

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 17, 2024

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rita Curran, Dr. Gregory Healey, Nancy Potter, Dr. Kathleen Terrence

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Andrew Williams, Mark Deavers, Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Streiff, Dr. Zachary Mashaw

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Dr. Terrence and seconded by N. Potter, the minutes from the November 19, 2024 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

AGENDA

Department Highlights - Erin proposed a schedule for regular departmental program reports and reviews, including the possibility of distributing program reports via email prior to the meeting, with highlights reviewed in person. Members reviewed the information to be included in the reports, discussing changes and additions to the proposal. Programs to submit reports will be Accreditation, Injury Prevention, Chronic Disease, Emergency Preparedness, Communicable Disease, Immunization, Lead, Rabies, Early Intervention/Preschool, Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs, and Maternal Child Health. County Compliance Officer/Risk Manager Jody Wenzel plans to attend Board of Health meetings quarterly.

Erin noted her intention to attend Traffic Safety Board meetings, and members discussed the public health concerns relating to traffic safety, child safety, bicycle safety, and horse-drawn carriage accidents. Members discussed that there is no data collection for carriage-related accidents, and that they are categorized as motor vehicle accidents and emphasized that it may be helpful for carriage accidents to be tracked.

Members discussed the importance of breastfeeding and nutrition and the ways in which the department can support families, including training staff as certified lactation consultants and offering nutrition classes for parents.

Erin presented case counts for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia - noting that syphilis cases increased in 2024. Members discussed the Public Health STI clinic, including the department's ability to prescribe and administer treatment.

Members reviewed Pertussis case totals from 2014-2024, with cases increasing to 21 in 2024.

Sanitary Code - Members reviewed proposed changes to the sanitary code and bylaws, including the removal of certain terms, including "adequate", and the alignment of regulations with state law. Discussion included the need for a comprehensive review of the sanitary code.

Bylaws - Members agreed to table the approval of bylaws until the Sanitary code has been finalized.

OTHER ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting concluded with a brief executive session.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm. The next meeting will take place on January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

N/A