



Seneca County
Health Department

Seneca County Public Health

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes



Date: October 18, 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, Mary Jump, Timothy Ryan MD, Elizabeth Borst, Martha Bond, Joseph Borst, Kim Abate, Andrew Rude, Dale Freier MD
WebEx:
Absent: Tiffany Folk
Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
Call to Order Consent Agenda A. Approval of September 20 Mtg. Minutes B. Staff Written/Verbal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Environmental Services • Director of Public Health • PH Educators • Monthly Warrant of Expenses 	<p>The October agenda and written Public Health, Environmental Health and the PH Educators reports were sent to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the September 20, 2023 meeting minutes and the written reports by Joseph Borst and was seconded by Joseph Lorenzetti MD. All members present voted to accept the department reports and the monthly minutes. The Board reviewed the monthly warrant of expenditures.</p>	Review/Action	Board	Closed
Departmental Issues A. 2023 & 2024 Departmental Budget Updates B. Seneca Meadows -SEQR Process Input C. COVID Test-kit Dispensing Drill D. HHW Collection Event Recap	<p>Scott reported that the department's 2023 overall budget seems to be on target with some adjustments. Scott presented a pie chart showing the tentative 2024 budget. From that chart he explained the reason for some of the projected expenses. Scott and the county attorney Dave Ettman met with Waterloo Container regarding Seneca Meadows. Waterloo Container asked Scott (SCHD) to request that the DEC incorporate health considerations into the ongoing scoping process for the State Environmental Quality Review Act review required when an entity applies for a permit through DEC. Scott subsequently sent a letter to the DEC requesting they provide any monitoring data related to releases from the landfill to the NYS Health Department's Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment (BTSA).</p>	Information/ Discussion/ Action	Scott	Open

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	<p>Dr. Lorenzetti indicated that he would like to review any reports that are sent to BTSA regarding releases from the landfill. Scott replied that he would follow up with DEC and/or the NYS Health Dept. to request that copies of any monitoring reports that DEC submits to BTSA are also sent to SCHD so that the reports can then be shared with the Board of Health.</p> <p>Scott reported that the COVID test kit dispensing drill held on 9/30 went well, with approximately 192 vehicles coming through.</p> <p>Mary Jump gave a recap of the Household Hazardous Waste event held on 9/30. She shared a report of what type of waste materials were brought in as well as the amount of some of the materials received.</p>			
<p>Pertussis</p>	<p>Continue to receive occasional inquiries about obtaining vaccine for Pertussis. Scott and Liz informed the group of a public-school student (who was fully vaccinated) that was diagnosed with Pertussis during September. During the course of that case investigation by SCHD nursing staff it was discovered that the school where that child attended was not in compliance with NYS regulations requiring students who are not up to date on minimum vaccinations to be excluded from school after a certain date. Following a conversation by Scott with the School Superintendent, that situation was addressed by the school, resulting in the temporary exclusion of 21 students from various grade levels in the district.</p> <p>It was reported that 20 out of 21 students were then vaccinated and are no longer on the exclusion list.</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Scott/Liz</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>HNP Mid grant year update</p>	<p>Andrew Rude gave a mid-grant year summary on the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. He reported how many first visits and follow-up visits they have conducted so far this grant year. He also gave a brief review of where (by zip code) most of the visits take place. He gave a list of some of the items that are given out. Supervisor Borst asked that the postcard that was mailed out be emailed to the appropriate towns to be put on their Facebook pages.</p>	<p>Information/ Discussion</p>	<p>Andrew</p>	<p>Closed</p>

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Cannabis Update	Mary Jump attended a presentation by Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) during a recent meeting of the Conference of Environmental Health Directors during which OCM gave an overview of the rules regarding compliance. Mary indicated that OCM has begun conducting compliance visits at facilities across the state and that she will be submitting a list of (suspected) unlicensed facilities operating in Seneca County to OCM. Scott indicated that the department would notify the town supervisors of the towns where those businesses are located to advise them of the referrals to OCM.	Information/ Discussion	Mary	Closed
Agenda Items Submitted by Board Members	There were no items submitted. Joseph Borst made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Martha Bond seconding it.	Information/ Discussion	Board	Closed

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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

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