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AGENDA / MINUTES

Committee/Project/Meeting:		Genesee-Orleans Board of Health	
Date:	December 6, 2022	Recorder:	Samantha Weber
Time:	4:00 p.m.		
Location:	Genesee County Health Department/Zoom		

Attendance: Paul Grout, Brendan Bedard, Paul Pettit, Kim Castricone, Scott Senf, David Bell, Nola Goodrich-Kresse, Kaitlin Pettine Kristine Voos, Darren Brodie, Fred Miller, Deanne Page, Gregg Torrey, Kelly Nichols DO, Mary Obeare MD.

<u>AGENDA / TOPICS</u>	<u>DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY)</u>	<u>ACTION / NEXT STEPS</u>
Minutes from December 6, 2022		M: Deanna S: Kelly APPROVED 2/7/2023
Public Concerns/Discussions/Presentations	No concerns that need to be brought to the Board. General: Covid seems to be quieting and Flu is on the rise.	
Division Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Report 	<p><u>Flu</u> is increasing in both counties and across the state. It's presenting earlier than normal. Messaging has been put out to make people aware to get Vaccinated. NYS website showing trends (https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/surveillance/)</p> <p><u>COVID</u> we are still on the CDC's Medium level.</p> <p><u>LEAD</u> program, Kerry (GC Nurse) has been going out to both Counties and doing evaluations on elevated children.</p> <p><u>MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH</u> slow in both counties but still going out for new baby visits.</p> <p><u>TB</u> GC no active cases OC 2 active cases that we have been following for a few months. Once will be finished with treatment end of Dec 2022</p>	

	<p>and the 2nd will be finished with treatment mid Jan 2023.</p> <p><u>IMMUNIZATIONS:</u> Still providing Covid vaccinations. The standard vaccinations clinics have slowed down some trend being children that need to update immunization to maintain school attendance.</p> <p><u>WASTE WATER SURVILLANCE</u> being done once a week. Currently doing SARS and Covid. A Lab Coordinator has been hired, once they have been trained we plan to expand the program.</p> <p><u>HEALING COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE:</u> Being worked on in GC they are starting to pick up with activities and have been meeting every month. They are planning to finalize their local “action plan” by 12/21/22. From there they will discuss implementation steps for the “work plan”. Training will be held Mid Jan 2023 on “reducing stigma and using person fist language” regarding the implementation – It’s All a part of our Healing Communities Objective. Then we will be kicking off our interventions the beginning of next year (2023) they have been doing some campaigning with build boards and media regarding fentanyl & Naloxone.</p> <p><u>JAILS:</u> GC - did some HIV and HEP C testing. OC - we are not currently doing because they now have a medical company that is doing that for them.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Report 	<p><u>STAFFING:</u> OC Filled Sanitarian position GC Filled CDC Epidemiologist position – Grant funded. Filled CDC Educator position.</p>	

	<p>We are fully staffed now in both counties for Environmental.</p> <p>REVISIONS: Have been made to the Fee Schedule. Updates have also been made to the “Enforcement Policy”</p> <p>The filling of the Lab coordinator position will also be assisting with lab waste water testing and with Environmental Sanitarian duties as well.</p> <p>Healthy Neighborhood Program is a new Program for GC, is basically up and running. Some door to door consultations have been conducted in the City of Batavia with it residents.</p> <p>Finalizations are underway for the most recent HUD Grant (lead) for \$4.25 Million over 4yrs for the GLOW region. (this has expanded GO to GLOW).</p> <p>RABIES CLINICS October (last for the year 2022) GC 121 dogs, 41 cats.(162 total) OC 165 dogs, 74 cats (239 total)</p> <p>Water Audit from the State. No Violations as the Regulator.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Report 	<p>OC – Budget was approved for 2023 GC – Budget was approved for 2023 & Submitted Qt. 3 2022.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Compliance Report 	<p>Needs to be sent in. No calls or complaints.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Emergency Preparedness 	<p>PHEP – NYS Fellowship Program. We have benefitted from this program over the last year. Helping with Covid response and structure. We are transitioning Covid clinic management back to the nurses and clinic staff. REESTABLISHING Emergency preparedness back to a place outside of Covid response.</p>	

	<p>Reestablishing the Preparedness App and Inventory management systems.</p> <p>MRC funding was higher than in the past due to Covid, but now extending till 6/2023 to be able to use the grant for preparedness Apps and update the systems for our residents.</p> <p>EQUIPMENT & TRAINING</p> <p>OC – ordered a mobile medical “sprinter” van for mobile medical and emergency response needs.</p> <p>GC Bidding for a slightly larger Cutaway RV style mobile medical unit.</p> <p>Harris 45 portal radios</p> <p>GC 6 ordered (4 to replace old Coroners radios)</p> <p>OC 2 ordered</p> <p>Other items to include table runners for emergency events, apparel for outreach and emergency events. Materials for safety trainings (CPR or STOP the bleed manikins). Medical interpretation training and drone pilot training.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Report 	<p>Kristine: PHAB update.</p> <p>In a holding pattern – electronic portal is currently being updated on PHAB side and we are wait for this update to complete and then we will be able to upload our last 17 documents that need to go into the portal before me can hit the submit button. Once this is able to be done we will be switching over to the “site visit planning stage”. Preparing Staff and partners for this next process. We will have an idea –about 90 days – for our site visit. We are anticipating a May to June site visit time frame. They site visit will he Hybrid one virtual and one in person so that they can physically see our buildings and speak with our staff.</p>	

Staffing:

New positions created as part of the budget process; we received an increase to our Article 6 funding. Allowing us invest some of the funds back into our PH work force. We identify some areas of need particularly around Health education and epidemiology. We wanted to sure things up and to supply some support to Community Health; Emergency Preparedness and to some of our other divisions. Moving forward; this will help us meet the needs of our Public Health Department. New Positions have been posted but will not be able to be filled till after the 1st of the year (2023) when they will go into effect. 1st being a Director of Health Promotions and the 2nd being a permanent epidemiology position in GC. Kristine's position is now being moved to a shared potions between GC & OC still has an open Nurse position needing to be filled.

Looking to address work force funding and retention plans. State received award from CDC for about \$200 million. 40% of the funding would be required to be disbursed to Local Health Departments. We could stand to receive \$100-120 thousand each yr. over the next 5 yrs. to invest back into Public Health workforce and improvement retention efforts. Potentially looking to make the Nursing position a little more competitive with the Private sector to hopefully draw in candidates. We are also working on a plan for retention bonuses for all current staff; and Investing some funds into training and different ways to build staff compendencies Should be hearing more on this

in the next few weeks as how much funding we will be getting; from there we will then take it to the legislatures to set the funds up and utilize them as seen fit.

Community Health Assessment Community Improvement Plan is ready to be submitted to the State. State will have to review and sign off on the plan – we should be hearing back early next year (2023) if they approve it or not and if any adjustment need to be made. (This is a GOW assessment.)

Opioid Settlement funds
Finalizing where received funds will be going from 2022 funds. OC will be purchasing NaloxBoxes that can be placed out in the community, like business and schools Government offices, similar to AED devices. GC currently has 8 out in the community.

Data still shows the need for this. It's an important tool and it will save lives. Media will be sent out to encourage business to get them and display them.

WASTE WATER ANYALYS
Unfortunately we do not have the capability to do this kind of testing in house. Funds can be used to send these samples out for chemical analysis for heroin and synthetic opioids. They will be able to send back the findings and gives us an idea of what is going on in our community, track trending, and spikes. Analysis will be done weekly for “real” time data tracking. OC is approve to do testing at all four plants (Holley, Medina, and Lyndonville & Albion). GC is looking to do at

	<p>least the city of Batavia and Leroy. They may be looking at expanding that depending on funding. Should be getting data on this early next year (2023)</p> <p><u>TRANSPORATION</u> Continues to be a challenge with the preschool programs. New routes needed for children that have to go to different settings and the transportation providers are unable to provide services for lack of transportation means and or drivers. Currently discussing putting this need back out for BID/RFP... to attract additional vendors.</p> <p>State Budget season is kicking off. 2023 is looking to be a difficult budget year...</p> <p>State Health Commissioner Dr. Basset is resigning and going back to Harvard. Not sure who will Replace her.</p> <p>Thank you Leadership Team! Thank you BOH!</p>	
Old Business •	None to report	
New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The penalty determination policy The fee schedule for approval 	<p>Update title name to "The Enforcement Policy" instead of The Penalty determination policy.</p> <p>Updates to standardize GO Health across the board.</p> <p>Update the new fee schedule.</p>	M:DEANNA S: GREGG APPROVED
Other	None to report	
Adjournment		M:DEANNA S:FRED APPROVED
Next meeting: Orleans County/Zoom February 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.	2/7/2023 in Orleans County	