

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2022

Approved

The following board members were present: Dr. Leo Cusumano MD, Timothy LaFever, Legislative Representative Janice Burdick, Dr. David Brubaker MD, Dr. Willard Simons DDS

Others present: Tyler Shaw, April Worth, Jami D'Arcy, Charles White, Breeyan Barnes

Members absent: Dr. Zahi Kassas MD., Dr. Joseph Felsen MD

Medical Consultant absent: Dr. Steven Collins

The meeting was called to order by Tyler Shaw at 7:09 pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Cusumano to approve the March 08, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Dr. Simons. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Tyler Shaw, Public Health Director reported COVID-19 updates as follows:

- Vaccine for 6 months to 4-year-old children will be available soon. The DOH has begun preordering these vaccines.

Mr. Shaw reported personnel changes, as follows: There is an Account Clerk Typist position and an RN position currently open.

Program updates:

- ACDOH will have a booth at the Allegany County Fair this year. Services available at this booth will include COVID vaccine/education, primary focus priority area will be Lead poisoning and prevention education, and tick removal kits.
- There will be a RAM clinic held at GVCS September 24-25, 2022. Dental, vision, and medical services will be offered free of charge.
- The Community Health Assessment (CHA) survey is currently being circulated, please encourage community members to complete the survey.

April Worth, Director of Patient Services, reported that there are currently no individuals being monitored under the LHCSA Program.

The Immunization Program provided 65 immunizations and there has been a total of 425 COVID vaccines (1st, 2nd, & booster doses) provided through the Health Department, in the last quarter. Immunization Clinic schedules for July, August, and September have been sent to all county schools in an effort to have required vaccines completed before the 2022-2023 school year begins.

Ms. Worth presented updates to the Immunization Policy and Procedure Manual. Updates included addition of new Vaccine Injury Table, updates to standing orders per CDC recommendations, vaccines offered to include COVID vaccine, VIS sheets, child and adolescent & adult recommended immunization schedule, and test forms and questionnaires. A motion to approve the updates to the Immunization Policy and Procedure Manual was made by Dr. Brubaker. Motion seconded by Dr. Simons. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Reproductive and Sexual Health: A total of 10 clinics were held last quarter, 83 patients were seen and 30 STI investigations were conducted through the Health Department.

- A Family Planning survey was recently completed to better serve the residents of Allegany County. This information will be used to determine what locations, days, and times might be more beneficial to clients and community.

There are currently no TB cases being monitored.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is currently monitoring 46 children. Ms. Worth stated that reminder mailings for 1-year and 2-year lead testing continue to be mailed out; 89 letters were mailed for 1-year-old children and 85 letters for 2-year-old children, last quarter. The Lead Nurse accompanied the WNY Lead Poisoning Prevention Resource Center Project Coordinator to 3 local physician offices to bring awareness and education. There is discussion regarding visiting OBGYN offices to bring awareness and education and possibly to begin testing pregnant mothers, as lead may be stored in bones and released during pregnancy, passing through the placenta during the 2nd half of pregnancy.

Ms. Worth reported that in the last quarter there was a total of 106 communicable disease reports conducted, to include Hep B and Campylobacter.

Ms. Worth presented updates to the Infection Control Policy and Procedure: Updates were made to reflect current OSHA/CDC guidelines and to include COVID-19 on disease list. A motion to approve updates to the Infection Control Policy and Procedure was made by Dr. Cusumano. Motion seconded by Dr. Brubaker. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Accidents/Incidents/Complaints – Due to an error in date reporting, one individual received the 2nd COVID booster 10 days prior to the actual due date. Reports were completed, and individual was monitored and reported no ill effects or reactions. Corrective measures have been taken to ensure proper return date(s) for vaccine.

Charles White, Environmental Health Director, reported that there has been 1 positive rabies case (raccoon) in early April. There was no human exposure.

The Free Rabies Clinic held on 04/30/22 at Genesee Valley Central School resulted in almost 200 vaccinated animals. There will be another Rabies Clinic held in Centerville on June 25, 2022.

Mr. White reported that there have been 6 new Lead referrals and 8 Lead cases closed, last quarter.

To date, 6 Environmental Health staff have completed the BEHP training program (Basic Environmental Health Program).

Mr. White presented an amended fee schedule for Environmental services: fee added for Aquatic Spray Grounds (new service), and updated fees for Tanning Salons, per NYS mandated fees. A motion was made to approve the amended Fee Schedule by Dr. Brubaker. Motion seconded by Dr. Cusumano. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Old Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – ACDOH was offered grant funding from NYS for abortion/sterilization services. As we do not provide these services, the funding was declined.

General Discussion – Discussion regarding changes in healthcare response policies took place. Weekly testing requirements for unvaccinated individuals will expire at the end of June 2022. It is unknown if this will be put back into effect for the 2022-2023 school year. There has been no information provided for colleges/universities regarding this.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm by Tim LaFever, motion seconded by Dr. Simons. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Breeyan Barnes
Confidential Secretary to the Public Health Director