

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 17, 2023

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Carly Zimmermann, Interim Director; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Anne Marie Snell, St. Lawrence Health Initiative; McKenna Boula, St. Lawrence Health /Clinical Research Department/Clinical Research Coordinator; Autumn Thompson, St. Lawrence Health /Clinical Research Department/Clinical Research Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by R Curran, and seconded by N Potter, the minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

McKenna Boula, Clinical Research Coordinator and Autumn Thompson, Clinical Research Assistant, from St. Lawrence Health Clinical Research Department provided an informational packet to members regarding current and upcoming clinical studies. *Due to time restrictions for Public Comment, the following information was submitted:

1. **RECOVER VITAL is our Long COVID study**
 - a. Long COVID/Post-acute sequelae SARS-CoV-2 Infection (PASC): broadly defined as signs, symptoms, and conditions that continue or develop after initial COVID-19 infection
 - b. Primary Coordinator: McKailey Lyndaker
 - c. Funded by: NIH
 - d. Sponsor: Duke University
 - e. Principal Investigator: Dr. Eyal Kedar
 - f. Sub-Investigator: Jamie Gibson (Nurse Practitioner, Infectious Disease)
2. **TRITON is our Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease study**
 - a. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): a group of diseases that cause airflow blockage and breathing-related problems. It includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis
 - b. Primary Coordinator: Jennie Flanagan
 - c. Sponsor: Chiesi
 - d. Principal Investigator: Dr. Frederic Seifer (Pulmonologist)
 - e. Sub Investigator: Bernadette Avila (PA in Primary Care)
3. **TULIP is our Systemic Lupus Erythematosus study**
 - a. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE): an autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks its own tissues, causing widespread inflammation and tissue damage in the affected organs. It can affect the joints, skin, brain, lungs, kidneys, and blood vessels
 - b. Primary Coordinator: McKailey Lyndaker
 - c. Sponsor: AztraZeneca
 - d. Principal Investigator: Dr. Eyal Kedar (Rheumatologist)
 - e. Sub Investigator: James Horrocks (PA in Rheumatology)
4. **Neptunus-2 is our Sjogren's study**
 - a. Sjogren's Syndrome: autoimmune disorder that happens when the immune system attacks the glands that make moisture in the eyes, mouth, and other parts of the body
 - b. Primary Coordinator: Jennie Flanagan
 - c. Sponsor: Novartis
 - d. Principal Investigator: Dr. Eyal Kedar (Rheumatologist)
 - e. Sub Investigator: James Horrocks (PA in Rheumatology)

Slideshow Presentation (double click below): Carly Zimmermann



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Lead Update: Carly Zimmermann

Graphs are included in member folders for review.

- Lead Detailing Materials
 - Detailing staff member will help with the removal of patients from NYSIIS.
 - Asked if any provider on the BOH would be willing to be a Champion of the detailing effort – Dr. Terrence volunteered.
 - Asked if providers want lists of patients for their clinics – Dr. Healey and Dr. Terrence interested in receiving their lists.
 - Education provided on the impact of lead testing on your child – media outlets, etc.
 - Rita noted years ago new parents were provided a checklist of what was required for their child’s age milestones.
 - Information on Lead Testing was included in our Back-to-School information.
 - Dr. Healey noted parents should be the target here – they should be responsible parents.
 - Dr. Terrence noted “What are barriers to lead testing?” should be included in the survey.
 - Dr. Terrence asked if the Public Health Department/Lead Program is prepared for the increase in cases – a Public Health Specialist (PHS) is dedicated specifically to the Lead Program. Another PHS and Public Health Nurse (PHN) are training to cover when this staff member goes on leave.

- Lead Point of Care Testing
 - Dr. Williams noted, per the Lab Director, training is taking place. Point of Care testing should be at Canton Pediatrics, Potsdam Pediatrics and Kid’s Corner soon.

Lead Denominators:

Source of Data	Year			Error	Caveats
NYSIIS	2022	0-6 years			Includes 6 yo If a child misses a test they are forever counted as missing a test
Census Bureau American Community Survey	2022	<5 years	4,848	+/- 99	Estimate Does not include some 1 year olds Includes children who do not have established PCPs
	2021	<5 years	5,245	+/- 215	
NYS Birth Data, SLC	2022	0 years	1,670		Any births in the county, does not include residents who birth elsewhere Includes children who do not have established PCPs
	2021	0 years	930		

Lead Numerator:

Total number of lead tests reported to us in 2022: 1,255

- Children of any age
- Could be multiple test for one child
- No way to match to a particular provider

COVID-19 Update Presentation: Dr. Williams

- Paxlovid Follow Up Information
 - He spoke to area Pharmacists who noted Paxlovid is not hard to get and most pharmacies have it in stock. Noted there is a website to check which pharmacies have it available.

COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator website - <https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>

COVID-19 Cases: there was a small burst of cases in September, but this seems to have subsided.

Sanitarian Update: Carly Zimmermann

Environmental Health Calls	September 2023
Septic	1
Water Quality	1
Trash	1
Indoor Air Quality (Mold)	3
Living Conditions/Pests	1

Walk with a Doc (WWAD) Update: Anne Marie Snell

PowerPoint presentation. Noted after the last meeting, Dr. Mashaw generously donated \$1890 for WWAD.

- Currently (5) t-shirts available only for providers (50) and other items for attendees/walkers.
- If additional t-shirts are provided for attendees/walkers – sizing would be an issue (additional cost).
- The WWAD logo/Name may be trademarked and another name would need to be used (Ex: SLC Walk with a Doc/B2W Walk with Your Provider).
- The 2024 WWAD schedule is set. Need to confirm provider participation for some.
- There is no printing on the back of the t-shirts – would need another print company for this piece. *Suggestion to add walk month and location. (additional cost).
- The committee meets October 26, 2023 to redo their budget. They will reach out to the Community Benefit Committee for additional funding. Dr. Williams noted an additional \$1000 in funding might be a possibility.
- Anne Marie noted Jena Sloan was doing an excellent job with the Humans Don't Hibernate campaign (#nnyhumansdonthibernate). She would like to see an increase in public participation – other than just the Public Health Department staff.

Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan: Anne Marie Snell

Anne Marie also shared a presentation on the NNY Humans Don't Hibernate Wellness Campaign (#nnyhumansdonthibernate).



Election of Officers:

Members in attendance voted for election of Board of Health Officers.

Upon motion by R Curran, seconded by G Healey, and unanimously carried, members in attendance voted for Dr. Williams to continue as President of the Board of Health.

Upon motion by R Curran, seconded by G Healey, and unanimously carried, members in attendance voted for Dr. Terrence to continue as Vice President of the Board of Health.

Unfinished Business: N/A

OTHER ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

Public Health Department 2023 – 3rd Quarter Financial Report:

Information included in member folders for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Next meeting will take place on December 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

*Members in attendance agreed to cancel the November 21, 2023 meeting.

ACTIONS ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP

N/A