

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

November 15, 2022

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Acres, Mark Deavers, Dr. Gregory Healey, Nancy Potter, Dr. Kathleen Terrence, Dr. Andrew Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Jolene Munger, Director; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Renae Johnson, SCHN; Cassandra Caswell, Cornell Cooperative Extension

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by N. Potter, and seconded by K. Acres, the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

SNAP-Ed Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Initiative Presentation: Cassandra Caswell, Cornell Cooperative Extension. Distributed handout showing the history of the program thus far.

- Eligible individuals are primarily adults/older adults (age 13+) who are low income and have nutrition-related chronic diseases where eating healthy would be a benefit.
- They currently partner with some providers who refer their patients with health concerns, but they are looking to bring more providers on board to bring in additional referrals to the program. They are also working with pediatric partners in St. Lawrence County (parent/guardian attends) and planning to connect with the hospitals.
- Education and training on the program will be provided to area providers. Follow up will take place with providers after a year.
- This program is (6) weeks of classes (1-1 ½ hours/up to 12 individuals) (rotate weekly location) - includes education and hands on instruction regarding the buying, washing, cooking and storing of fruits/vegetables. Some classes are held at farmers markets in summer (Canton, Ogdensburg, and Gouverneur). There are no fees for vendors.
- Class participants will receive vouchers to buy fruits/vegetables at farmers markets, local farms and now larger grocery stores. Save-A-Lot was a sponsor last year and they are working to bring WalMart, Price Chopper and Aldi on as additional sponsors.
- Participants are eligible only once per year for classes/vouchers. They are able to attend with a spouse/significant other, but they will not receive additional vouchers.
- If transportation is a hardship, the program will assist and coordinate for transportation.
- This program covers (6) counties: Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Essex, Franklin and Clinton
- Information is provided in places where SNAP-Ed participants frequent.

Cassandra's contact information will be sent to members.

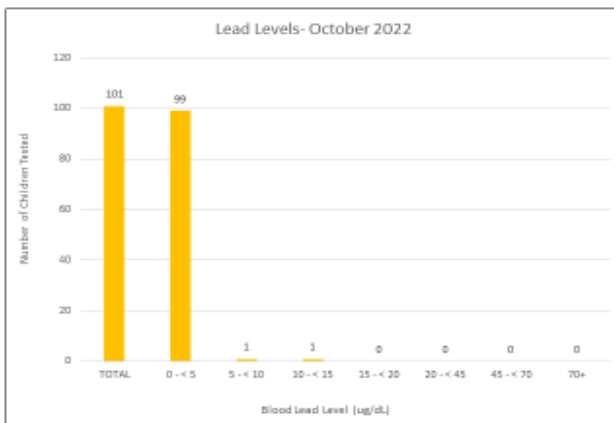
Review of Bylaws:

This was tabled until the December 20, 2022 meeting.

Lead Update: Jolene Munger

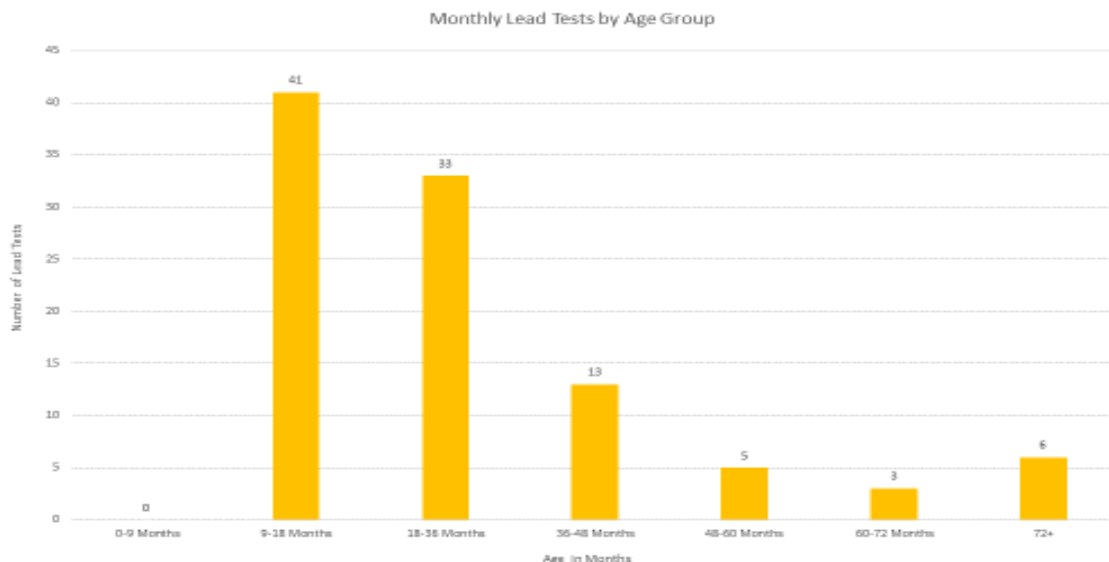
- (101) lead tests conducted
- (75) on caseload as of November 7, 2022.
- (3) discharges – (1) new case
- 20 ug/dL – 45 ug/dL (1)
 - 8.5 year old.
 - Recent blood test results showed an increase from 27 ug/dL to 31 ug/dL
- 15 ug/dL – 20 ug/dL (3)
 - New case. Parents have been contacted and a home assessment with NYSDOH has been conducted.
 - 7 year old. Long history going back to 2018. BLL has steadily dropped and is currently 16 ug/dL as of August.
 - Child has history going back to 7/21/21. There have been repeated attempts to reach parents via phone/letters – NYSDOH has also attempted contact.

Lead Update October 2022



Monthly Stats		
Number of Lead Tests Conducted	101	
Current Caseload (as of 11-7-22)	75	
Discharges	3	
New Cases	1	
Elevated Tests	Number of EBLLs	Percent Elevated
Current $\geq 5 \mu\text{g/dL}$	2	2%
Future $\geq 3.5 \mu\text{g/dL}$	5	5%
Breakdown of EBLLs		
New Cases	1	
Current Case	1	

We are still anticipating the change in reporting levels. Information was pulled from LeadWeb which is provided by age group, for October, 2022 – we are unable to compare to those who are currently eligible for testing (ages 1 and 2 years). Currently there is a very low percentage of testing taking place.



There was a discussion of barriers to testing (Point of Care), the NYS Public Health Law requiring lead testing, Medicaid mandates for testing ages 1 and 2 years, and the possibility of creating a law for St. Lawrence County to mandate lead testing. It was noted a lead training is being planned for Code Enforcement Officers through the lead grant.

Sanitarian Update: Jolene Munger

Calls for October: (11) total calls

Water Quality: (5) **Septic:** (2) **Bedbugs:** (1) **Housing Complaints (Code):** (2) **Ticks:** (1)

COVID-19: Jolene Munger

Number of positive cases as of today: 205 cases

Positive home tests as of today: 46 cases

Number of positive cases for October: 870 cases

Positive home tests for October: 218 cases

Hospitalizations reported as of today: 11

Hospitalizations reported for October: 15

COVID-19 deaths reported as of today: 1

COVID-19 deaths reported for October: 1

COVID-19 total deaths reported to date: 212

We continue to provide vaccination clinics. We are currently out of Pfizer and low on Moderna vaccine. We have not provided any adult vaccines for October or November thus far and there have been very few for ages 6 months to 5 years. Jolene asked for member's thoughts on ordering the single dose vials of Pfizer 12+ bivalent to share with providers. We are able to order (50) vials at this time. Dr. Terrence and Dr. Williams were interested in this option.

The Imminent threat continues through December, 2022.

We currently have (3) COVID-19 grants:

- Our COVID Grant which was used to help purchase a Utility Command Vehicle (UCV) which will be used for migrant vaccination clinics.
- Vaccine Grant which can be used for monkeypox vaccine.
- Schools Grant which is good through July, 2023

OTHER ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

Corporate Compliance Training/Public Health Trainings: Jolene has spoken with Jody Wenzel, Risk Manager, regarding trainings that are required to be completed by Board members. He noted the Corporate Compliance training is required. She is checking into the Public Health trainings members have completed each year prior to her time with the Public Health Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

ACTIONS ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP

N/A