



Seneca County Public Health  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes



<b>Date:</b> October 19, 2022	<b>Time:</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>Location:</b> Meeting held via WebEx and in-person in the Conference Room in the Seneca County Health and Senior Services Building
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Present: In person: Scott King, Joseph Lorenzetti MD, Martha Bond, Sara Flack, Kimberly Abate, Joseph Borst, Grace Freier MD, Mary Jump, Jillian Kosinski  
 WebEx: Tim Ryan MD  
 Absent: Tiffany Folk, Dale Freier MD  
 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 October agenda and written Public Health Reports were sent to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the September 21, 2022 meeting minutes by Grace Freier MD and seconded by Joseph Borst. All members present voted to accept the September minutes. All members present voted to accept the department reports. Supervisor Borst mentioned that the BOS approved the reappointment of Dr. Ryan to serve as our medical director for an additional two years.	Review/Action	Board	Closed
Approval of Monthly Warrant Expenditures for October	The Board reviewed the monthly warrant of expenditures. A motion was made by Joseph Borst and seconded by Grace Freier 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
Departmental Issues A. Staffing - Director of Preventative Services - Sanitarian (HNP) B. Budget Update (2022-23) C. Suicide Prevention Grant Application	Scott stated that the BOS voted to accept \$490,000 in septic system replacement program funding for Cayuga Lake. He also mentioned that the BOS approved moving some money from contingency to help our Pre-K transportation line. Director of Preventative Services position is still vacant. Scott has spoken with the regional coordinator with public health fellowship to help us recruit for the position. He is also going to list the position through NYSACHO to put on their website.	Information/ Discussion	Scott	Open

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<p><b>D. Early Intervention Grant Renewal</b></p>	<p>HNP Sanitarian position is still open. Going to utilize Jillian Kosinski and two other two other staff members to help get the program off the ground until a qualified candidate can be found. Budget update – Met with County Manager briefly on 2023 proposal. Modest increases where needed. Pre-K budget line being bumped up with the hopes of not needing to use contingency fund next year. Will need to start looking to replace one of the department’s current vehicles (Nissan Rogue) as it is having mechanical issues. Would like something larger that will be able to transport equipment needed for our tabling and off-site events. Dr. Lorenzetti had questions about the Public Health Fellows Corps in regards to what it pays for. Scott explained that it pays for two public health fellow employees, a graduate fellow and a local coordinator (which is being split with two other counties). Suicide Prevention Grant application – A small grant (\$12,500) was applied for that would be intended for suicide prevention programming education. Early Intervention Grant Renewal – An annual grant from NYSDOH - amount remains the same as in the past (\$28,000).</p>			
<p><b>COVID Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Cases</li> <li>B. Vaccine Clinics</li> <li>C. Testing-Schools and OTC distribution</li> <li>D. 2020-2021 COVID Response Infographic</li> </ul>	<p>It was discussed that SCHD should offer a Bivalent COVID vaccine clinic for children (ages 6-17). SCHD is planning a clinic for adults on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Lorenzetti brought up that Geneva General Hospital currently has eight people hospitalized with COVID. Testing – Lower level of testing in schools when compared to last year, but still testing each day. Testing hours have also been reduced in the schools at Waterloo and Seneca Falls. 2020-2021 COVID Response Infographic sheet was handed out in the packets. It showed some of the response activities by SCHD.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p><b>Monkeypox Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Declared an STI by NYSDOH</li> </ul>	<p>NYSDOH has declared that Monkeypox is a sexually transmitted infection. Currently no new cases in Seneca County.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>



<p>Creating Healthy Schools and Communities Grant Update</p>	<p>Sara Flack reported on CHSC grant activities from Year 1 and what Year 2 will hold. A Year 1 Progress Report was distributed. She reported that the Food Service guideline component provided a new refrigeration unit for the House of Concern to provide more dairy, fresh produce, scratch made soups that were being offered and donated. She also spoke of the physical activity access component of the program that helped fund various projects around the community. She discussed what was going on at the schools with various projects like new equipment for recess and gym classes as well as grow towers, garden beds, and other projects. For Early Child Care and Education component, SCHD subcontracted with Child and Family Resources who were fully trained in nourishing healthy eaters and physical activity lessons to help teach in home daycare providers. For Year 2, some of the projects include working with the Waterloo Library and Historical Society to offer a little food pantry within the library and they are applying for a mini grant through CHSC for a commercial refrigeration unit to allow them to offer dairy products, some shelving, signage. Lodi Food for All Pantry is also applying for a mini grant to be able to purchase rolling shelf units for their food pantry volunteer staff to help move the food from their refrigeration units. CCE is also doing a mini grant for a blender bike (a stationary bike attached to a blender) that would make it a fun way to make healthier foods such as smoothies, salsa, guacamole, etc. The physical activity component is designed to help make trails and pedestrian walkways more ADA accessible (sidewalk curb cuts and/or repairs). Grant pulls in lots of community partners to help make our community safer and healthier. Dr. Lorenzetti asked about how the progress report is being distributed, Scott and Sara explained that it is published in the SCHD quarterly newsletter and posted on SCHD social media accounts.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Sara</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>Agenda Items Submitted by Board Members</p>	<p>There were no items submitted by the board.</p>	<p>Discussion/ Action</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Closed</p>

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There being no further discussions by the Board, motion to adjourn was made Joseph Lorenzetti MD and seconded by Joseph Borst.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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

Written by,  
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Reviewed by,

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Director of Public Health

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