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| <b>Date:</b><br>July 15, 2026 | <b>Time:</b><br>4:00 pm | <b>Location:</b><br>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, Kim Abate, Joseph Lorenzetti, MD, Lynn Porter, Elizabeth Borst, Bob Hayssen, Tiffany Folk, Meghan Sheridan

**Via Audio:** Grace Freier, MD (joined mid-meeting)

**Absent:** Timothy Ryan, MD, Dale Freier, MD

**Scribe:** Tammy Reynolds

| Agenda Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action Items                                  | Owner | Status (open or closed) |
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| Call to Order                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm by Dr. Joseph Lorenzetti. Dr. Lorenzetti was elected Chairman pro tempore at the start of the meeting due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.                                                         |                                               |       |                         |
| <b>Consent Agenda</b><br>A. Approval of June 17 Mtg. Minutes<br>B. Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Director of Public Health – 7/10/26</u></li><li><u>Director of Environmental Services</u></li><li><u>June Warrant</u></li></ul> | A motion was made by Tiffany Folk to accept the consent agenda, the June meeting minutes and the monthly reports with Lynn Porter seconding it. All members present voted to accept the consent agenda, the meeting minutes and monthly reports. | A. & B.<br>Approve Minutes and Accept Reports | Board | Closed                  |



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| <p><b>Departmental Issues</b></p> <p><b>A. Staffing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Meghan Sheridan, PH Educator</li> <li>• SLP, PT for Early Intervention</li> <li>• EH Sanitarian</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Board of Supervisors Resolutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept State Septic System Replacement Fund – Round 5</li> <li>• Contract with new PreK Group Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ So To Speak</li> <li>○ Gavras Center</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Scott introduced Meghan Sheridan, Public Health Educator. Scott notified the Board that he received a fully qualified applicant for the speech language therapist and will be reaching out to schedule an interview. Scott has made a conditional offer to a physical therapist pending that she passes her boards. The Sanitarian position remains vacant &amp; interviews are continuing. Scott announced that Kendra Brigham, E.I. Service Coordinator, will be retiring in August so he will be going to the Board of Supervisors to request permission to refill her position.</p> <p>Scott will be requesting BOS approval to accept Round 5 of the State Septic System Replacement funds. Scott will be requesting BOS approval to contract with two new group facilities for the PreK program. These facilities will be able to provide speech language therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy services for pre-school children.</p> | Information | Scott | Closed |
| <p><b>Updates Regarding Planned Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHEP Drill – August 15</li> <li>• In-Service Day – August 27</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Scott reminded the BOH that our department will be holding an emergency preparedness drive-through dispensing drill in August. We will be dispensing tick removal kits as well as outdoor summer essential kits that include sunscreen, post-sun exposure spray, insect repellent, bite relief spray and hand sanitizer.</p> <p>The department will be hosting an In-service day August 27<sup>th</sup> titled “Safe and Strong: a Conference on Child Wellness”. Food and beverages will be provided to all attendees. Registration is ongoing. There will be a lineup of several credentialed speakers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Information | Scott | Closed |
| <p><b>2027 Budget Planning Update</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Scott reported that he is currently working on the next year’s budgets. He stated that he met with the newly created budget task force committee to review where potential cuts could be made to the department’s budgets.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Information | Scott | Closed |



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| <b>Measles &amp; IAP Mini Grant Clinics</b>    | <p>Scott indicated that the nurses received sporadic calls during the past month from members of the Amish community interested in receiving measles vaccinations for their children. There has also been increased attendance by Amish families at the in-home vaccination clinics. It has also been reported that Amish visitors from Pennsylvania and Virginia had family members with measles or were exposed to measles cases. This increased interest &amp; alleged exposures prompted Scott to alert staff, county leadership, and surrounding county health department officials of the possibility that measles could be circulating within the Finger Lakes region. This information was reviewed by the NYS Commissioner of Health, Dr. James McDonald, who agreed that measles is likely circulating in New York's Plain communities. Currently there are no confirmed cases in Seneca County, though a case was verified in Chenango County.</p> <p>The nursing staff will be hosting pop-up immunization clinics using the funds from the IAP Mini Grant. The goal of these to the clinics is to increase vaccination rates among the Amish and Mennonite communities, especially with the concern of measles potentially circulating in the area. Scott stated that the NYSDOH continues to monitor the situation both here in the Finger Lakes and across New York State.</p> <p>Scott discussed the current wildfire smoke and air quality concerns. He stated that Emergency Management is offering free N-95 masks at various locations within the county for anyone who may want one.</p> | <b>Information</b> | <b>Scott/Liz</b> | <b>Closed</b> |
| <b>Agenda items submitted by Board Members</b> | <p>Tiffany Folk made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Bob Hayysen seconding the motion. All members present voted in favor of adjourning.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Information</b> | <b>Board</b>     | <b>Closed</b> |

Meeting Adjourned at 4:53 PM



**Seneca County**  
Health Department

## Seneca County Public Health

### Board of Health

### Meeting Minutes

**Next Meeting will be held September 16, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

**Seneca County Health Department Conference Room**



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Reviewed by,

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Public Health Director

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