



**Seneca County**  
Health Department

### Seneca County Public Health

#### Board of Health

#### Meeting Minutes



<b>Date:</b> February 21, 2024	<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, Grace Freier MD, Mary Jump, Elizabeth Borst, Kim Abate, Timothy Ryan, MD, Chersti Kuhlmann  
**Absent:** Dale Freier MD, Robert Hayssen, Tiffany Folk  
**Scribe:** Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
<b>Call to Order</b>  <b>Consent Agenda</b> A. Approval of January 17 Mtg. Minutes B. Staff Written/Verbal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of Environmental Services</li> <li>• Director of Public Health</li> <li>• PH Educators</li> <li>• Monthly Warrant of Expenses</li> </ul> C. Consent Orders re: ATUPA underage tobacco sales violations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hemp Vibes, Quick Shoppe #1, Smoke N' Munch</li> </ul>	<p>The February 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 call the meeting to order by Grace Freier, MD and seconded by Martha Bond. A motion was made to approve the January 17, 2024 meeting minutes along with the written reports and monthly warrant of expenses by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD with Grace Freier, MD seconding the motion. All members present voted to accept the department reports and the monthly minutes.</p> <p>Scott called to attention a section in the January meeting minutes regarding the adopted policy for vaping sales violations. Scott asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the policy, to see him.</p> <p>There were three consent orders for ATUPA violations. A motion was made to adopt the consent orders by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD with Grace Freier, MD seconding it.</p>	Review/Action	Board	Closed

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<p><b>Departmental Issues</b></p> <p><b>A. Staffing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RN, E.I. Service Coordinator &amp; Sanitarian positions</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Board of Supervisors Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFP for HHW &amp; DEC Reimbursement</li> </ul> <p><b>C. Ltd. Service Lab Registration (aka CLIA)</b></p> <p><b>D. Issues related to proposed 2024 NYS Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rabies grant</li> </ul> <p><b>E. CDC Infrastructure grant and Public Health Corps. "Fellow" grant</b></p>	<p>Scott reported that the BOS vacancy committee approved refiling the Public Health RN position. Scott announced to the board that Betty Sherman intends to retire at the end of June, therefore creating a position for an E.I. Service Coordinator. We currently have two Sanitarian positions posted. Scott announced that the BOS Chairman has moved committee assignments around and has appointed Supervisor Bob Hayssen as the new BOH representative. Scott has one resolution going forward to the BOS this month, to ask the BOS to put out the annual RFP for a vendor for our Household Hazardous Waste Day and to request permission to seek 50% reimbursement from the DEC for the event. Scott has renewed the CLIA registration. Scott informed the board that the Governor's proposed 2024 budget would eliminate the rabies grant. NYSACHO is lobbying state officials to restore that funding. This grant helps cover the cost of post exposure treatment. The CDC Infrastructure Grant budget is still waiting for final approval. The current Public Health Corps "Fellows" grant expires at the end of June 2024. However, the Health Department has been notified that Seneca County is eligible to hire two new fellows under NYSPHC 2.0. The plan is to have a fellow on the environmental side as well as the public health side. NYSPHC 2.0 is slated to start August 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	Information/ Discussion	Scott	Open
<p><b>Vaping (follow-up to January Board Discussion)</b></p>	<p>Scott provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the statistics of vaping as a follow-up to last month's board discussion.</p>	Information	Scott	Closed
<p><b>E.I./CYSHCN Program Updates (Early Intervention &amp; Children &amp; Youth w/Special Health Care Needs)</b></p>	<p>Chersti provided a PowerPoint presentation to the board on Early Intervention, Pre-School and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Programs. She reported how many children we currently serve in Seneca County and what services are provided.</p>	Information	Chersti	Closed
<p><b>Measles</b></p>	<p>Liz reported that there has been an increase in Measles cases around the world. The spread is high due to travel, the elimination of social distancing and the decrease in vaccinations.</p>	Information	Liz/Scott	Closed

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<b>Wastewater Surveillance (follow-up to Board questions from January)</b>	As a follow up to last month's meeting, Mary reported that it is possible to track M-pox in wastewater. She also reported that it is possible to track various other viruses/diseases in wastewater.	Discussion	Mary	Closed
<b>Agenda Items Submitted by Board Members</b>	Dr. Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Martha Bond seconding it.	Discussion	Scott	Closed

Meeting adjourned 5:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be held March 20, 2024, at 4:00 PM  
Seneca County Health Department Conference Room/Via Webex

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