

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
October 16, 2018

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Andrew Williams Dr. Gregory Healey, Dr. Kathleen Terrence, Nancy Potter, John Burke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith, Todd Wells

OTHERS PRESENT: Dana Olzenak McGuire, Director; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Brigitte Sanderson, Kindra Cousineau, Wendy Wais (Public Health Staff).

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by K. Terrence, and seconded by J. Burke, the minutes from the September 18, 2018 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

Dana noted that at the September 18, 2018 Board of Health meeting members were given a copy of the “Board of Health Policy for Public Comment.” The County Attorney reviewed the policy and provided some added language.

Upon motion by K. Terrance, seconded by J. Burke, and unanimously carried, members accepted the Board of Health Policy for Public Comment as written.

Dr. Williams asked that this policy be posted on the Public Health Department/Board of Health website.

Lead Program Update:

Kindra shared the child with high lead level discussed previously has undergone a second round of treatment. A home inspection was done and there is no lead in the new residence. The child will be retested by the end of month. This child was tested for lead at 1 year old, no testing at 2 years, and the high lead level was detected at the 3 year old visit. Exposure was from a rental residence that was determined to have lead and a lead disclosure was given to the parents upon renting. There were no other children in the residence. It was noted that re-exposure can happen if the home has been repainted and the paint gets nicked.

Kindra noted the HUD Grant has been submitted and hopes to receive funding that would help with abatement of lead in homes. John asked if landlords will receive this funding. It was noted this funding is for specific projects. There will be only 50 grants funded in the United States.

Kindra shared next week is “Lead Awareness Week.” We are working on a press release and an article for the newspaper, along with providing education outreach.

Opioid Grant Update:

Dana was hoping to have a speaker present tonight, but was unable to coordinate schedules.

The \$75,000 opioid grant is for harm reduction for those individuals who are already using opioids. This funding is part of our Emergency Preparedness Grant – the Emergency Preparedness emergency federal funding piece. The budget has been approved and the work plan is being processed. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for a subcontractor to complete strategies 2 and 3 was completed and submitted. We are hoping to start a coalition with numerous individuals. Dana will be in Clinton County next Friday for the Heroin Coalition Meeting to learn how they have formed and worked collaboratively. ***See attachment for Grant Work Plan

Dana asked for feedback from members. Should the Task Force be made up of members from all sectors? Should she have someone who provides waiver trainings be present. Noted two trainings need to be held for the funding. Suggested having a presentation for the Board of Health prior to sending out to the community what we hope to do. Dana shared she feels there is a resistance to medication assisted treatment within the provider community and it is important how we spread the awareness and education. Only (24) counties were granted this funding. Noted she has a contact from University of Buffalo who can provide a presentation for the BOH – waiver trainings and Grand Rounds are what he does. We could invite practitioners to attend.

Dr. Healey noted most employed physicians will not volunteer to do this. Noted very few independent doctors will come forward to take this training. Suggesting asking CPH to offer some providers for training.

Dr. Williams shared he would set up a meeting with others at CPH/Administration and noted he feels this is a responsibility we need to take in the community and how do we want to proceed. Shared we should invite providers to the Board of Health meeting to discuss this.

It was noted there is a database that documents which providers are prescribing opiates, but doesn't seem to be any feedback from the state. Addiction sometimes starts with legitimate prescriptions.

Dr. Terrence mentioned presenting at a medical staff meeting.

Wendy shared Vermont has rolled out this strategy. It's very labor intensive – lots of resources are needed.

Kindra noted we need to be semi-successful to continue to receive this funding. Asked if we could get the County Administrator to come.

There was a discussion regarding the next BOH meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018 (week of Thanksgiving). Dana will send out a Doodle Poll with dates and times and asked members to choose what best fits their schedule. Once she has this information, she will try to coordinate with the presenter.

Additionally, Dana noted at a recent NYSACHO meeting, a representative from the US District Attorney's office presented the importance of prevention. The DAs office is interested in our participation in their efforts of schools are showing the movie "Chasing the Dragon" for students, which is very moving.

Discussion regarding "Retreat":

Dana noted the Public Health Department has lost (4) employees in the last month. Becky Allen/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Wil Neves/Sanitarian, Heather Boyce/Early Intervention, Nicole Bodway/PH Program Aide. These positions have already been or will be submitted to the Vacancy Committee to be filled. There are 7-8 interviews scheduled for three of the positions. Currently 6.5 positions in the department are open. There are also upcoming retirements.

Dr. Healey noted this would be a dream once the department is stabilized – take a breath and say okay, what would we like to do – to sit back and do? Maybe a March or April timeframe for this would be better. Make it a half day with no pagers – go somewhere – have lunch – have a facilitator so it's somewhat structured – general topic/approach to things. Discuss how to build it and roll it out. A chance to step back to take that perspective.

John suggested Matilda Larson from the Planning Office as a facilitator.

Dr. Williams noted it makes sense, but not sensible to do this right now.

Other Items:

Walk with a Doc:

Brigette shared the next walk takes place on Saturday, October 27, 2018 in Ogdensburg. Noted there were (7) providers in attendance at the September 29, 2018 Massena walk. Dr. Terrence noted it was a fun time and felt it was successful. Noted it seems to be growing. Brigette noted the November 24, 2018 walk may take place outside, but is not definite. She feels word is getting out about Walk with a Doc – there is more talk about it. Shared Dr. Dickstein (pain management), Dr. Nupur Nagrare, and Brittany Terpstra, PA will be in attendance, and Dr. Terrence if possible. The walk will take place at the Ogdensburg Free Academy if the weather is inclement.

Brigette shared she has submitted a \$4000 grant which will be used for advertising and more t-shirts for the doctors in attendance at the walks (sweatshirts/hats were suggested).

Communicable Disease: Discussed a case of a child who tested positive for Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM).

Kindra shared that Florida has had the first pediatric flu death. Dr. Williams suggested advertising more education on when flu vaccinations should be received and most common questions. Dana noted the flu vaccinations are usually given during health fair, but the Public Health Department employees received them earlier (1st week in Oct) this year.

Kindra shared one raccoon has tested positive for distemper – that totals (3) in the Canton area positive this year. There are no rabies reported. Noted we need to educate the community regarding the distemper vaccine for animals.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm. (Doodle Poll will determine if there is a change)