

Date: April 15, 2026	Time: 4:00 pm	Location: Meeting held via Microsoft Teams and in-person in the Conference Room in the Seneca County Health and Senior Services Building
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Present: Scott King, Mary Jump, Grace Freier, MD, Joseph Lorenzetti, MD, Lynn Porter, Elizabeth Borst, Mary Reese, Kari Jensen, Erich D'Eredita
Via Audio: Tiffany Folk
Absent: Timothy Ryan, MD, Bob Hayssen, Dale Freier, MD, Kim Abate
Scribe: Tammy Reynolds

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items	Owner	Status (open or closed)
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:09 pm by Dr. Grace Freier.			
. Consent Agenda A. Approval of Mar.18 Mtg. Minutes B. Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Director of Public Health – 4/9/26</u> • <u>Director of Environmental Services</u> • <u>March Warrant</u> 	A motion was made by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD to accept the consent agenda with Lynn Porter seconding it. A motion was made by Joseph Lorenzetti, MD, to accept the March meeting minutes and the monthly reports with Lynn Porter, seconding the motion. All members present voted to accept the consent agenda, the meeting minutes and monthly reports.	A. & B. Approve Minutes and Accept Reports	Board	Closed
Departmental Issues A. Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLP, PT for Early Intervention 	We continue to have openings for a Speech-Language Pathologist, a Physical Therapist, a Public Health Sanitarian and a Public Health Educator.	Information	Scott	Closed

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EH Sanitarian • PH Educator <p>B. Board of Supervisors Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill PH Sanitarian (HR Committee approval only) • Fill PH Educator (same) • Fill Speech Language Pathologist and hire above start rate • Fill Physical Therapist and hire above start rate • Apply for and Accept NYSACHO Mini Grant for IAP Mini Grant • Use PHIG to purchase Database for PreK Program 	<p>Scott stated that he has 6 resolutions that will be going before the Board of Supervisors. He will be requesting permission to fill the PH Educator and EH Sanitarian positions. He is also going to request permission to hire above the start rate for the Physical Therapist and Speech-Language Pathologist to help increase interest for these positions. Scott will be requesting permission to apply for and accept the NYSACHO IAP Mini Grant. The funds from this grant would potentially be used to create an initiative that would increase vaccinations targeting the Amish and Mennonite communities. He will also be asking for approval to use funds from PHIG (PH Infrastructure Grant) to purchase McGuinness Software for the Pre-school program. This software platform will help to improve the billing process for the pre-school program.</p>			
<p>Foodborne Outbreak Investigation – The Chocolate Extravaganza event at the Lux</p>	<p>Scott reported to the Board about a foodborne outbreak investigation conducted by the Seneca County Health Department along with support and guidance from Dr. Ryan and NYSDOH. This investigation was initiated due to sporadic reports of illness following “The Chocolate Extravaganza” event at The Lux. The etiology of the investigation indicated that Norovirus was the likely causative agent. Scott gave praise to the nurses and the environmental health staff for their hard work and the level of data that was obtained for this investigation.</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>SCHD In-Service Day – August 27</p>	<p>Scott informed the Board that the SCHD is planning an In-Service Day. The event is being called “Safe and Strong: a Conference on Child Wellness”. Presenters from various agencies will be speaking on topics such as concussions, the effects of childhood brain injuries into adulthood, emerging diseases, childhood immunizations and nutrition. There will also be a panel discussion on vaping. AJ VanCuren will be setting up displays showing the various car seats that we offer</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Scott</p>	<p>Closed</p>

	under the Child Passenger Safety Seat grant as well as a display of bike helmets and information related to that. AJ will be offering an optional Narcan training for anyone interested. These are just some of the topics and information that will be offered at this event.			
Raw Milk Sales – Pivotal Survey Results	Scott provided the results of a raw milk survey that was conducted by Pivotal. Pivotal received input from 379 residents and feedback from 23 dairy farmers along with consultation from NYS Ag & Markets. Some of the responses provided insights into how raw milk is perceived, consumed and regulated as well as some of the beliefs on the health benefits and the risks associated with raw milk consumption.	Information	Scott	Closed
Seasonal Respiratory Virus Update	Liz stated that there was a slight increase in COVID cases in March compared to February. Flu & RSV have seen a decline in cases. The NYS Commissioner of Health has not yet rescinded his declaration of widespread flu prevalence.	Information	Liz	Closed
Agenda items submitted by Board Members	Joseph Lorenzetti, MD made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Lynn Porter seconding the motion. All members present voted in favor of adjourning.	Information	Board	Closed

Meeting Adjourned at 5:06 PM

Next Meeting will be held May 20, 2026
4:00 PM
Seneca County Health Department Conference Room

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Public Health Director

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