



Seneca County
Health Department

Seneca County Public Health

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes



Date: September 20, 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, Scott King, Sara Flack, Kimberly Abate, Tiffany Folk, Joseph Borst, Grace Freier MD, Dale Freier MD
 WebEx: Tim Ryan MD
 Absent: Mary Jump, Martha Bond
 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 July 20, 2022 meeting minutes by Joseph Borst and seconded by Tiffany Folk. All members present voted to accept the July minutes. All members present voted to accept the department reports.	Review/Action	Board	Closed
Approval of Monthly Warrant Expenditures for August and September	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
Review and Approval of Watershed Protection Law Variance Committee Decisions	Scott reviewed the Variance Committee's decisions. Scott explained the Canoga Island the fact that Canoga Island residences discharge their waste water into the marsh, which is a violation. The variance committee unanimously voted to reject their application for a variance. The BOH adopted the committee's decision for Canoga Island with Joseph Borst motioning to accept it and Tiffany Folk seconding it. All members voted to accept the committee's decision. The Wise variance request was denied but it was decided to amend/rescind it since it was done before the law went into effect. Dr. Lorenzetti motioned that the committee's decision be rescinded with Joseph Borst seconding it. All members voted	Discussion/ Action	Scott	Closed

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	<p>in favor of rescinding the decision. The variance committee granted waivers for the other three requests. Dr. Lorenzetti made the motion to approve the decisions with Dr. Dale Freier seconding it. There were no oppositions. Scott asked the Board if they wanted to consider adopting a general variance for bifurcated parcels where the house and septic system are located on the main parcel in a location far outside the 250' inspection zone that is adjacent to water bodies, but a small piece of the parcel is located along a water body to grant waterfront access. Dr. Lorenzetti made a motion to add this situation to the list of general variances, with Dr. Grace Freier seconding it. All were in favor.</p>			
<p>CHA/CHIP Update</p>	<p>Kim gave an update on the CHA information and data on Seneca County area provided by Common Ground Health. The two focus areas are Suicide Prevention and Increasing Food Security throughout the county. Working with South Seneca School staff to be trained in youth mental health first aid. Also working with providers in the county to adopt a universal suicide screening policy which would become a part of the patient's electronic medical record which would lead to a referral to the mobile crisis team for an assessment to lead to treatment. Kim also discussed the Lock and Talk program which is a program to help educate firearm safety and medicine safety. Kim talked about the new 988 suicide hotline. For the food security piece, it is being looked at offering a healthy grab and go meal (breakfast) for the schools. Also discussed the options of having a healthy celebration for birthdays (i.e. longer recess time, dancing, and a favorite game) instead of offering sweet treats. Working with Lodi and Waterloo libraries to offer mini food pantries to expand upon the local food pantry times to give more access to those in need.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Kim</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Departmental Issues A. Staffing - Director of Preventative Services - Sanitarian (HNP) B. Budget Update (2022-23) C. CYSHCN Grant Renewal</p>	<p>Jililan Kosinski has joined the health department as a public health fellow through the Public Health Corps grant in the environmental department. Director of Preventative Services position is still open. Looking to broaden the scope of the requirements to help with recruitment for this position. HNP Sanitarian position is still open. May possibly have some</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>D. Recent Audits-PHEP & Radiation Materials License</p>	<p>current employees work in the HNP Grant until the spot can be filled. Scott reported that the Pre-School transportation budget is running very high due to a high volume of children in need. CYSHCN Grant amount was increased. Looking into using a portion of it to purchase adaptive playground equipment. PHEP audit – No deficiencies found. Radiation Materials License audit – No deficiencies found.</p>			
<p>COVID Updates A. Cases B. Vaccine Clinics C. Testing (Schools) D. Letter to BOH from S. Brown-Ryan</p>	<p>COVID cases have been trending upward. No hospitalizations or recent deaths. Have 2 full-day clinics scheduled. Appointments are full due to high demand. Testing in schools – Schools are participating in testing through at a lower rate than last year. Scott brought to the Boards' attention a letter received from Sara Brown-Ryan regarding a recent Cattaraugus County NYS Supreme Court decision regarding quarantine/isolation. Had two cases (one officially) of Monkeypox. Gave out two vaccines to the close contacts. State declared an imminent threat to public health.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Monkeypox Update A. Cases and Vaccinations B. ITPH Declaration</p>	<p>Statewide emergency declared for polio. Our county vaccine rates are 78+ %. Some areas in the county are below 50% due to the Amish and Mennonite Communities.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Polio A. Statewide Emergency Declaration B. Local Implications – vaccines and vax rate</p>	<p>Dr. Grace Freier made the motion to reappoint Dr. Ryan as Medical Director, with Tiffany Folk seconding it. There was no opposition and all members present voted in support. Dr. Ryan recused himself for the vote.</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>Re-Appointment of Dr. Ryan, Medical Director</p>	<p>There were no items submitted by the board.</p>	<p>Discussion/ Action</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>Agenda Items Submitted by Board Members</p>				<p>Closed</p>

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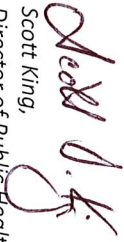
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There being no further discussions by the Board, motion to adjourn was made Tiffany Folk and seconded by Joseph Borst.
Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

The next meeting will be held October 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM
Seneca County Health Department Conference Room/via Webex

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