

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 16, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Andrew Williams, Dr. Gregory Healey Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith, Dr. Kathleen Terrence, Todd Wells, Nancy Potter

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Burke

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Boyce, Secretary I; Anne Marie Snell, Health Initiative; Brigette Sanderson, Wil Neves, Michele Levac, Rochelle Pratt, Kindra Cousineau and Renae Johnson (Public Health Staff).

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Dr. Andrew Williams, and seconded by , the minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

Appointment of Public Health Director:

Dana McGuire is the candidate being recommended for appointment on January 22, 2018 and if appointed, would begin working with the County on Monday, February 12, 2018.

Influenza Update for the County:

Kindra Cousineau shared there have been 89 cases of the Flu from October 1, 2017 to today. 78 Flu A – 11 Flu B cases. It has affected newborns through individuals up to age 92. There have been no deaths in St. Lawrence County – only (1) pediatric death in NYS. Last year at this time there were only 38 cases. NYSDOH sent an advisory regarding there still being time to get flu shots. If you are sick – stay home. Dr. Terrence’s office is out of vaccine VFC (Vaccine For Children’s Program). Dr. Terrence asked whether Public Health still had flu shots on hand. Dr. Williams indicated they still have vaccine on hand. Dr. Williams stated it would be nice to communicate that as a community we have enough vaccine – Kindra thought Public Health could facilitate that. Dr. Terrence indicated she would be willing to give shots at the local schools. It was stated that the direction from NYSDOH is PHD providing education, and support to Dr. Offices. PH role is to help clients to find a medical home, not just providing vaccine for convenience. Dr. Healey indicated it’s not too late to get immunization. He asked to consider putting out Public Health Message. Dr. Smith inquired because Public Health doesn’t have the staff could they coordinate and be that bridge. Rochelle Pratt from Public Health indicated VFC can be ordered at any time. Todd Wells indicated Kinney’s ran out of regular quad back in December; however they still have high dose available. It was asked if schools and local hospitals coordinate vaccine clinics. Kindra indicated schools rules are strict; the school nurse has many limitations. Community Health Center says obstacle is getting parents’ consent first. Rochelle Pratt if there is unavailability of vaccine you can call the state and ask them to switch from purchased to VFC. There was a discussion regarding vaccine and the sharing of vaccine.

Dr. Williams will talk with Laurie Maki - Kindra will reach out to her as well. Dr. Healey said we need communication to Community. Via Media local radio cable, CPR, have to stress point. We need to tell young people to help out community by getting flu shot.

Public Health Department Updates:

Renae Johnson reported that a new RN started. She has background in Public Health in Seneca Falls doing lots with very little. She is doing Early Intervention now and may cross train and is in helping where she can.

Dawn Sloan came over from Community Services to fill vacant Senior Account Clerk position and is taking over some of Lisa Peters duties of payroll, EI billing and other billing.

We are waiting on Sharon MacWilliam's position to be filled. We have an interested party from Community Services. Tari Burnett has been doing that role and a nurse is assisting with program. Money was lost - Tari has been catching up approximately two months left of billing and is trying to make sure year end is done.

Kindra Cousineau/ Wil Neves – Slides of positions in Public Health were reviewed. Rabies – 8 Submissions already this year – Last year 1 at this time. Trying to keep afloat. Wil Neves has helped tremendously - He has streamlined form and updated form to make more efficient.

Wil Neves – Lead – 28 kids active lead in county. He indicated he has made 0 visits of Sanitarian role because of taking on rabies. Discussion of Sanitary codes and BOH role for enforcement.

Dr. Smith requested that the regulations Public Health wants reviewed with current system forward. Dr. Williams request that a proposed standard many counties are adopting (preferably before next meeting)

Renae Johnson - Maternal Child Health – Many more children from homes of parents using. It is supposed to be offered to every newborn. After CHHA closed most referrals are only at risk infants. Good share of referrals come from Crouse or Massena Memorial. It is a mandated program with no funding. State Aid only.

Dr. Healey inquired whether there are grants available to improve the take up.

Dr. Williams advised we need to look at programs suffering most and what would benefit community most.

Unintended pregnancies – Possible area for Public Health detailing. 10 per 1000 – statewide is 8 – Need to look at ways to develop resources. Unintended pregnancies in 2015 were 59.3% under 20 years of age. 23.8 for state.

Early Intervention – Multiple needs now and used to be only speech – currently approximately 30 kids on waiting list for speech. Dr. Terrence inquired if there are any models for group settings. Per Renae Johnson availability and venue is challenging.

Article 6 – Updated guidance – reviewed data. There was a discussion regarding program updates. Under Article 6 the PHD is able to apply for State Aid for anything related to opioid use in the County – listed areas covered. Shared a new box was created on Outlook for “Injury Prevention.” Kindra and Brigitte are working on this – more to come.

Kindra Cousineau- Public Health Detailing was discussed and how the Immunization Action Plan is different than it was (5) years ago. It requires more visibility within the community and more education to providers. Public Health Department detailing – abbreviated – will be like pharmaceutical representatives and trying to change the provider practice – which entails weekly visits for extended periods of time.

Kindra noted the Public Health Department is required to submit a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). With the absence of a Director, Anne Marie Snell from the Health Initiative agreed to submit the CHIP on our behalf. Shannon was able to get Anne Marie a Health Commerce System (HCS) account and the deadline for submission was met.

Emergency Preparedness – Kindra spoke as Becky Allen was absent.

April 26, 2018 – Point of Dispensing drill –possibly, Hepatitis A outbreak – Wanted to mention if anyone is available. Becky is asking if Dr. Comeau and Wendy Waiss, FNP are available. Dr. Healey indicated he is available.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHIP report was submitted. Looking for support of Bridge to Wellness.

3 area school’s wellness policy. 1st step in process –

1. Provide well environment for staff and students.

2. Drug disposal- Most appropriate to increase access to dispose of meds. Have \$4,000 for planning workshop to educate pharmacies – Windfall to bring in - other professionals coming forward. Two hospitals to put in boxes and more grant funding in.

3. Partners responsible are Public Health and area hospitals. Proposals to achieve 2nd part of school wellness – able to provide additional support. 4 schools - proposal sent just under \$10,000 for consulting workshops for 3 school districts. Left open ended – following up with Ruth to take to next level. Anne Marie stated Brigitte Sanderson from Public Health has done a lot of leg work on this – She is helpful and enthusiastic.

DIRECTORS REPORT

In the absence of a Public Health Director – no Directors Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm.