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## AGENDA / MINUTES

<b>Committee/Project/Meeting:</b>		Genesee-Orleans Board of Health	
<b>Date:</b>	October 3, 2023	<b>Recorder:</b>	Samantha Weber
<b>Time:</b>	4:00 p.m.		
<b>Location:</b>	Orleans County Health Department/Zoom		
<b>Attendance:</b> Brendan Bedard, Scott Senf, Kaitlin Pettine, Kristine Voos, Paul Grout, Deanne Page, Kelly Nichols DO, Gregg Torrey, Fred Miller attending via zoom Dr. Mary Obear.			
<b><u>AGENDA / TOPICS</u></b>		<b><u>DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY)</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION / NEXT STEPS</u></b>
<b>Minutes from August 1, 2023</b>			M: Deanna S: Fred Approved 10/3/2023
<b>Public Concerns/Discussions/ Presentations</b>		Discussion: Paul G asked about OC/GC water issues. Brendan Advised Not regulated by Public Health.	
<b>Division Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community Health Report</li></ul>		<u>TB:</u> One suspected active case in GC; working with the agency that he was established with. His testing has come back negative; He started treatment and is no longer infectious. Also currently working with an individual that has latent TB. OC has been busy working with 8 latent TB cases and receiving treatment and in various stages of progress while working with Monroe County as our TB provider.  <u>Immunizations:</u> We tend to pick up a bit during this time of year for appoints. To ensure that students are up to day with vaccinations to maintain attendance per the NYS standard.  <u>Lead:</u> GC has had 5 new elevations since the last BOH meeting.	

One of the elevations they couldn't get blood draw on the child; it was later confirmed with two finger sticks. What was interesting regarding this case is that the child was living in a property that was not supposed to be reoccupied because of previous lead hazards. Environmental staff have been working with the landlord regarding this issue.

OC has had 7 new elevations since the last BOH meeting. 3 home visits that were conducted. Two of the children are twins.

Maternal Child Health:

We have been getting a few referrals coming in from Unity Hospital and occasionally from other hospitals in the area. However we have not seen too much interest in the community for the services offered.

Communicable Disease: There is nothing really out of the norm that we wouldn't typically be seeing.

Waste Water Surveillance: We are actually seeing an increase of COVID in various locations, as per the State as well. We are also currently testing for Influenza and RSV. This added surveillance could be a nice tool going forward to predict other respiratory pathogens moving forward into the current flu and RSV season.

Migrant Outreach: In OC the program is wrapping up at the end of October. We partner with Oak Orchard Health and that partnership is going well. The camps vary in size from a handful of workers to some being over 40. Most of them

	have been very receptive to varies vaccine we have offered.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Report</li> </ul>	<p><u>Staffing:</u> OC Sue Papponetti retired; her last day was September 1 and her position as Senior Environmental Specialist was backfilled By our own an Environmental Health Specials from OC; -- Cierra Lang. We are now in the process of backfilling for Cierra's position. – Interviews are ongoing.</p> <p>Deb Hill former GC program manager for the HUD lead grant has been backfilled by New hire Jacob Greenbaum, he will be starting October 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>June 9<sup>th</sup> – 12 Environmental Staff members across both counties took Civil Service exams for the following Positions: Environmental Health Director, Senior Environmental Health Specialist, Environmental Health Specialist, and Lead Program Coordinator. Everyone passed and is reachable on their respective lists.</p> <p><u>Rabies:</u> Since the last BOH meeting, we have treated 10 individuals in OC and 12 in GC. Two people treated in GC were due to exposure to an animal which tested positive for Rabies.</p> <p><u>Rabies clinics:</u> OC held their clinic on 8/26 &amp; had 289 animals; 117 dogs, 109 cats, &amp; 3 ferrets. They received \$140 in donations. The next clinic is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>GC held their clinic on 8/11 &amp; had 307 animals; 247 dogs, &amp;</p>	

	<p>60 cats. They received \$403 in donations. The next clinic is scheduled for Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Enforcements &amp; Notice of Violations: Nothing major to report, Only Minor violations for repeat code violations and late permit renewals.</p> <p>Additions to the Enforcement Determination Policy include Language from NYS Public Health Law regarding the sale and flavored vapes and noncompliant landlords with properties where children have been exposed to lead.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Report</li> </ul>	<p>Both GC &amp; OC have submitted their 2024 Budgets. Everything is looking.</p> <p>We did just end our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter so we have not submitted any quarterly number for that yet. They will be submitted at the next BOH meeting in Dec.</p> <p>As far as 2023 goes all of GC's numbers are looking good for the end of the year and OC is reflecting the same.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate Compliance Report</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Education</li> </ul>	<p>Our team has been busy with Public Health accreditation, which Kristin will speak to. We have some updates regarding Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement plan (CHIP) and the progress we are making. As a result of PHAB we have created a Community Workgroup and Steering Committee. The focus of these groups it to make greater strides in our Community Health Improvement plan (CHIP). We have also started a</p>	

Vaping sub Committee with a focus on Youth vaping in both counties. A press release was sent out today 10/3/2023 regarding the Summit being held in OC. We will be holding this summit on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Albion middle school for parents and community member's to come out and hear from experts from Roswell, U of R and from You Connect Care (formerly GCASA); to speak on that panel. To inform parents and community members on the vaping culture with a Q/A after. We are also planning to hold a similar event for GC as well.

We have been doing Narcan training with in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties with community members. Between GC & OC we have trained 634 individuals.

We have held some take back days to collect medications and those have been well received.

We have been working on Self-management skills for individuals with chronic disease: We will be implementing the National Diabetes Prevention Program. One class in OC starting in January and another class in GC in the summer of 2024.

Some of the barriers we have listed with our Community Health Improvement plan (CHIP) goals: One is our Vacant -- GOW Opioid Taskforce Coordinator position which is filled through You Connect Care (formally GCASA). If you know anyone that maybe interested, they have been struggling to get this position filled.

Our Trauma Informed Champions Program: We currently have 6 staff between GC & OC that will be attending the Trauma informed training. As a team we are trying to develop a plan to help our origination and our region become to become trauma informed. Once we have developed this plan we hope to be bringing this to BOH in early 2024. Focusing on some changes we can make as an origination to better serve our residents.

Walkability Virtual Academy: You may have seen some press on this. Our committee held a pop up demonstration on Bank street in the City of Batavia on August 17<sup>th</sup>. We created new bump outs and crosswalks while engaging the community for feedback on the project. It was very well received; residents seemed very interested and excited about providing feedback. Our hope is other municipalities will reach out to us regarding walkability before implanting changes.

Radon: We have been distributing test kits throughout GC. Staff presented at the Genesee Association of Municipalities (GAM) meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> to towns and villages to encourage radon policy changes. Our staff will also be meeting with each municipality separately to discuss policy change for new buildings. We have high levels in GC that is why were able to get the grant.

NaloxBoxes: We have started outreach for the Narcan

	<p>emergency boxes in OC. You should be seeing some press releases in next few weeks about these. We have started with County department office buildings and then we will be going through our human services counsel to see what other agency and business may be interested.</p> <p>Over the next couple of months the Health Education team will be working on and developing a plan for – outreach plan for the coming year (2024) to help align with our strategic plan and to expand the efforts we are currently working on throughout both counties.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul>	<p><u>Staffing</u> – we have covered Environmental health.</p> <p>We had a senior financial clerk retire From GC Carol was with Public Health for 49 years. We are looking to backfill that position.</p> <p>We have one intern this semester from UB school of Public Health Jeremy who will start the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October.</p> <p><u>Budgets</u>: are in process, the manager reviews are completed and are to the Legislature now. We should be seeing approval in November.</p> <p><u>Grants</u>: We are looking to apply for the FDA Retail Food Grant, which typically we apply to every year – on our environmental side of things. Our Main Covid grant was actually extended to next year ending 7/31/2024. Our Public Health Fellows grant ends year on 6/30/2024. CDC Infrastructure grant in year 1 of 5. We should be getting our</p>	

	<p>incentive payments in November – for staff training and development.</p> <p>Covid number seem to be increasing Dr. Nichols DO: stated “that’s the ones that are testing”</p> <p>For those who are testing but our waste water is showing that there is an increase in the communities we are testing at.</p> <p>Dr. Nichols DO: yes that makes sense.</p> <p>Paul Grout: asked if Dr. Nichols is seeing the influx to which she</p> <p>Dr. Nichols DO: Yes and a couple of flu trickling in. We would have been out with a late start but we are not getting that this year.</p> <p>We do have Covid tests available in each county. Schools are getting test kits through their BOCES Reps and EMO has a small stockpile of test kits too.</p> <p><u>Federal Budget:</u> The NACCHO/NYSACHO there is looking to be a federal budget rescission 1.5 billion cut to the CDC at this time we are unsure what the local impact is, but are expecting some programs will experience some reductions. The money that we get federally through NYSACHO looks to have a priority set for 2023-2024 for Lead and the Early intervention program. To increase provider rated by 11%. This is important especially for the EI program since they are dealing with a shortage of providers because they are not paid as well, leaving a lot of kids who are</p>	
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receiving services that they are qualified for. One of the main things they are looking to do is to shift a lot of program cost for the Pre K program to schools specifically for bussing. "Not if that would get passed but".

Scott: I think they ask for that each year and it never passes.

Dr. Nichols DO: I think everyone in the county would like it if Pre K had a bus route.

Emergency Preparedness:

Internally we have an inventory tracking system that we just got in the last few month. We are trying to get everything added to better know what we have and what is going to expire when. It will help us to mainstream away from our previous system of tracking with spreadsheets.

Our two mobile vaccine unites have been in use; out in both communities. They have been taken to community events and other activities around. We will be housing them in next month, to keep them out of the winter weather; we don't want them sitting outside in the winter months. We are currently looking at locations to store those vehicles.

Early Intervention 3-5: We are still seeing a significant waiting list; simply because of the lack of providers in our area.

Wastewater: The other thing that we are doing not internally; but using settlement funds in both counties is once a week waste water is being tested for cocaine, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and nicotine. We stated that in

June. We are using a company called Biobot which does the analysis out in Massachusetts. We should be getting our preliminary data shortly. We have been getting data for a few weeks now but soon we should see what the trending pattern is with in our community based on those varies different substances.

Dr. Nichols DO: that is so depressing that we have to find out what our base line of fentanyl is to be able to track.

Yes a base line for everything. They will be creating an internal dashboard for us, so once we are able to access that we will look to see what we can put out publicly to show what is happening.

Kristine has some information on PHAB:

The end is in sight hopefully as far as reaching the top of our accreditation mountain and hopefully achieving accreditation. We had our first site visit last week which was done entirely virtual with our site visit team. It focused mainly on our major plans. Specifically the community health assessment, the community health improvement plan, our strategic plan, our performance management plan, the QI plan, and our emergency operations plan. They also touched base on certain examples they wanted more clarification on. Over all that went really well. They asked a lot of questions about the process of developing those plans. For example; our interactions with staff, the public, our partners and BOH.

	<p>The in person site visit will occur at the GC office 10/16/23. It will be a full day, they will want to have a tour of each Health department. Because of time the one for OC will be a previously filled virtual tour. They will then meet with our representative of our governing entity which are our BOH members. Could I just get a confirmation on who will be attending?! (Paul G: yes Fred M: yes Deanna: yes) That meeting will be at 9:45am in the GC office. A manila envelope has been made for each of you to go through prior to the meeting with some examples of questions you be faced with during the meeting. Additional areas that will be touched on during the visit is the meeting with community partners. We have 13 partners that have confirmed attendance. During the staff they would like to get to know our staff a bit and our culture and fact check that they know where are plans located and are utilizing them. We have 15 confirmed staff members. During the exit conference they give us (which they do with all Health departments) our 3 greatest strength and our 3 areas for improvement and their overall options. Josh (our accreditation specialist) advised we should expect a decision in November. So we are almost there!</p>	
<b>Old Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<b>New Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dress Code Policy</li> <li>• GO Health Fire Drill Evacuation</li> <li>• Lab Protocol Revised.</li> <li>• Laboratory Use Policy Final</li> <li>• After hours Policy</li> <li>• Enforcement Policy</li> <li>• HUD Policies Procedures</li> </ul>		M:Deanna S: Kelly Approved 10/3/2023

<b>Other</b>		
<b>Adjournment</b>		M:Greg S: Fred Approved 10/3/2023
<b>Next meeting:</b> Genesee County/Zoom December 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.		