



Seneca County Public Health
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes



Date: February 16, 2022	Time: 4:00 p.m.	Location: Meeting held via Telephone call (WebEx)—and Hero’s Conference Room in the main County Office Building
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Present: In person: Joseph Lorenzetti MD, Scott King, Martha Bond, Kimberly Abate, Mary Jump, Joseph Borst
WebEx: Tim Ryan MD, Grace Freier MD
Absent:
Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm Dr. Ryan.			
Consent Agenda	The January agenda and written Public Health Reports were sent to members prior to the meeting. A. A motion was made to approve the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes by Martha Bond and seconded by Joseph Borst. All members present voted to accept the January minutes. B. A motion was made to accept Environmental Health and Public Health reports by Martha Bond, seconded by Joseph Borst. All members present voted to accept the department reports.	Review/Action	Board	Closed
Approval of Monthly Warrant Expenditures	The Board reviewed the monthly warrant of expenditures. A motion was made by Joseph Lorenzetti MD and seconded by Joseph Borst to approve the monthly warrant expenditures. All members present voted in favor of approving the monthly warrant of expenditures. Scott King said he would like to send out a tentative warrant in order to give members more time to review it.	Review/ Discussion/ action	Board	Closed
2020 Annual Report	Scott King will notify Margaret Li (clerk to the board) that the report is completed for the Board of Supervisors to review. Dr. Lorenzetti had questions/concerns about the preschool costs. Scott said he would look into it. The 2021 annual report will be starting soon.	Review/Action	Board	

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Departmental Issues	Discussion only	Board	Open
<p>A. Staffing</p>	<p>Project Coordinator (CHSC Grant): This is for the CHSC grant. This position has been posted. Mo Tidball has made progress with partners getting things up and going, but the preference is to have a county employee managing this. Currently there are no qualified applicants. It was discussed that the one qualified applicant that did apply (would not vaccinate) be approached again to see if they possibly would reconsider. Dr. Lorenzetti thought he knew of someone from the south end of county who might be interested.</p> <p>Full time nursing position has been posted.</p> <p>Director of Preventative Services: No applicants as of yet.</p>		
<p>B. BOH Membership</p>	<p>BOH Membership: Dale Freier is a potential new member. Also considering Tiffany Folk for a position as she is very involved with suicide awareness in the community.</p>		
<p>COVID-19 Update</p>			
<p>A. Cases/Quarantines</p>	<p>Case counts have dropped dramatically since last month's meeting (less than 20 per day). The Seneca County HD nurses were able to have the past weekend off, much needed time off. Dr. Ryan feels that the numbers may be a bit skewed due to the home testing.</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>B. Testing</p>	<p>Demand has dropped significantly as well.</p>		
<p>C. Vaccination Clinics</p>	<p>The demand has decreased so we are backing off clinics to possibly 1-2x per month. We will start to use our own staff due to the low demand. Vaccinations for 5-11 yr olds held on 2/4/22, small attendance. Next clinic for this age group is 2/25/22.</p> <p>Dr. Freier asked if we will do clinics for 6 months to 5 years. Possibly be available in April. She also asked about school mask mandates. Dr. Freier indicated that WellNow intends to give the COVID vaccine for 6 months to 4 yr olds once it is approved by CDC/NYSDOH. Dr. Lorenzetti suggested that children with immune issues should continue to wear masks</p>		



<p>D. School Testing Grant: Other Brief Program Updates</p>	<p>regardless of school policy. Discussion that SCHD should continue to recommend masking in schools for certain higher risk populations, etc.</p> <p>D. School Testing Grant: All schools are testing.</p>		
<p>Agenda Items Submitted by Board Members</p>	<p>Maternal Child Health – Ashley Lott has taken over this program to improve situations with new moms and babies to help with breast feeding issues, etc.</p> <p>Lead – Kristina Knight is handling the Lead program with changes from the state. Cases have increased in recent years.</p> <p>Watershed Protection Law – Local Law #7 of the Year 2021.</p> <p>SCHD will be conducting training to certify inspectors for septic systems (training to be advertised). A database will be created to track systems. Currently the inspections will be for properties within 250' of Cayuga Lake, Seneca Lake and the canal. It will also be required to have any property in the county that transfers to protect new home buyers. The Board of Supervisors will be deciding on the fees for the inspectors and for registered contractors.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan wanted to thank the entire staff of the Health Department for all that they have done during Covid.</p> <p>Martha Bond had HABS questions about Seneca Lake. She is going to send a link to Mary Jump regarding HABS as Martha is a member of SLPWA.</p>	<p>Review/ Discussion/ Action</p>	<p>Scott</p> <p>Closed</p>

There being no further discussions by the Board, motion to adjourn was made **Dr. Timothy Ryan MD**, and seconded by **Dr. Lorenzetti**.
Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

The next meeting will be held **March 16, 2022 at 4:00 PM**
Seneca County Health Department Conference Room/via Webex

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Reviewed by,

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