



DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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Health Services Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:	March 25, 2021 10:08am		
Attendees/Title:			
Joseph Cetta, Town of Walton Supervisor	Arthur Merrill, Town of Colchester Supervisor		
Dr. Rohan Jayasena, Medical Director	Wayne Marshfield, Town of Hamden Supervisor		
Terri Whitney, Office of the Aging	Kyra Shew, Special Education Coordinator		
Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director	Christina Gardner, Accounting Supervisor		

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
COVID-19 Update	Daily COVID work of case investigations, isolation/quarantine monitoring is ongoing. We are holding multiple vaccination clinics each week. A 200 person 1 st dose clinic is happening today. Tomorrow we will have a 200 person 2 nd dose clinic. Last weekend on March 20, 2021 we vaccinated 419 people at DCMO BOCES campus. We saw a diverse group of eligible individuals and it was very successful. We may be looking at ONC BOCES on the other end of the county for another pop up clinic. After our clinic today, we will have administered over 2,000 1 st doses. As of today, around 25% of our population has received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. This percentage includes numbers from our clinics, hospitals, pharmacies and NYS vaccination sites. People can go to any site in NYS to receive their vaccination and their vaccination counts for the county where their address is located. Currently there is no way to report to get the vaccination percentage by town, only by county. We do vaccinate any eligible NYS resident at our clinics as that is a requirement of receiving federal vaccine. Eligibility criteria was recently opened to ages 50 plus. Janssen vaccine, which is only one dose, is prioritized for hospital discharges and exclusively homebound residents. The supply of the Janssen vaccine is limited currently but we expect the supply will increase as we gear up for the eligibility to be opened up to the general population. We want to keep the NYS vaccination site at SUNY Oneonta as busy as possible so it remains open for when the general population becomes eligible.	



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COVID Caseload remains high. NYS contact tracers are doing many of our case investigations but we still are doing all of the case monitoring and we keep the school and more complex investigations, we also perform follow-up to the state investigations. We are anticipating an increase in cases with the upcoming spring break, people traveling and the domestic travel restrictions being lifted on April 1, 2021. With more movement of people there can be a trend of an increase in cases. Some people are now vaccinated but not a large enough number of the total population to keep the rate of disease down. The NYS and US goal is to have a large portion of the population vaccinated prior to summer. Vaccination trials for children have begun. Currently Pfizer vaccine is for ages 16 and older and Modern and Janssen vaccine is for ages 18 and older.

We are trying to migrate our office to only working 6 days a week instead of 7. The toughest part of migrating to 6 days a week is the amount of work required with case investigations involving schools/college. These cases take a lot of work. We have been steadily working long hours through the roughest months, November – February, as people are inside and holiday gathering occur. More support from NYS contact tracers will help us transition to the 6 day workweek.

We have been working with schools regarding prom, graduation and events they want to hold this year. We are now responsible to track events at venues, including weddings. We are working to create a summary sheet of the guidance documents so individuals coordinating events will know what we need from them. We will work with the District Office on this as they will handle the food service inspections and we will have the new task of tracking events and obtaining information from the venue.

Dr. Jayasena encouraged the supervisors and all leaders of our communities to encourage people to get the vaccine as some people still have a wait and see viewpoint regarding the vaccine. He encouraged people to educate the population regarding the benefits of the vaccine. In response to Wayne, Dr. Jayasena explained that a booster vaccine may be needed for



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	<p>variants of the virus but the goal is to get the population vaccinated now with what we have and look at a booster when we have more information.</p>	
<p>Public Health Programs Update</p>	<p>Regular communicable disease, especially the respiratory illnesses have been much lower this year due to masks/hygiene/social distancing/screenings and people staying home when sick. This is especially true in schools and congregate settings due to protection measures in place. Our office still has to schedule staff to work on the STDs and other routine diseases while maintaining the daily COVID activities.</p> <p>The opioid grant program is working on a larger outreach project with VECC videography, which will focus on recovery and available resources.</p> <p>The immunization grant is mostly dedicated to supporting COVID vaccination clinics, currently.</p> <p>The lead program is gearing up to resume home visits again.</p> <p>The Maternal and Child Health program is an optional program which is on hold as staff are working on COVID activities. We will help new moms who call for assistance but this program is not currently doing home visits. We are still maintaining tracking of birth certificates and statistics.</p> <p>Community Health Assessment (CHA). This is the last year of our current three year assessment and typically we would be gearing up to complete an update for the next three years. This is an assessment that utilizes a large amount of data and we work with our community partners and hospitals to complete this. All of the partners who would typically work on this are also still busy with COVID activities. We are waiting for NYSDOH to provide further guidance on what will happen with this assessment.</p> <p>Public Health Emergency Preparedness is largely devoted to COVID activities now. We just completed a COVID hotwash with staff of our year of 2020. We will be developing an After</p>	



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	<p>Action Report for 2020. This report highlights some IT issues we had in 2020. We will share this report with this committee once it is completed.</p> <p>The Children and Youth with Special HealthCare Needs grant is operational but not receiving full attention, currently.</p> <p>The Child Passenger Safety program has been limited as we did not hold any events due to COVID but did still continue to have the monthly fitting station.</p> <p>We do plan to hold Rabies clinics this year. We were not able to have our usual clinic in March with the high COVID caseload and NYS changes related to more additional activities beginning to open up. We are working to plan for future clinics that will have safety protocols such as masks and social distancing in place and possibly with a pre-registration system.</p>	
<p>Early Intervention/ Preschool Update</p>	<p>Early Intervention had a virtual review in October of 2020. There were 5 minor findings from this review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not enough documentation found that we review all evaluations– Correction: A checklist for each regulatory component evaluations are reviewed for was created. 2. Service Coordinator list did not list all service coordinators approved by bureau of EI. One of our speech providers accidently checked off to be a service coordinator with the state. Correction: SLP submitted a change request to be removed as a service coordinator. We will review the state list quarterly instead of twice a year. 3. Not enough documentation found that 10 day written notice is sent to parents if county proposes a change in service. – Correction: Parent letter was updated to be more specific. 4. Not enough documentation was found that parent written notice didn't include Due Process information. – Correction: All parent letters were reviewed and updated to include Due Process information. 5. Not enough documentation found that verifies there is oversight and training regarding the health and safety updates for providers in the EI program. (Providers directly 	



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	<p>contract with NYSBEI). Correction: We will send an annual email to all EI providers directing them to NYSBEI health and safety information.</p> <p>Corrective Action Plan was approved on February 18, 2021.</p> <p>EI Hub will be the new data/operating system for EI program. It was originally planned to rollout in the 2nd half of 2020 but was pushed back to May 2021. Counties advocated that they are not prepared to learn a new system at this time as we are all inundated with COVID activities. The release of the EI Hub has been postponed again without a proposed rollout date.</p> <p>Virtual services have been occurring in EI and Preschool for almost a year now. Preschool has mostly returned to in person visits. Virtual services in the EI program have turned out to be very beneficial, especially in rural areas and more children are receiving services. Children previously on waitlists are now receiving services virtually as providers can see more children in all areas of the county. We have had an increase in EI providers with the option of virtual services. NYSBEI is looking at continuing with virtual services and hopefully this can be a positive that comes out of the pandemic.</p>	
Quality Assurance	The 2020 3 rd quarter quality assurance report and all incident reports were reviewed.	
Approval of Policies	The updated Early Intervention & Preschool 3-5 Educational Program Confidentiality policy was approved.	
Fiscal Report	<p>The fiscal report was reviewed. (see attached) Fiscal reporting remains behind. We currently have 10 grants and 8 are complete through the third quarter.</p> <p>FEMA funding originally ended 9/16/20. All grant funds need to be used prior to claiming FEMA funding. We are almost to the point where we can submit a claim to FEMA. FEMA funding will resume again in 2021 for agencies conducting vaccination clinics.</p> <p>NY State budget is looking to cut Article 6 State Aid and the rabies budget in particular. NYSACHO has formally reached out to the State regarding these concerns and the need to</p>	



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	keep funding. It is disheartening that during a pandemic NY State would attempt to cut the major funding for public health.	
Other	<p>Wayne proposed looking at a few resolutions that NYSAC recommended. Wayne will forward the resolutions to Mandy for review.</p> <p>Joe inquired about how our vaccination clinics are advertised. We have press releases that go out to news media (papers, radio), social media, website and our community partners. It can be tricky to get information out to local papers who weekly print media as we cannot advertise a clinic until we have vaccine and sometimes the weekly papers deadline is prior to confirming a clinic date and time. This is difficult for the senior population. We do advertise for people 60 and over to call OFA who will assist them in finding and scheduling appointments.</p> <p>Terri reports that OFA staff are assisting people with appointments daily. They are still working on their original list and are finding that probably 90% of people they call have already gotten their vaccination but they are still locating people who are waiting for an appointment.</p> <p>Mandy will submit a 3rd request for pay compensation for the excess amount of hours worked this past year. There has been no response from the first two requests.</p>	
Meeting Adjourned at: 11:35am		

Respectfully Submitted By,

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**Delaware County Public Health Services
Summary of Revenues & Expenditures
January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020**

	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES			BUDGETED NET COST	ACTUAL NET COST
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%		
14012 PUBLIC HEALTH	1,021,056.00	378,616.42	37%	1,522,677.00	1,097,165.79	72%	501,621.00	718,549.37
14013 IMMUNIZATION	31,300.00	26,650.62	85%	9,800.00	5,727.02	58%	(21,500.00)	(20,923.60)
14035 FAMILY HEALTH PLAN SERVICES	18,000.00	12,755.63	71%	7,250.00	6,979.14	96%	(10,750.00)	(5,776.49)
14042 RABIES CONTROL	16,000.00	4,059.46	25%	26,200.00	4,595.54	18%	10,200.00	536.08
14046 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	2,575.00	0.00	0%	5,000.00	1,952.28	39%	2,425.00	1,952.28
14050 CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREENING	27,379.00	13,296.91	49%	4,150.00	2,010.15	48%	(23,229.00)	(11,286.76)
14051 CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM	19,200.00	10,961.89	57%	27,200.00	16,521.54	61%	8,000.00	5,559.65
14054 SOCIAL HYGIENE	0.00	0.00	N/A	15,000.00	574.80	4%	15,000.00	574.80
14059 EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM	225,500.00	69,077.70	31%	551,414.00	488,017.95	89%	325,914.00	418,940.25
14060 CPSE 3-5	1,360,000.00	804,276.84	59%	3,071,849.00	1,975,115.97	64%	1,711,849.00	1,170,839.13
14070 CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM	1,000.00	735.00	74%	3,300.00	457.84	14%	2,300.00	(277.16)
14074 OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	0.00	0.00	N/A	12,000.00	2,737.26	23%	12,000.00	2,737.26
TOTALS	2,722,010.00	1,320,430.47	49%	5,255,840.00	3,601,855.28	69%	2,533,830.00	2,281,424.81