



Seneca County Public Health
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes



Date: June 15, 2022	Time: 4:00 p.m.	Location: Meeting held via Telephone call (WebEx)—and Conference Room in the Seneca County Health Department Building
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Present: In person: Joseph Lorenzetti MD, Grace Freier MD, Joseph Borst, Martha Bond, Scott King, Mary Jump
WebEx: Tim Ryan MD, Tiffany Folk
Absent: Dale Freier MD, Kimberly Abate
Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Dr. Ryan.			
Consent Agenda	The June agenda and written Public Health Reports were sent to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the May 18, 2022 meeting minutes by Joseph Borst and seconded by Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti. All members present voted to accept the May minutes. 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 Borst and seconded by Joseph Lorenzetti MD to approve the monthly warrant expenditures. All members present voted in favor of approving the monthly warrant of expenditures.	Review/ Discussion/ action	Board	Closed
Landfill Odor/Sewer Odor Update	Since last meeting, no additional allegations in regards to sewer odors have been received. Scott received a response to a letter sent to Waterloo Container. Mr. Lutz (Waterloo Container) requested our office to consider installing continuous air monitoring and issuing a community advisory alert in regards to the sewer odor issue. Mr. Lutz also expressed a great deal of frustration with the Town of Seneca Falls which he alleges poor communication between the town and himself. Scott met with NYSDOH including representatives of the Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment and they offered some recommendations and advice. BOH members all agreed the letter Scott sent to Waterloo Container was very well written.	Scott	Scott	Open

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<p>2023 Budget Process</p>	<p>It had been brought to Scott's attention by Chersti Kuhlmann and the Early Intervention/preschool coordinators that it is becoming increasingly difficult to retain speech, physical and occupational providers because we are reimbursing at \$55 per half hour session and that rate has not been increased since 2019. Providers are not reimbursed for mileage. The surrounding counties with whom we share many providers are increasing their rates. Scott is going to propose increasing our rates for providers in order to help retain their services. We've been given the opportunity for a "No Cost Extension" for the school testing grant. No additional money given but Scott says there is enough money in that grant for it to continue for the 2022-2023 school year. State has not said yet what their requirements will be for the upcoming school year. We have an adult Covid vaccine clinic this week but the demand is starting to wane. A clinic is scheduled for the 5-12 year old booster vaccine on July 22. Looking to schedule a clinic for 6 months to 5 year olds during the last week of July with the follow-up dose the last week of August. Going forward we are only going to offer the Moderna vaccine as it is easier for us to store it. Pfizer has to be ordered in larger quantities that we cannot use fast enough. It is recommended that we have a medical doctor in house for the 6 month to 5 year old vaccines. Dr. Grace Freier offered her services on Fridays and Dr. Lorenzetti said he may be available as well. Dr. Ryan said he would be able to help also. The clinic for the 6 month to 5 year old is hinging on the state's final approval and the standing orders.</p> <p>Seneca County Health Department is continuing to offer the free test kits at our door and at Office of the Aging. Currently averaging 5 reported cases per day. Severity of cases has decreased.</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>COVID Update</p>	<p>Sara Flack starts on Tuesday, June 21st for the position of Project Director for the CHSC grant. Mo Tidball is going to come in a couple of times next week to help Sara transition into the role. Director of Preventative Services – Scott sent a member request to NYSACHO to get some feedback from other counties who have had trouble filling that position as to how they tweaked the</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Departmental Issues A. Staffing</p>	<p>Sara Flack starts on Tuesday, June 21st for the position of Project Director for the CHSC grant. Mo Tidball is going to come in a couple of times next week to help Sara transition into the role. Director of Preventative Services – Scott sent a member request to NYSACHO to get some feedback from other counties who have had trouble filling that position as to how they tweaked the</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Meeting</p>	<p>job descriptor. Public Health Corps Fellows Grant – Have an interview on Friday. An ideal candidate could possibly be a college student that would work approximately 3 days per week on the Environmental Health side. NYS open meetings – Scott and Dr. Ryan met with county attorney regarding the suspension of the NYS open meetings law. As of June 16, 2022 virtual meetings will no longer be allowed except under certain allowances. County attorney will put together a proposal for these exceptions that meet the criteria and will be sent to Scott and Dr. Ryan for review and will then bring forward to the full board for review/approval. Also spoke about the public's rights and abilities to participate in any open meetings held by the Board of Health. It was determined that we have to meet 10-12 times per year. It was decided that the BOH will not meet in the month of August. Dr. Lorenzetti approved the motion with Tiffany Folk and Martha Bond seconding it. There were no items submitted by the board.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Agenda Items Submitted by Board Members</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. Grace Freier and seconded by Joseph Borst.
Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be held July 20, 2022 at 4:00 PM
Seneca County Health Department Conference Room/via Webex

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Reviewed by,

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Director of Public Health

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