



**Seneca County**  
Health Department

## Seneca County Public Health

### Board of Health

### Meeting Minutes



**Date:**  
August 21, 2024

**Time:**  
4:00 pm

**Location:**  
Meeting held via WebEx and in-person in the Conference Room in the Seneca County Health and Senior Services Building

Present: Scott King, Kimberly Abate, Mary Jump, Timothy Ryan, MD, Robert Hayssen, Elizabeth Borst, Joseph Lorenzetti, MD  
Absent: Lynn Porter  
WebEx/Audio: Tiffany Folk, Grace Freier, MD & Dale Freier, MD  
Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Dr. Timothy Ryan.			
Consent Agenda A. Approval of June 18 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>	The June meeting minutes, along with the June/July Public Health, Environmental Health and PH Educators reports, and the monthly warrant of expenses were sent to members prior to the meeting. Motions were made to approve the June 18, 2024 meeting minutes along with the written reports and monthly warrant of expenses for June and July by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD with Tiffany Folk seconding the motion. All members present voted to accept the department reports and the monthly minutes. Scott gave credit to the staff for their work on getting information out to the public on the Boars Head deli meat listeria outbreak. Scott also reported that there is an uptick in COVID cases. There will be an updated vaccine coming out within the next few weeks. Scott also indicated that the VFC clinic appointments are starting to increase with the start of the school year. Scott gave kudos to Mary Jump for her hard work in managing EH with the many staff changes and increased workload throughout the summer.	Review/Action	Board	Closed
Recommendation for SCHD Medical Director Appointment	Scott requested that the Board of Health reappoint Dr. Timothy Ryan as the SCHD Medical Director. A motion was			

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	made by Supervisor Bob Hayssen to reappoint Dr. Ryan with Tiffany Folk seconding it. All members present voted to accept Dr. Ryan's reappointment for another two years to the Board of Health.			
<b>Departmental Issues</b> <b>A. Staffing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sanitarian and Fellows Positions</li></ul> <b>B. Board of Supervisors Resolutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PreK Transportation Budget Support</li><li>• Mozaic (Keuka Lake School) Contract</li><li>• Betsy Brown – PreK OT Provider Contract</li><li>• Re-appoint Dr. Ryan Medical Director for SCHD</li></ul>	Scott reported to the board that we have hired two new Sanitarians since June. Currently continue to recruit for one more Sanitarian position. Have hired two new staff for the Fellows positions, one for the Public Health side of the office and one for Environmental. There are four resolutions going to the BOS on 8/27/24. They are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Support for the PreK Transportation budget.</li><li>2. Request approval to contract with Mozaic (Keuka Lake School).</li><li>3. Request approval to contract with Betsy Brown, PreK OT provider</li><li>4. Request the BOS to approve the reappointment of Dr. Ryan as SCHD Medical Director</li></ol>	<b>Information/ Discussion</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Access to Care Survey</b>	Kim stated that with the seven local health departments that we regionally collaborate with, along with Pivotal Public Health Partnership, the Access to Care survey was created. This survey asks residents how certain factors such as where they live, financial challenges, age, gender and their previous experiences affect their choices about healthcare. The intent of the survey is to engage other partners in the healthcare system to implement at least one strategy to help individuals in obtaining healthcare services based on some of the challenges that they identified in the results of this survey.	<b>Information</b>	<b>Kim</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Waterloo Container Complaint</b>	Scott received a letter of complaint from Waterloo Container regarding the odor of H2S being present at their site. Scott shared the letter with Art James, County Attorney, Anita Bonamici, Western Region, Environmental Health Director for NYSDOH, and with the DEC for their guidance. It was recommended that we wait for the Environmental Impact statement process to be completed before proceeding with a response.	<b>Information</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>Closed</b>

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Healthy Neighborhoods Program Expansion	The NYSDOH has expanded the Healthy Neighborhoods Program grant to provide services to the 13148-zip code (Seneca Falls).	Information	Scott	Closed
Rabies	Scott reported that there has been a significant surge in rabies cases. Through press releases, SCHD is urging the public to get their pets vaccinated and to use caution when dealing with wildlife and what to do if they think they may have been exposed to an animal with rabies.	Information	Mary	Closed
Agenda items submitted by Board Members	Scott informed the BOH of the increase of cases of Triple E (Eastern Equine Encephalitis), a mosquito-borne illness that can be fatal to both animals and humans. Scott also reported that the Public Health Infrastructure grant monthly work group across the state will be highlighting the SCHD for some of the unique ways we have found to utilize our Infrastructure grant money. Dr. Lorenzetti asked how the HAB sampling is initiated. Mary Jump explained that Community Science Institute (CSI) has volunteers (HABS Harriers) that monitor for the HABS. Joseph Lorenzetti, MD made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Supervisor Bob Hayssen seconding the motion.	Discussion	Scott	Closed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 PM

Next Meeting will be held September 18, 2024

4:00 PM

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Reviewed by,

*Scott King*

Scott King,  
Public Health Director

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