exclusion deadline. School staff and parents have been reaching out and we have done our best to accommodate them as quickly as we can.

The Health Department had a phone bank drill where the scenario was a do not drink order being issued. The drill went very well and are still working on the outcomes from the drill. It is a huge asset to the county to have the capability to operate a phone bank in any emergency situation.

#### **Medical Directors Report: Dr. Philip Gioia**

Dr. Gioia shared that stomach bug is going around as well as some viral illnesses. The flu is not widespread yet.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned on motion by Dr. Archer and seconded by Dr. Cosachov.