

Seneca County Public Health  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> June 18, 2024	<b>Time:</b> 4:00 pm	<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:** Scott King, Kimberly Abate, Mary Jump, Elizabeth Borst, Timothy Ryan, MD, Joseph Lorenzetti, MD, Tiffany Folk, Lynn Porter  
**Absent:** Dale Freier, MD, Grace Freier, MD, Robert Hayssen  
**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 May 15 Mtg. Minutes B. Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director of Public Health</li> <li>• Director of Environmental Services</li> <li>• PH Educators</li> <li>• Monthly Warrant of Expenses</li> </ul> C. Consent Order – Love's Travel Stop	<p>Meeting called to order at 4:09pm by Dr. Timothy Ryan. The group welcomed new member Lynn Porter to the BOH.</p> <p>The May meeting minutes, the Public Health, Environmental Health and PH Educators reports, and the monthly warrant of expenses were sent to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the May 15, 2024 meeting minutes along with the written reports and monthly warrant of expenses by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD with Tiffany Folk seconding the motion. All members present voted to accept the department reports and the monthly minutes.</p> <p>Scott explained that Love's Travel Stop was in violation for allowing the purchase of tobacco products to a minor during a compliance check. A motion to ratify the consent order was made by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD with Tiffany Folk seconding it. All members voted in favor of ratifying the Consent Order.</p>	Review/Action	Board	Closed
<b>Preschool Program Budget Update</b>  <b>Departmental Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A. Staffing</li> <li>• RN, Service Coord., Sanitarian, and Fellows Positions</li> </ul>	<p>Scott indicated that the BOS have decided to assist with the preschool budget shortfall.</p> <p>Scott stated that we have filled several positions. These positions include one Public Health Nurse and one EH Sanitarian. We welcomed Roger Osborn in June for the position of Environmental Health Sanitarian. In July, we will be welcoming Karl Jensen for Public Health Nurse and</p>	Information/ Discussion	Scott	Open

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<b>B. Board of Supervisors Resolutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Round 4 Septic System Replacement Funds</li><li>• Emergency Preparedness Grant</li><li>• EP Consultant Contract</li><li>• Preschool Budget Support</li><li>• Lynn Porter BOH Appointment</li></ul>	Crystal Tomkins for E.I. Service Coordinator. There is still one Sanitarian position available. We currently have positions for two Fellows (Public Health Corps). These Fellows will be employed by PCG (PCG is a subcontractor with the NYSDOH). Resolutions that went through to the BOS on 6/11 include approval of Round 4 of the Septic System Replacement Funds. We are being awarded an additional \$200,000 with this funding. The BOS approved our Emergency Preparedness Grant funding (\$52,000) as well as the contract with the Emergency Preparedness Consultant (Cathy Bond). BOS passed the Preschool Budget support. The BOS voted to approve the appointment of Lynn Porter to the BOH.			
<b>"A Healthy Hand"</b>	Kim reported on a new joint initiative named "A Healthy Hand" between Pivotal Public Health Partnership and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The program is designed to support families facing food insecurities. It provides education (6-8-week class) on helping families to make healthy food choices, learning to shop on a budget, and an opportunity to earn up to \$400 in food groceries over the course of the program and possible free cooking equipment for eligible families.	Information	Kim	Closed
<b>H5N1 Update</b>	Liz gave an update on the H5N1 Avian flu. She reported that 101 farms across the country have detected the virus with none in NYS at this time. Currently 3 confirmed cases in humans have been associated with exposure to dairy cows. No human-to-human cases. The NYSDOH has requested that local health departments be prepared for the possibility of the virus through education on protection and prevention with farm workers.	Information	Liz	Closed
<b>Agenda items submitted by Board Members</b>	Scott shared information on a tick survey that was conducted by NYSDOH at Sampson State Park (last year). The survey revealed what types of ticks they collected and the types of pathogens they found. The most prevalent pathogen found was Lyme Disease. Tiffany Folk inquired about the most recent vaccine booster for COVID.	Discussion	Scott	Closed

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	Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Tiffany Folk seconding it.				
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Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 PM

Next Meeting will be held July 17, 2024

4:00 PM

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Written by,  
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Reviewed by,

*Scott King*

Scott King,  
Public Health Director

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