

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 20, 2018

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Andrew Williams, Dr. Kathleen Terrence, Todd Wells, Nancy Potter, John Burke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith, Dr. Gregory Healey

OTHERS PRESENT: Dana Olzenak McGuire, Director; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Brigitte Sanderson, Wil Neves, Kindra Cousineau, and Renae Johnson (Public Health Staff), Anne Marie Snell (Health Initiative).

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by T. Wells, and seconded by Dr. Terrence, the minutes from the February 27, 2018 (rescheduled from February 20, 2018) meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Medical Countermeasure (POD) Exercise Update:

A recruitment email to be sent to County staff has been drafted. We are looking to get 100 staff volunteers who will be allotted 2 hours away from their work site to participate – more community members are also needed for this exercise.

Staff have been training in Countermeasure Data Management System (CDMS) which stores data for the PODS and will do a trial run at the upcoming Rabies clinic on April 4, 2018. Job sheets for the POD will be coming out soon – we have (2) evaluators from the community. We are currently asking for donations from community organizations to encourage participation by volunteers. Two offsite PODS have been conducted in the past (Ogdensburg and SLU) where Ogdensburg students and SLU college students participated as volunteers. Vials have been ordered to use during the POD exercise. John Burke suggested students in the Allied Health Program at BOCES might be available as volunteers.

Public Health Detailing:

Village of Potsdam Update: Dana spoke with Greg Thompson who has a phone conference scheduled with the NYSDOH on March 23, 2018 to discuss the article 1100A of the Public Law. Action will be taken within the next month including making a plan, holding a final hearing for the public, making a decision, and filing paperwork with the State.

Dr. Williams noted there was a previous discussion of drafting a letter on behalf of the Board of Health. Dana has drafted this letter and distributed copies for member review. The draft letter will be sent via email to all members so Dr. Healey and Dr. Scillieri Smith have a chance to review it prior to the final draft. Dr. Williams feels having the signatures of all Board of Health members would be best and hopes to finalize the letter this week.

Our Plans: Public Health will be starting with fluoride varnish for the first public health detailing activity. We are currently gathering informational materials for the provider offices. There are (2) webinars next week that staff will be attending so they are versed in the process before starting. There is a webinar on fluoride that is archived available to the providers. A timeline to start and make measurement of the first outcome will be created. Dr. Terrence's office will be the first provider to start. Dr. Terrence inquired about the logistics of data collection and suggested reaching out to SLU for 2nd year pre-dental students for data collection. The fluoride varnish usually occurs prior to formal dental visits (for young children). Suggestion was made to distribute a questionnaire at the first visits – asking if they agree or disagree to the fluoride varnish and their reason if they refuse the service.

Sanitarian Guidelines Update:

Process: There have been discussions on knowing when there is a nuisance in the area. Dana is working with County Attorney and looking at counties who are also unchartered for guidance to write the guidelines.

New towns using County as Health Officer: Two more townships have opted to use the County as their Health Officer – Canton signed in January and Stockholm will begin next January. As of now, there are (4) currently not using the County as their Health Officer – next January this will drop to (3) – Fowler, Lisbon and Clare. This gives Public Health more authority over things, but there are gray areas that we need to find out about. Dr. Williams commented that the Public Health Department is not a full service department. This is true, the New York State Department of Health district office is located here in Canton. It was noted the cost to begin a full service department is extremely expensive.

Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Update: The State has made demands on what is going to change – more focus on education. This begins April 1, 2018. Sites for AFIX (Assessment, Feedback, Incentive, and Exchange) visits have been selected. Massena Head Start has been identified as the preschool we will visit. Reports will be run to show statistics and we will check to see if education is on schedule to help implement better tracking and for change. We are required to work with (1) school – Edwards-Knox was chosen in regards to their exclusion policies. Contact with Superintendents has been made to get Dana on the agenda for May or

June to discuss exclusions. Parents will be advised to make appointments early in order for the immunizations to be given prior to the start of school. Religious exemption letters will be reviewed by the schools. Dr. Williams noted consequences to the schools is a State funding issue.

We will need to meet with (4) providers who vaccinate adults. We are able to pick the (4) providers we will work with. There is a minimum of (5) visits per year per provider. Perinatal Outreach for all (4) hospitals and all OB/GYN's. On average we have 0-6 cases of Hepatitis B mothers, we are required to follow the babies until they have all (3) vaccines and their blood work between 12-15 months. Hospitals have an audit yearly.

Looking at more community based presentations – community education pieces – partnering with Bridge to Wellness Committee. Dr. Williams questioned the availability of the travel clinics. Travel clinics are twice a month in the morning and regular immunization clinics are four time per month. Asked about receiving Typhoid shots – we do give them, the individual needs to make an appointment well in advance of their travel for it to be effective. We are unable to get the Yellow Fever shots at this time– these are given in Plattsburgh and Syracuse only. Kinney Drugs has oral Typhoid. Dr. Terrence would like contact information for the providers in Plattsburgh and Syracuse.

Community Walk:

Walk with a Doc: Dana distributed information to members and noted there are three membership levels – it can be marketed no matter what level is chosen. You have to do 12 walks per year – we can choose the locations. Hoping to be able to get out to different trails within the county – include more townships we don't get to very often. A small snack and water is required and the "Doc" needs to give a 3-8 minute presentation that is health related. Dana believes this will fit well with our goal to help reduce obesity and tie into current strategies related to local school wellness policies. Walk with a Doc does not want membership fees to deter us – they can be flexible.

Dr. Williams provided links to share and explained the "Just Move It" program. In 2001 when he was involved there were only 12 locations scheduled – much more now. You could walk or run – this was non-competitive. There were blood pressure and blood sugar screenings available. Dr. Williams wants to look at this as an option and think of other ideas also. He likes that it is a community based event. Dana will send an email out to members.

Brigette will look into the "Let's Move" school based program. Anne Marie feels they mirror each other well – could move into a "Just Move It" campaign. Todd will reach out to their new marketing manager for assistance.

Superintendent's Meeting: Dana will discuss the community walk idea with superintendents to get schools involved as it ties together with work on local school wellness policies (opening school facilities to the community for walking, etc).

Flu update: During the last month, there was an article in the newspaper from an interview with Channel 7 News and a press release was sent letting the public know there was still time to receive a flu shot. We have not seen any difference in vaccinations with these efforts thus far. Todd noted they have seen a big drop off also. Dana noted as of March 3, 2018 there were 66 cases and the week before there were 93 cases. Dr. Williams noted the flu vaccine may not prevent individuals from getting the flu, but it will decrease the severity of the illness.

Todd shared he heard the Governor is supposed to sign an order that pediatric vaccines at pharmacies will be permanent.

Other Items and Questions: Dana asked how members felt about the meeting and agenda format and wanted to know if there was anything missing. Members stated it seemed to work well. Dana noted if there were items members wanted to add to the agenda they could contact her via email. Dr. Williams noted a separate agenda item for staff members listing issues/concerns other than program items that they would like to discuss would be nice.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm.