



Paul A. Pettit, MSL, CPH
Public Health Director

**GENESEE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
3837 West Main Street Rd.
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 344-2580 x5555

**ORLEANS COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
14016 State Route 31, Suite 101
Albion, NY 14411
(585) 589-3278

AGENDA / MINUTES

Committee/Project/Meeting:		Genesee-Orleans Board of Health	
Date:	August 1, 2023	Recorder:	Samantha Weber
Time:	4:00 p.m.		
Location:	Genesee County Health Department/Zoom		
Attendance: Paul Grout, Deanna Page, Mary Obear, Fred Miller, Paul Pettit, Scott Senf, Kimberly Castricone, Darren Brodie, Debra Krenzer-Lewter, & Zoom attendance: Gregg Torrey,			
<u>AGENDA / TOPICS</u>		<u>DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY)</u>	<u>ACTION / NEXT STEPS</u>
Minutes from June 6, 2023			M:Deanna S: Mary Approved
Public Concerns/Discussions/ Presentations		<p>Follow up: water usage in Batavia. Some alerts and restriction were sent out but with the amount of rain we have recently received it has aided with the issues. All repairs were able to be made and MC was able to open a line to aid in water usage demand.</p> <p>Air Quality: May still have a few days of concern till the Fires in Canada are under control. Press Release for masking and availability if needed.</p>	
Division Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community Health Report		<p>Opioids – Two of our Epidemiologist Emily Penrose (GC) and Gabrielle Marcello (OC) attended The Dearborn County Fatality Review Board meeting in Lawrenceburg, IN for two days 7/19-20/2023. It was reported as very informative and provided a look into how suicide reviews are conducted, particularly in a community similar to ours.</p> <p>GO Health will be putting on (in partnership with GCASA) a second Drug take back day in GC it has been planned for 8/26/2023 and will be held at St. Anthony's in Batavia. A variety of resources will be made available to this neighborhood which is an overdose hotspot.</p> <p>GC – Healing Communities will be supporting Overdose Awareness day on August 30, 2023 -- event being held in Austin Park off Jefferson</p>	

	<p>Avenue in Batavia; Speakers at the event will be working to reduce the stigma of getting (& staying) on medication for opioid use disorder.</p> <p>UMMC has successfully registered as an OOPP and received their first shipment of Naloxone. They can and will now be distributing to high risk patients through their ED.</p> <p>The GOW Opioid Task Force Text for Naloxone line is going very well. They have received 50 requests from individuals from the tri-county area along with other areas in the region.</p> <p>Reported overdoses have decreased in terms of Batavia FD, and Electronic syndromic surveillance. It's unclear if it's due to fewer overdoses or more successful reversals at home with naloxone and 911 not being called...</p> <p>Fatal Overdoses: GC has had three confirmed deaths and twelve pending review.</p> <p>OC has had One confirmed death and three pending review.</p> <p>The MultiStat instrument has been approved by Columbia, and ordered (8/1/2023). This will help us respond to fatal overdoses – quicker and more effectively; especially if there is an unusual spike or pattern. MC will help set up the process for overdoses that run through the ME Office. Labs will be run in the GC lab where the MultiStat will be housed. MC did not want to purchase and take on the task of the MultiStat – cost for equipment covered by the Healing Communities grant. Having this device will provide Real time toxicology reports. Reports will not be for public knowledge. But could help aid with police and fire response, etc.</p> <p>Immunization: Clinics continue to be very low. But an uptick is expect toward the end of the month... with the start of school approaching.</p> <p>RSV – Vaccine is now approved for both infants and adults over 60.</p> <p>MPOX is now an STI and reported as such.</p>	
--	--	--

	<p>VFA program is consolidating their PIN Numbers, so we will no longer have a PIN for college MMR and Migrant vaccine.</p> <p>COVID-19 will be a monovalent again in the fall, and not for free. The Bivalent Vaccine will not be authorized for use once the FDA/ACIP approve the new formulation for the fall. We are currently deciding which vaccine to provide; Pfizer or Moderna and possibly some Novavax since CSV will be offering Moderna.</p> <p>Covid Clinics in OC have been very slow. Aside from Job Corp Students receiving 6 one week and 7 another, we have only given 1 other vaccine since the start of June.</p> <p>Communicable: Reported Covid & Flu cases are low currently in both counties.</p> <p>GC – has drafted a case report on our unusual botulism case from earlier this year, and will be shopping it around to journals for publication.</p> <p>OC – we have had more Enterics than usual in the past two months; and an increase in Legionella with four cases in the past month.</p> <p>Maternal Child Health: GC – is a little slow this quarter. Receiving about one referral a week with no answers or call backs.</p> <p>OC -- No LHCSA Cases. We have had some one time new mom/baby visits from Unity hospital referrals.</p> <p>Lead: GC – has five new elevations w/home visits conducted (since the last BOH meeting). Currently there are 27 open lead cases.</p> <p>OC – has two new elevations (since the last BOH meeting). One family refused a visit, and one family we cannot get ahold of. No home visits have been conducted. Currently there are 22 open lead cases.</p> <p>TB: GC – has one latent TB case that just started their second month of Rifampin.</p>	
--	---	--

	<p>OC – Currently has one LTBI Treatment in progress.</p> <p>Wastewater: In both Counties -- not much is currently being detected regarding respiratory pathogens.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Report 	<p>Lead: Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLL) have slowed since the last BOH meeting but we are still getting new EBLL's weekly.</p> <p>HUD grant funding – New round of funding is now active and covers all of GLOW counties for lead hazard control and healthy home repair items. We are now able to receive referrals from and provide services to our partners throughout the GLOW region.</p> <p>Rabies: We are currently in our busy season with Rabies calls for dog and cat bites or encounters with wild life (usually bats) on a regular basis including the weekends. Dispatch and providers are doing a good job pushing calls until the next business day in nonemergency cases. Reducing routed calls to our on-call staff phones. Instead we are fielding calls Monday mornings which is good.</p> <p>We are currently treating 3 individuals for an incident that occurred in OC.</p> <p>OC: Most recently had their drive through clinic on 6/28/23. This was rescheduled from 6/7/23 because of poor air quality. We were able to vaccinate 131 animals and received \$68.00 in donations. There was 101 dogs and 30 cats. This was our first weekday clinic in many years. Our next clinic is scheduled for 8/26/2023.</p> <p>GC: Most recent clinic was held on 5/18/2023. Numbers were reported at the last BOH meeting. Our Next clinic is scheduled for 8/10/2023 at the fairgrounds.</p> <p>The yearly rabies vaccine distribution for wildlife population in Genesee and Orleans Counties is scheduled to start in late August. USDA aircraft will drop oral rabies vaccine in places where wildlife will eat it and gain protection against rabies. A press release was issued to alert residents.</p>	

	<p>Staffing: GC now has an opening for an Environmentalist with the Bailey moving on to pursue another opportunity. We are currently interviewing to back fill that position.</p> <p>OC Senior Sanitarian is retiring 9/1/2023 will be her last day. She will come back as a part time employee to help with the septic program. We will be fielding candidates for her Job soon.</p> <p>Enforcement: No major enforcement to report at this time.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Report 	<p>OC: In process of getting budget approved and State Aid for 2024</p> <p>GC: Wrapping up Grants for 2023. Started working on the 2024 Budget.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Compliance Report 	<p>GC has sent out the materials via email Please complete if you have not yet done so.</p> <p>Updated Documents will be send out via Email from OC as well.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with Special Health Care Needs 	<p>We welcomed Andrea Szymanski on 7/10/2023 as the New OC Case manager to our EI program.</p> <p>GC: currently has 121 children enrolled in the EI Program and for the past school year we had 236 children in the Preschool Supportive Health Services Program.</p> <p>OC: currently has 110 children enrolled in the EI Program and for the past school year we had 133 children in Preschool Supportive Health Services Program.</p> <p>Batavia City School District has been approved to have five Center-Based preschool special Education classrooms. They opened the class rooms in September of 2022. Children from both Genesee and Orleans Counties attend these classrooms. This has helped with students that have been on waitlists for programs as well as students being sent out of county for services.</p> <p>Provider shortage: Both counties are still dealing with the provider shortages... With waitlists for EI and Preschool services in both counties.</p> <p>There are several children that are receiving Tele-Therapy that would like in-person services. We have reached</p>	

	<p>out to many providers to inquire about them doing services in both counties. Some say they are able to Tele-Therapy but not in-person services. Families are looking for in-person services as this is ideal for little ones.</p> <p>GC: EI has 13 children on a waitlist for speech, 15 for OT, and 15 on the waitlist for special instruction.</p> <p>OC: EI has 35 children on a waitlist for speech, 18 for OT, and 7 on the waitlist for special instruction.</p> <p>OC: February 15, 2023 the EI program was reviewed by NYSDOH to ensure we were in compliance with regulations and guidance provided as the administrator of the local EI program. OC was founded on two points. One due to the provider and evaluation shortage and the second for verbiage that needed to be added to our ongoing service coordination checklist.</p> <p>Transportation: Contracts were awarded to Two vendors. Beginning in September 2023 we will continue to do our in-county runs with WNY Bus, and GLOW ARC will begin doing our out of county runs. The hope is that this will help with the bus provider shortage that we experienced this past school year.</p> <p>New Software: The new EI software system called the EI Hub had not begun to be utilized by each county replacing the New York Early Intervention system. The Launch date has been pushed back many times. EI staff are being provided with online training for the new system.</p> <p>Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs:</p> <p>For the current grant year which began on October 1, 2022, both Counties have contracting out the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs grant. Each county received more money than years past for this grant and was told by the State that we need to make sure each county has one-half of a</p>	
--	---	--

	<p>full-time worker dedicated to the program. To meet this need we have contract the grant out to Independent Living Center of the Genesee Region. They now have a full time person working in the CYSHCN program. We have had 10 referrals in GC and one referral in OC. A workshop was held in each County facilitated by the Genesee/Orleans CYSHCN program for those families that have children with special needs transitioning out of high school and into adulthood.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director's Report 	<p>Staffing: OC – still has a Nursing position open. We have been looking at adjusting the rates to be more competitive... Senior Sanitarian will be retiring on 9/1/2023, she will be working part time (in a position that was created for her) to help with the septic program. We will be fielding to fill the Full time position soon.</p> <p>Site visit by U.S. Senator Charles Schumer presented a Press conference for New fentanyl Legislation - focus to hold Countries (China and Mexico) supplying the drug responsible. 84% of all Overdoses are Fentanyl related.</p> <p>GC & OC -- We are currently in the 2024 Budget season. We will be going over the needs in next 3 to 4 months to get the 2024 budget set.</p> <p>Article 28</p> <p>Article 36</p> <p>A bill has been passed for Public Health to be held at a different standard than it has been in the past with Home Health Aid guidelines.</p> <p>The Infrastructure funding has been approved. It will be used for training opportunities, retentions etc.</p> <p>Attended: NYSACHO July 25-27 in Sullivan County</p> <p>NACCHO July 8-14 in Denver CO.</p> <p>Attended the NACCHO meeting in Federal level cuts coming due to the debt ceiling.</p>	

	<p>The CDC is rolling out a new Rural Health Program.</p> <p>PHAB Site visit set for 9/26 virtual and 10/16 on site – will only be touring the GC office for the sake of time.</p> <p>Our site visitors will be:</p> <p>Joseph Sternberg, site visit chair COF for Gwinnet, Newton & Rockdale County Health Departments in Georgia.</p> <p>Garrett Guillozet, Health Commissioner for Delaware Public Health District in OH.</p> <p>The first day (virtual) will consist of Entrance interviews, Domain Sessions, and Major Plan Sessions.</p> <p>The second day (in-person) will consist of a site tour of the GC office and a virtual tour of the OC office.</p> <p>A session with community partners. Agencies invited include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyoming County Health Dept • UMMC • Orleans Community Health • City of Batavia School Dist. • GCASA • City of Batavia Fire Dept. • Just Cause • Pathstone • Genesee County Office for the Aging • Independent Living of the Genesee Region • NYSACHO • Genesee County Emergency Management • Orleans County Emergency Management. <p>Governing Entity Session (2-3) invited Paul Grout & Fred Miller focus on the Health Departments as a whole.</p> <p>Staff Session All staff will be invited but it will not be mandatory.</p> <p>Health Director Session & an Exit Conference.</p> <p>Strategic Plan – VMSG performance management systems and details emailed to the BOH.</p> <p>RV's are in for both Counties. The Public was able to see them at the Fair in their perspective counties.</p> <p>National night out held in Medina 8/1/2023.</p>	
--	---	--

	<p>Wastewater testing: All four locations in Orleans County are collecting data on opioids and other drugs; It could take 2-3 months to see any trends.</p> <p>There was a noticeable spike in cocaine and Meth use over the July 4th holiday. It should be interesting to see how the data usage levels.</p>	
Old Business •	NONE	
New Business •	NONE	
Other		
Adjournment		M: Deanna S: Fred Approved.
Next meeting: Orleans County/Zoom October 3, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.	Will maintain current designated schedule as long as a quorum can be met.	