



AGENDA / MINUTES

Committee/Project/Meeting:		Genesee-Orleans Board of Health	
Date:	February 1, 2022	Recorder:	Jenna Leach
Time:	4:00 p.m.		
Location:	Orleans County Health Department/Zoom		
Attendance: Dr. Obear, Dr. Nichols, Scott Senf, Paul Pettit, B. Bedard, Deb KL, Fred Miller, P. Grout, Sarah Balduf, K Castricone			
AGENDA / TOPICS	DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY)	ACTION / NEXT STEPS	
Election of Officers and Setting of 2022 Meeting Dates/Times	<p>President: Paul Grout Vice President: Pending</p> <p>Meetings held on the first Tuesday of every other month at 4:00pm in alternating counties.</p>	<p>Approved: Motion: Dr. Nichols Second: Dr. Obear All members in favor.</p> <p>Approved: Motion: Fred Miller Second: Dr. Nichols All members in favor.</p>	
Minutes from December 7, 2021	Members had an issue opening the document.	Meeting minutes will approve at the next meeting in April.	
Public Concerns/Discussions/ Presentations	Masking issues – Argument that the process was unconstitutional.	Informational Only. No Action Required.	
Division Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Report 	<p>Lead – Genesee County nurse, Kerry Ohlson has been the point person for lead in both Counties. She is currently working on the work plan in both counties. Kerry is also conducting outreach in attempt to increase testing rates. Surveys will be sent to primary care providers to see what their needs are and provide targeted outreach. Since the last BOH meeting, Genesee County has only had one more elevated lead case.</p> <p>Immunization – Still doing routine immunization clinics although they are currently slow.</p> <p>TB – one active bladder and kidney TB case in Orleans County. The assumption is that they likely received TB from a family member. Typically when it is outside of the lungs, they are less likely to be infections. There is also an active ocular TB case in Genesee County.</p> <p>MCH – Nurses are reaching out to local hospitals to try to get more referrals. In Genesee County, there has been one visit in the past month.</p> <p>Wastewater Surveillance – started doing surveillance for COVID in wastewater.</p>	Informational Only. No Action Required.	

	<p>Surveillance is being done on Tuesdays and can have up to 7 labs participate. In the future, they Health Department is looking to use this testing for other pathogens such as Influenza and RSV. Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments are the only departments in NYS that is performing this testing in-house.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Report 	<p>Staff Updates – The Public Health Sanitarian position in Genesee County has been filled by Shannon Sloan.</p> <p>Tanning Facilities – On January 5th a new law went in affect to elevate the fees for yearly permits.</p> <p>Enforcements – No violations in Orleans County. There were three in Genesee County.</p> <p>Indian Falls Log Cabin – They previously had a rat infestation. They contracted with a pesticide agency and has been sending the Health Department their reports. The past two reports show no rodent activity.</p>	<p>Informational Only. No Action Required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Report 	<p>Both counties are finishing up grant funds and state aid for 2021. Completed state aid application for 2022.</p>	<p>Informational Only. No Action Required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Compliance Report 	<p>No hotline calls or issues in either county.</p> <p>Orleans County did report an issue with a provider to Medicaid.</p>	<p>Informational Only. No Action Required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with Special Health Care Needs 	<p>The written report is attached and a component of these official minutes.</p>	<p>Informational Only. No Action Required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director's Report 	<p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently a vacant Nursing position in Orleans and HUD/CDC Educator position in Genesee. The Sanitarian position in Genesee County has been filled. The Health departments have 3 interns – two from Brockport and one from Nazareth. The Health Departments currently have two Public Health Fellows. We are possibly going to onboard one or two more. Right now, one is focused on COVID responsibilities and one is PHAB focused. This program runs through July 2023 <p>State Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 6 – State Aid reimbursement has decreased over time. This year, there is an increase in funding. Up to 50% fringe will be reimbursable also. Health Departments have also requested an increase in lead funding. <p>Accreditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the Public Health Fellows, Mary Beth is overseeing the process. 	<p>Informational Only. No Action Required.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goal is to submit all documentation and go through the review process to be accredited by early 2023. P.Pettit informed Mr. Grout that the accreditation is good for five years. <p>Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educators, fellows and interns be working on this for the next year. The focus is services, providers and access. This covers the Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming Counties. Surveys will be sent out to the public to provide input. Staff will also be conducting conversations at targeted locations throughout the counties. <p>Opioid Settlement Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both departments have held meetings to discuss disbursement of funds. The money has to go into specific opioid uses and programs. <p>Telehealth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Fred Mills at the library to try to get telehealth set up for veterans. <p>COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers trending downward. Operations, testing and vaccine demand is steadily decreasing. Not doing high level case investigations, no contact tracing outside of clusters and congregate settings. 	
Old Business	No old business to discuss.	Informational Only. No Action Required.
New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Improvement Committee/Quality Assurance Committee (QIC/QAC) Report for 12/15/21. Approval and adoption of all policies and procedures currently in place for 2022. 		
Other		
Adjournment		Motion: Fred Miller Second: Dr. Obear All members in favor.
Next meeting: Genesee County/Zoom April 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.		