



Seneca County
Health Department

Seneca County Public Health

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes



Date: March 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, Joseph Borst, Kim Abate, Mary Reese
 WebEx: Tim Ryan MD, Grace Bae (Cortland County Health Department)
 Absent: Tiffany Folk, Martha Bond, Dale Freier MD, Mary Jump
 Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
Call to Order Consent Agenda A. Approval of January 18 Mtg. Minutes B. Staff Written/Verbal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Environmental Services • Director of Public Health • Educator Reports • Monthly Warrant of Expenses 	The March agenda and written Public Health, Environmental Health and Public Health Educators reports were sent to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the February 15, 2023 meeting minutes by Joseph Borst and was seconded by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD. All members present voted to accept the February minutes. All members present voted to accept the department reports. The Board reviewed the monthly warrant of expenditures. Scott reported a person being attacked by a rabid stray cat who is now being treated for post exposure. We were joined via Webex by a Public Health Corps Fellow from the Cortland County Health Department to observe how Seneca County conducts its BOH meetings.	Review/Action	Board	Closed
Healthy Families Program	SCHD met with the head of the Healthy Families Program. Their focus is primary prevention by educating parents/families in promoting safety of children. The agency will be able to provide services, home visits, referrals and support to pregnant women and new mothers. We signed an MOU with them to be able to reciprocate referrals with each other with the various programs each agency offers.	Information	Scott/Kim	Closed

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<p>Communicable Disease Update - 2022 Synopsis</p>	<p>Mary Reese gave a Power Point presentation that showed the trends/indicators/updates of communicable diseases from 2022.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Mary Reese</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>Illness Updates (COVID, Influenza, RSV, GI, etc.) A. Trends B. Schools</p>	<p>Scott reported that COVID, influenza cases are trending down. There has been a substantial increase in GI illnesses in the last 4-6 weeks. Cathy Bond sends daily/weekly/monthly reports of trending illnesses. Dr. Lorenzetti noted that Seneca Family was not part of the daily illness surveillance report. Scott said he would check with Cathy Bond why. Dr. Grace Freier indicated she has seen a fair number of strep cases lately and asked if we might add that to our surveillance.</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Departmental Issues A. Staffing - Director of Preventative Services B. Vehicles C. Computers D. Upcoming Resolutions - WEG, ATUPA, HNP, IAP</p>	<p>Director of Preventative Services position – Still searching. Nissan Rogue is currently posted with Auctions International. Money from sale will go towards new vehicle. 2/3 of department’s computers have been replaced. Resolutions going to the BOS are for the WEG (Water Enhancement grant), ATUPA (Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act grant), HNP (Healthy Neighborhoods Program grant), and IAP (Immunizations Action Program grant) Other resolution going to the BOS is to have contracts with Seneca Falls CSD and Romulus CSD to provide Early Intervention services.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Strategic Planning Update</p>	<p>Scott spoke on the SCHD Strategic Plan. The plan will start with working with Lynn Scalzo who will help the department figure out what our strengths and weaknesses are and ways to make improvements. Part of being an accredited health department is to have a strategic plan in place.</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Scott/Kim</p>	
<p>Health Neighborhoods Update</p>	<p>The HNP is starting to get off the ground with some referrals coming in. Kim asked someone from Cayuga Community Health Network to come and assist our team by going out into the field for the first couple of visits for guidance. The HNP team is doing some outreach with other county departments to get the information out.</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Scott/Kim</p>	

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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 MD and seconded by Grace Freier MD.
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held April 19, 2023, at 4:00 PM
Seneca County Health Department Conference Room/Via Webex

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Scott King,
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