



Seneca County
Health Department

Seneca County Public Health

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes



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| Date: February 15, 2023 | Time: 4:00 p.m. | Location: 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, Grace Freier MD, Dale Freier MD, Joseph Borst, Kim Abate, Martha Bond, Andrew Rude, AJ VanCuren
 WebEx: Tim Ryan MD
 Absent: Tiffany Folk
 Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action Items | Owner | Status (open or closed) |
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| <p>Call to Order</p> | <p>Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Dr. Ryan.</p> | | | |
| <p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. Approval of January 18 Mtg. Minutes</p> <p>B. Staff Written/Verbal Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Environmental Services • Director of Public Health • Educator Reports | <p>The February agenda and written Public and Environmental Health Reports were sent to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes by Joseph Borst and was seconded by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD. All members present voted to accept the January minutes. All members present voted to accept the department reports.</p> | <p>Review/Action</p> | <p>Board</p> | <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>Approval of Monthly Warrant Expenditures for January</p> | <p>The Board reviewed the monthly warrant of expenditures. The BOH no longer will be approving the monthly warrant. Scott explained that according to NYS Public Health Law, since our county has an internal auditor/comptroller, the BOH is not required to approve the monthly warrant. It was requested by the Seneca County Finance Department that the SCHD pay it's invoices as they are submitted to avoid late fees and to be consistent with how other departments pay invoices. This change in process was reviewed and approved by the County Manager, the Director of Finance and the County Attorney.</p> | <p>Review/ Discussion/ action</p> | <p>Board</p> | <p>Closed</p> |

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| <p>Expiration of National PH Emergency (May 11) & NYSDOH Masking Requirements for Healthcare Facilities</p> | <p>Letters were received by NYSDOH regarding the pending expiration of the national public health emergency as well as the masking requirements being relaxed for healthcare facilities. The state has said that facilities can adopt their own masking requirements. Going forward, it is advised that the SCHD continue mandating masking and in our clinic area where there is direct patient contact and review our clinic policy as to when we require it.</p> | | | |
| <p>Board Training</p> | <p>AJ VanCuren and Andrew Rude (Public Health Educators) provided training to the BOH as required. They shared a PowerPoint presentation as well as provided printouts for review. They discussed the 10 Essential Public Health Services as well as Article 6 - The General Public Health Work Program. Scott informed the board that we are working with the town clerks and local coroners on providing SCHD with death certificates to help track suicides and overdose data.</p> | <p>Information</p> | <p>AJ VanCuren & Andrew Rude</p> | <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>Departmental Issues A. Staffing - Director of Preventative Services B. PHAB Accreditation</p> | <p>Director of Preventative Services position – Still searching. SCHD is committed to continuing to be PHAB accredited.</p> | <p>Information/ Discussion</p> | <p>Scott</p> | <p>Open</p> |
| <p>Respiratory Illness Updates (COVID, Influenza, RSV) A. Trends B. Schools</p> | <p>Trends are down for flu, RSV. COVID continues to be on average of 4-5 known cases daily. Dr. Grace Freier stated that strep throat cases are currently up, seeing a lot of cases in the schools, urgent cares, doctor's offices. Scott indicated that local residents who have been recently hospitalized with COVID infection are older (<70) and have mostly not received the most recent Bivalent booster.</p> | <p>Information</p> | <p>Scott</p> | <p>Open</p> |

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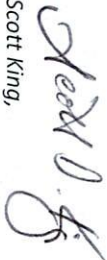
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| Agenda Items Submitted by Board Members | No items submitted. | Discussion/ Action | Scott | Closed |
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There being no further discussions by the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Lorenzetti and seconded by Martha Bond.
Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be held March 15, 2023 at 4:00 PM
Seneca County Health Department Conference Room/via Webex

Written by,
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Reviewed by,


Scott King,
Director of Public Health

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