

Date: May 21, 2025	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
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Present: Scott King, Kimberly Abate, Elizabeth Borst, Lynn Porter, Joseph Lorenzetti, MD, Grace Freier, MD, Supervisor Robert Hayssen, Andrew Rude
Absent: Tiffany Folk, Dale Freier, MD
WebEx/Audio: Timothy Ryan, MD
Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Dr. Timothy Ryan. A motion was made to open the meeting by Grace Freier, MD and was seconded by Lynn Porter.			
Consent Agenda A. Approval of April 16 Mtg. Minutes B. Staff Reports • Director of Public Health • Director of Environmental Services • PH Educators • Monthly Warrant of Expenses	A motion was made to accept the consent agenda and the April meeting minutes by Bob Hayssen and was seconded by Grace Freier, MD. All members present voted to accept the consent agenda and meeting minutes. The May 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 written reports and monthly warrant of expenses for May by Grace Freier, MD with Lynn Porter seconding the motion. All members present voted to accept the department reports and monthly warrant. Scott highlighted some of the items listed in the Public Health and Environmental Services reports. Scott also reported that he received notice from the State Health Department that the most recent court ruling resulted in an extension of the Pivotal Public Health Corps Fellowship Program (previously slated to end May 30, 2025, due to federal budget cuts) with the warning that if the case closes	A. & B. Information/ Accept Reports	Board	Closed

	out before the originally scheduled end date of July 2026, it could still end prematurely.			
Departmental Issues A. Staffing - PH Corps Fellows B. Board of Supervisors Resolutions - Rabies Control Program Grant – Two-Year Extension - Create and fill (1) Speech-Language Pathologist and (1) Physical Therapist position & Hire Above Start Rate for both C. State & Federal Budget Update D. PHAB Reaccreditation Update – Extension E. CHA-CHIP Update F. Climate Action Grant Project Rollout	Scott announced that Isaac Beru, PH Corps Fellow, is leaving the department on Friday, May 30th for another opportunity. His departure was precipitated by the uncertainty around the PH Corps Fellowship funding. Upcoming BOS resolutions for the May 27th meeting include requesting permission to accept a two-year extension of the rabies control program grant. The other request will be to create and fill one speech-language pathologist position and one physical therapist position and to hire above the start rate for both positions. Scott stated that it is still unclear how Public Health will be affected by the federal and state budget cuts. Scott announced that the PHAB Reaccreditation process has been extended by one year. Scott gave a brief CHA-CHIP update including some general data gathered from the focus groups that AJ VanCuren conducted with various groups within the county. Scott introduced the Climate Action Grant Project rollout (Project Senior Safeguard). The goal of this program is to increase the readiness of our senior population in the event that they may need to leave their homes quickly. They are provided a “go bag” containing some of the items they would potentially need if an emergency situation were to arise. In time, this program will be incorporated into the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. Scott reported that Mary Reese has created a quarterly publication titled “Pathogen Patrol”. The intention of this publication is to provide a quick update to area providers on local cases of communicable diseases.	Information	Scott	Open
Measles	Scott and Liz discussed the current measles epidemic. There was one confirmed case in Ontario County. Currently there are no known cases in Seneca County. Liz reported that we have had two adults come in for MMR vaccine	Information/ Discussion	Liz	Closed

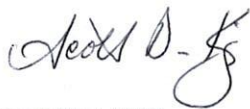
	boosters. Mary Reese reported on two recent HIB cases within the county. The department is currently offering free MMR vaccine to children and adults, regardless of insurance status.			
Healthy Neighborhoods Program Year 3 Report	Andrew gave a presentation summarizing Year-3 (4/1/24-3/30/25) of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. During this time frame, there were 110 initial visits. This number is over their annual goal of 100 visits. During these visits, HNP distributed 329 smoke detectors, and 129 carbon monoxide alarms, along with many other items for home safety and injury prevention. The 65+ age group has made up more than half of the HNP visits. For Year 4, the goal will be to target families with young children. HNP partners with outside agencies to help promote the program and promotes at tabling events. Andrew announced that Mary Jensen will be taking over as the lead of HNP and he will be assisting with this transition.	Information/ Discussion	Andrew	Closed
Agenda items submitted by Board Members	Grace Freier, MD made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Joseph Lorenzetti, MD seconding it.	Information	Scott	Closed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 PM

Next Meeting will be held June 18, 2025
4:00 PM

Seneca County Health Department Conference Room

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