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AGENDA / MINUTES

Committee/Project/Meeting:		Genesee-Orleans Board of Health	
Date:	June 6, 2023	Recorder:	Samantha Weber
Time:	4:00 p.m.		
Location:	Genesee County Health Department/Zoom		
Attendance: Paul Grout, Deanna Page, Gregg Torrey, Kelly Rose Nichols, Paul Pettit, Brenden Bedard, Kaitlin Pettine, Scott Senf, Cora Young, Darren Brodie, Samantha Weber. Zoom attendance: Mary Obear.			
<u>AGENDA / TOPICS</u>		<u>DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY)</u>	<u>ACTION / NEXT STEPS</u>
Minutes from February 7, 2023			M: Kelly S: Deanna Approved
Public Concerns/Discussions/ Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolution -- GO Health BOH Restrictions on the use of water.Air Quality		<u>Water issues:</u> In the past GC has had to put out request for voluntary water restrictions because the water draw has been more than the capacity and availability. They also have a broken pump (that they are trying to fix) at the Batavia site is another issue that is compounding the problem. There is currently about 300,000 gallons per day deficit that could potentially reach as high as 500,000 gallons a day or more depending on the weather/ ie drought. There is currently a request out... to not use as much water during peak hours. This is not a quality issue it's just a supply issue... Which could lead to health and safety concerns; for availability to drinking water or fire suppression, ect... That is the reason for the voluntary restriction of use which has been used in years past. The concern is if they "voluntary" component is not taking into consideration and with the lack	Water Resolution M:Gregg S: Deanna Approved

of rain and increased usage. The County may have to look into mandatory/required water restrictions. They will be looking at large water users across the county to work with them to reduce their usage a bit, but it could also spill over into the general population with restrictions on water use during peak hours.

The County Administration has asked that the BOH consider a resolution with the concerns of the water capacity for health and safety: To encourage the County to take voluntary measures to conserve water usage. Should it get to a critical point that movements be made for recommendations and mandates to businesses and the public!

The Fire advisory board and other organizations are also looking at similar resolutions too.

Air Quality:

Canadian Wild Fires creating air quality issues.

We (Genesee & Orleans County) have been monitoring what is going on; the last few days have been getting worse... The DEC advisory for 6/7/2023 is projected to be about 100 to 130 for air particles in our region... which will Categorize GC and OC at the "Orange" (101 to 150 Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups) level. Advisories have been put out by the DEC and We will be posting similar advisories. Both counties are currently categorized at the "yellow" (51 to 100 Moderate) level.

Monroe County and the Finger Lakes region are currently

	<p>categorized at the “Orange” level. In turn Monroe County Schools have cancelled all after-school outside events. GC & OC have been fielding calls regarding cancelling events – Since the Region is currently categorized in the “Yellow” – Moderate- it is not in a recommended/Advisory area for cancellations or closures... With the projection for 6/7/2023 it will but the GC & OC region in an advisory level but the schools are still “At their discretion” Per the DEC Advisory – and GC & OC will be posting similar advisories but will not be issuing any recommendations for closures. School will be left to their own closure decisions.</p> <p>There is no indication as to how long this issue may linger with the ongoing fires to our North.</p>	
<p>Division Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Health Report 	<p><u>Immunizations:</u> Both county clinics have been slow. The same can be said for the Covid clinics as well.</p> <p><u>TB:</u> Both counties currently do not have any active cases. But we are following up on some latten TB individuals and working with our contract provider in Monroe County.</p> <p><u>Rabies Vaccination:</u> We are currently seeing an increase Both Counties are using the Hospital system for all the vaccinations. It's been a better approach on our end managing that program along with the financial benefits.</p> <p>Pre-Exposure will still be handled at the Health Departments.</p>	

Maternal Child Health:

Both counties are still sending out notices to offer services with little/low return interest.

Communicable Disease:

PH followed up on some interesting cases.

Each county had a Neisseria meningitides case (they were not related). Both cases required recommendations to post exposure prophylaxis and antibiotics to close household contacts. This was a new experience for both County Staffers.

Healing Communities:

Genesee County have been working with United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) & Medina Medical Hospital (MMH) to get them connected with the States distribution of Naloxone.

Both Health Departments (HD) are currently distribution points; but we would like to get the hospital pharmacies set up so that they can distribute on their own and not have to rely on the HD's; this way they can get it directly from the State verses the HD supplying them with the Naloxone.

Batavia Fire Department, we have started working with them; handing out/ leave behind Narcan kits at the scene of Overdoses. Since the start of this program; they have left 3 kits in the last month to overdose calls/responses.

Fatal Overdoses:

GC has had 3 confirmed so far and 8 deaths pending at the Medical Examiner's office.

OC has not had any overdose deaths but currently has 3

	<p>deaths pending at the Medical Examiner's office.</p> <p>Working with GOW (Genesee, Orleans, & Wyoming Counties) Opioid taskforce – setting up a text for a Naloxone line that is being run out of GCASA. It's being paid for by the ARC in communities Initiative. Since it was set up 26 Naloxone kits have been mailed out area residents who have requested them.</p> <p>We have been canvassing for Hotspots – regarding Overdose's. Different technologies are being utilized like RGIS and a newly approved software that will help in tracking fatal overdoses internally for our epidemiologist to review and figure out where to place different resources for the program.</p> <p><u>Waste water:</u> We are currently monitoring waste water analysis for Covid, Influenza A & B, and RSV. A dashboard has been created and posted to our County websites for anyone to see the tracking of the different levels of respiratory pathogens within the community; that are being tested through the waste water. This Programs is going well.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Report 	<p><u>Lead:</u> Cases are on the rise for 2023. April & May of 2022 there were 3 cases total for both Counties.</p> <p>April & May of 2023 there are currently 13 cases (9 GC 4 OC) June of 2023 is underway with 3 additional cases.</p> <p>*** EBLL cases are on the rise in 2023, likely be due a combination of increased testing after the pandemic and</p>	

lowering of the threshold from 15 to 5 µg/dL ...

The new round of HUD grant funding (\$2.45M over 4 years) is in full swing. We are able to start taking referrals for repairs from Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, & Wyoming counties (GLOW). Funding is for lead remediation efforts that can be sought out by the landlord or the tenants that meet the qualifiers. We are fortunate that we are able to utilize this funding as a 4 county region vs as a single county.

Children Camps:

New Requirements from NYS Environmental staff is implementing updates from DOH, including updates regarding continued allowance of riflery and shooting sports, new requirements for operators to vet employees through the National Sex Offender Registry (rather than just NYS), new reporting requirements for camps with children with developmental disabilities, and incident reporting.

Rabies:

Recently transitioned from Environmental Director being the only on call responder to Environmental staff rotation for on call after hours. The busy season has started early, getting a call almost every weekend regarding a dog bite or encounter with a wild animal (usually bats). Currently treating two separate Genesee individuals for bat exposure, one Orleans resident being

	<p>treated for a bite from an unknown dog.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orleans most recent clinic, held on April 15th, had 267 animals and \$193.00 in donations. There were 173 dogs, 92 cats, and 2 ferrets. Next Orleans County Clinic anticipated for Wednesday, June 7th. Note day and time change to Wednesday evening. • Genesee most recent clinic, held on May 18th, had 236 animals and \$504.00 in donations. There were 197 dogs, 37 cats, and 2 ferrets. Next clinic will be August 10th. <p>The environmental team is currently fully staffed with Noah DiLorenzo started May 8th as our newest Orleans County Environmental Health Specialist, backfilling for John Rich, who retired in February. Noah is a recent grad of SUNY Brockport.</p> <p>Enforcements/Notice of Violations log – no new major enforcement activity to report, only minor violations for repeat code violations.</p> <p>Temp food events are rolling in at a steady pace as well.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report 	<p>GC/OC 2023 State application was approved.</p> <p>2023 1st quarter numbers for GC & OC provided.</p> <p>GC has taken to transporting for ME cases vs. having the funeral homes transporting. In hopes to reduce the cost of</p>	

	<p>transporting. A MH van has been retro fitted for the task.</p> <p>Preliminary numbers are being put together for the 2024 budget.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Compliance Report 	<p>Just completed staff training GO Health 7.0</p> <p>2023 BOH Annual Corporate Compliance. An emails will be sent to complete the training.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Health Education 	<p><u>Emergency Preparedness:</u> Staffing: David Bell Director Cora Young Health Educator NYSPHC Fellows: Lilly LeTourneau & Samantha Cohen.</p> <p><u>Core PHEP Responsibilities.</u> Deliverable Priorities and Capabilities: All deliverables for grant year BP4 2022-2023 are current and have been accepted as submitted. Final Q4 deliverables due June 30th.</p> <p>Extension allowed for Pandemic Response Plan update, but this extension is not necessary for either Genesee or Orleans.</p> <p>Two major plan updates required during the BP4 deliverable year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continuity of Operations (COOP) – completed for both Genesee and Orleans 8/30/2022 * Pandemic & Infectious Disease Response with Isolation & Quarantine (PIDRIQ) – completed for both Genesee and Orleans 4/17/2023 <p>Planning Documentation: Almost all plans consolidated</p>	

	<p>into single documents, and combined as “GO Health” plans.</p> <p>Emergency Response, Information, Surveillance: Ongoing delivery and facilitation of school ELC COVID-19 response grant, public distribution of COVID-19 assets (test kits, sanitizer, and cloth masks)</p> <p>Winter Storm Elliot response 12/23-25</p> <p>Partnership Building: Assisting with county-level plans, particularly for continuity of operations (COOP) plan, shelter plans, and overall comprehensive emergency management plans (CEMPs)</p> <p>Collaborating with EMOs for MRC grant purchases to be strategic with overlap, particularly with response equipment involving sheltering needs</p> <p>Goal of Ready Genesee and Orleans Aware is to help facilitate additional partnership building (in addition to public education and outreach)</p> <p>Public Education and Outreach: Ready Genesee and Orleans Aware Preparedness Apps *New apps prepared by OCV completed early April *Promotional packages being finalized now *Each app with dual menus for Emergency Management and Health Dept.</p> <p>Planned summer outreach attendance for Genesee Game Night, Orleans Strawberry Festival, Orleans Marine Park</p>	
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	<p>Concerts, both county 4H fairs, both county National Night Out</p> <p>Medical Reserve Corps: Updated application, policy handbook, training and outreach materials, and events calendar.</p> <p>Staff Exercises, Drills, and Training: Individual staff curriculum for 1:1 sessions created (includes ICS and other required trainings, record keeping, MRC involvement, PPE, evacuation plans, hazard notifications)</p> <p>Annual PHEP Drill completed 8/31/2023 (through a POD)</p> <p>Two drone pilot trainings completed (pending final exams)</p> <p>One Spanish medical interpreter training scheduled</p> <p>Participation in the 2023 Preparedness Summit and in the 2023 MRC Regional Workshop *Poster presentation at 2023 Preparedness Summit *Panel talk at the 2023 MRC Regional Workshop</p> <p>Inventory and Critical Resource Management: New mobile medical units/RVs (sprint van in Orleans and 25' RV in Genesee)</p> <p>New 24' trailer in Genesee for storage, outreach, and emergency response</p> <p>Harris Radios (with allocation and use plan)</p> <p>Use of Sortly combined with county-specific Emergency Management</p>	
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MRC Rise grant was extended from \$50k in 2022 with an additional \$17.5k for 2023 (primary focus on emergency response equipment).

Health Education :

Highlighting information from extensive packet data...

Staffing:

Sherri Bensley was hired for the Genesee County Public Health Educator/Public Information Officer position. She Began work on 3/28/22.

Inters:

Summer 2023- Genesee County

Dana VanValkenburg Cornell University MA in PH

Maria Foisy Nazareth College BA science in PH

Summer 2023- Orleans County
Laiken Ricker Nazareth College BA science in PH

2022-2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Community Service Plan (CSP)

Have been Submitted to the State in December 2022

Both the CHA and CHIP are located on the GO Health website

<https://gohealthny.org/go-health-news/>

Steering Committee and Community Workgroup will

	<p>meet quarterly throughout 2023 to discuss progress on the CHIP</p> <p>Vaping Subcommittee and Colorectal Cancer Subcommittee were established to try and make greater progress with initiatives.</p> <p>We are looking to set up a vaping summit in the GOW region as part of the CHA this fall... Currently working to connect with those school districts to be host sites. The University of Rochester has agreed to Host the Summit. We are working through the beginning stages of this process...</p> <p>This spring, summer and fall we will be increasing our outreach events.</p> <p>The Trauma informed Champions Programs: We currently have six members of GO Health that have been accepted into this program. Its run through Allegany County, Ardent Solutions and the University of Buffalo School of Social Work's Institute on Trauma; with the focus being – "How do we become trauma informed and then how do we help our community and other agencies also become trauma informed?" There are monthly meetings and home work in hopes of developing a plan for improvement to our Trauma informed response and activities within the Health</p>	
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	<p>Department and Community. – Extension of the Space Cat Grant.</p> <p>The Genesee County Health Department participated in the walkability virtual academy – This is a Grant funded through the CDC – it’s was a ten week program where a team was built of County Originations. Some of the Participants included Genesee County Planning, The Batavia City School District, GCHD, Genesee Transportation Council, The Office for the Aging, and the Youth bureau. An action plan was developed on how to improve the movability and walkability in Genesee County. The group is currently working on implementing the action plan. A pop up demonstration is being held on Bank Street (between Washington Avenue and Main street) in August. The city has plans to “redo” that area, so the demonstration will be provided there in hopes to show the best way to address the current issues if changes would need to be made... in hope to make the best improvements before the changes take place.</p> <p>Radon Grant – for Genesee County we have been distributing test kits. The Test kits are almost gone – with about 20 left from an order of 192. Each year we will be able to get about 190 kits and will distribute them to area residents.</p>	
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Yearly County Health rankings.
(Information Below from
Report)

**2023 County Health
Rankings.**

Data from the 2023 County
Health Rankings was
presenting along with the
Infographic. The following data
points were discussed:

Health outcomes.

Genesee #42/62 (#38 in 2022)

*Length of Life (48/62)

*Quality of Life (17/62)

Orleans #55/62 (#54 in 2022)

*Length of Life (49/62)

*Quality of Life (58/62)

There is a lot of work that
needs to be done. We would to
be 1 to 20 or 1 to 15. To
highlight...

Obesity Rates, Overdose
deaths, and disconnected
youth, we are really trying to
focus our initiatives on
addressing these issue by
being involved with collisions
and GOW Opioid task force,
the Healing communities grant,
and the Trauma informed
champions program, Trying to
promote cancer screenings. All
to better our communities, and
being more informed. We have
seen some improvement in
some areas but also
understand that it's not the
most current data (rate data
from 2020). But it allows us to
see where we stand and
highlights areas we can
improve on with hope of in the

	following years to see better rankings.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director's Report 	<p>Grants: We are getting the funds for the CDC Public Health Infrastructure grant (funds are targeted for PH staff for recruitment, retention, training & development). The funds are currently being set up through the County(s) Legislatures. OC just approved it this May and it will be going before the GC legislature in July. The grant for \$3billion ear marked by the Government to the CDC to push out to state and local Health Departments and restricted for that use. We are focusing our efforts on retention incentives through annually payments over the next 5 years period. Also funds for training and development conferences and certifications.</p> <p>Healing Communities: We are moving forward with the fatality review board. We have a few staff going to Indiana in July to meet with another County that has developed a review board that looks into overdose death and suicides and into the underlying causes -- what may have led to those outcomes... Are there underlying areas or gaps that may have been missed? Are there providers or resources in the community; that we could look to potentially implement and changed to prevent future deaths? We are also going to be having a site visit by Healing Communities (GC) June 29th. Oneida and Columbia University will be conducting the site visit; looking into how the grant is being used. We are trying to finalize the purchase of the OD analyzer so that we</p>	

are able to do real time toxicology on overdose deaths. It was approved by the Legislature, we are currently waiting on Columbia to approve the final purchase. Once that is done we will get it, set it in place and start using it (allowing for real time data). Currently the ME's office (medical examiner) has started doing urine analysis for us, but the problem we are seeing (in the data provided) is half the time urine is unavailable to run the analysis tests on the OD's. The machine we are looking to buy would be able to do blood, saliva or urine. Depending on which we would like to use, the ME would be able to do the draw/or get the sample; and then we could test it in house for GC & OC and see what was in the OD's system allowing for real time testing/data. It would not be final data or public data; that information would have to come from the final autopsy report. This testing (after the person passes) will allow us to know more of what is going on with-in the community; allowing us to work with local law enforcement, providers, and the community based on the preliminary results (not shared publicly).

Annual Report:

We are wrapping up for the year. One of our fellows is finalizing the details, once it's completed it will be pushed out to BOH for review.

3-5 transportation:

The RFP's/contracts have been sent out and the bids have been awarded by both County Legislatures.

We will be working with a new provider this year in addition to

WNY Bus. The ARC will be providing out of county transportation for both Orleans and Genesee County (the GLOW Region). We used them several years back when it was it was Genesee Orleans Arc.

The State Budget:

The State budget is completed. There was not a lot of PH topics. The biggest topic was LEAD – passed for changes, lead prevention looking at homes vs poisoning on the back end. This does not impact Genesee or Orleans there are only 19 counties (considered higher risk) with in the state that have been designated. It is expected that it will roll out to us next year (2024) or the following (2025). The focus is on prevention; that there would be testing on every home that predates 1978 on a three year rolling basis and they have to be deemed lead safe. To prevent the lead poisoning from occurring in the first place. This is the same program that Monroe County (for more than 20yrs) does and is what this program is now based on. It is called the “Monroe County Model”. The State picked this up and is now running it Statewide.

There is a bill they are trying to pass to continue the Covid era type reporting of adult immunizations that was required with Covid vaccines going into NYSIIS. They are trying to get that passed as permanent approach to adult immunizations like children’s it will be captured in NYSIIS. There is an opt out clause, but different from opting in...Everyone’s information would be loaded to NYSIIS

	<p>unless you opt out of the reporting.</p> <p>PHAB Accreditation: We are heading quickly toward accreditation. We have had our Preliminary submission review. We had 99 examples at 30% that were deemed less than or fully or strongly demonstrated; so we had to go back to the table for some of those. We resubmitted on 5/12/2023 we only had 4% - 4.5% or 15 examples that we were unable to provide anything sufficient for. Our accreditation specialist will be doing the resubmission and getting back to us within the next few weeks. With hopes that most will be accepted. The next step will be to work towards the site visit (it will be a hybrid visit -- one day on site and one day virtual) which we suspect will be in August of the year. The BOH is welcome to participate. Once we know of the date we will make you aware. We are getting close! Once the site visit is complete we just wait for the final determination. Hoping for Accreditation by the end of the Year.</p>	
Old Business From Cancelled April meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Management of LPPP • Pre-Exposure Rabies Policy • Approval & adoption of all current policies & procedures for 2023 pending future review & modifications 		M:Kelly S:Deanna Approved
New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Hearing 		M:Kelly S:Gregg Approved
Other		
Adjournment		M: Kelly S: Gregg Approved.
Next meeting: Genesee County/Zoom August 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.		

