



DELAWARE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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Health Services Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:	June 17, 2021 10:07am	
Attendees/Title:		
Arthur Merrill, Town of Colchester Supervisor	Wayne Marshfield, Town of Hamden Supervisor	
Joseph Cetta, Town of Walton Supervisor	Edward Bartos, District Office	
Dr. Rohan Jayasena, Medical Director	Terry Whitney, Office of the Aging	
Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director	Christina Gardner, Accounting Supervisor	

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Approval of Minutes	The November 19, 2020, January 21, 2021 and March 25, 2021 minutes were approved as written.	
COVID Grant Funding	<p>We have received a grant funding opportunity to assist schools with testing and reopening plans to maintain in person instruction. Delaware County Public Health has been awarded \$1,383,725. 85% of this funding must go directly to school districts. We are looking to sub-contract with our two larger BOCES districts and Deposit School who is part of a separate BOCES district to help support schools for the following; a school testing needs assessment, develop and institute testing plans and protocols and provide technical support resources for the schools in conjunction with NYS guidance. Schools are not required to institute a testing plan, at this time, but we want to ensure that schools have access to these funds should they need them at some point or if the scope of these grant funds changes. This grant time period runs from July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. Schools may choose not to develop or institute a testing plan at this time and therefore not all of the funds may not be spent given the current grant parameters. The committee approved resolution to accept the ELC funds for reopening schools grant funding.</p> <p>We have received additional funds in the amount of \$312,079 for COVID19 enhanced detection. Funds are to provide case and contact investigations, isolation and quarantine</p>	



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	<p>monitoring and support and vaccination clinic activities. We cannot utilize this funding for older, existing staff salaries who are doing this work. We can only use for new hires. NYS currently has a contract with Virtual Call Center (VCC) to conduct these services. Most counties have been utilizing VCC to assist when COVID cases were high and have continued to utilize VCC now while cases are lower so health department staff can work on regular public health program activities that have been on hold. NYS's contract with VCC runs out at the end of August. We have asked if these funds can be used to keep VCC in place as these contact tracers are already trained. NYS's contract with VCC expires in the end of August. We have proposed that they state use these funds to continue to contract with VCC as they are already fully trained. Our VCC school specialist has expressed interest in contracting with us directly when the VCC contract expires. Committee approved resolution to accept the additional enhanced detection funding.</p>	
<p>COVID Update</p>	<p>We are hoping our cases will remain low this summer. 70% of the total NYS population is vaccinated, but only 45% of the Delaware County population is fully vaccinated. In response to Joe, Mandy explained that our vaccination rate is similar to Chenango and Sullivan Counties, Schoharie County's rate is slightly lower. Otsego County has a higher vaccination rate. Otsego County had a NYS vaccination site in their county. NYS is starting to highlight zip codes with low vaccination rates. The webiste that gave us access to zip code vaccination data is not operational. We know that Arkville, Hancock, South Kortright are some of our zip codes with the lowest vaccination rates. We are working with the NYS Police EMS program to vaccinate our homebound population.</p> <p>We suspect large portions of the cases we are seeing in our population are variants. About 75% of the NYC cases sent to for variant testing have been identified as the Delta variant. Variant testing is done on a NYS surveillance level. NYS determines how and when they will test for variants. Not every positive Covid test is sent to Wadsworth lab for variant testing. There ar are many Covid variants. Some variants have a higher risk of transmission than others. Our hospitalization rate has been higher than in the past and the age range of those people being hospitalized is younger than we had been seeing, previously. This is a very concerning trend.</p>	



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	<p>We are waiting to see what happens after the governor’s announcement regarding lifting restrictions. We are anticipating that many of the guidance documents will move from being required to recommended. We are waiting to see what guidance documents will be archived and which guidance documents will remain in effect.</p>	
	<p>Dr Jayasena expressed concern regarding the SUNY Oneonta state vaccination site no longer having Pfizer vaccine, which is the only vaccine approved for the 12-18 year old population. Mandy explained that this population can receive Pfizer vaccine from many pharmacies in our area. School based health centers are gearing up to vaccinate the 12-18 year old population as well. We have reached out to schools, especially those without school-based health centers, and are willing to work with schools and hospitals to schedule clinics if they have a large enough group of students looking for vaccinations. Provider’s offices may possibly have access to the vaccine this summer. We are hosting a walk-up clinic during the farmer’s market hours in Delhi, every Wednesday. We are giving out Johnson & Johnson vaccine for people 18 years and older. The first two weeks of this clinic we vaccinated approximately 25-30 people.</p>	
<p>Public Health Programs Update</p>	<p>We have had difficulty finding veterinarians to work our free rabies clinics. Our list of scheduled clinics has been publicized, but we are working to schedule more clinics. Once we finalize the contract process with a new vet we may be able to add clinics in Stamford and Davenport. We are working to find a vet with a date available for a clinic in Walton. We may have to downsize our number of clinics even more next year due to lack of vet availability.</p> <p>We have seen lower numbers in Early Intervention and Preschool due to COVID. Many families are hesitant to receive services and participate in in-person evaluations as many of these children are medically fragile. COVID has allowed the option for virtual services in the EI and Preschool programs. This has enabled more children to receive services, especially those in more remote, provider shortage areas of the County. Virtual services have contributed to increased parent engagement in their child’s therapy sessions, which has been very positive for child outcomes. We have advocated that virtual services continue to be an option in NYS. Currently we have 20 children receiving virtual services who would be without thereapy services if the virtual option was removed. Even with the virtual option, we have 9 children</p>	



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	<p>needing speech services, 3 children needing special instruction services and 2 children needing physical therapy services in EI. Preschool has 7 children needing speech services and 1 child needing occupational therapy (OT) services. Speech continues to be our largest need. Our full-time speech language pathologist (SLP) is resigning at the end of august to take a job opportunity in the Albany area. She has been a wonderful asset to children in the EI and Preschool programs.</p>	
	<p>Communicable Disease is seeing a lot of Lyme disease and GI illnesses in addition to COVID. The summer brings camp season. Some of our camps employ international counselors/campers. We have 3 counselors who tested positive for COVID, they are currently serving out their isolation period before arriving at camp.</p> <p>Lead program is resuming services and working to catch up with families.</p> <p>MCH program has resumed baby visits.</p>	
Preschool Rates 2021-2022	<p>Rates for preschool related services must be submitted to NYSED prior to July 1, 2021. For the past two years our related service rate has been at \$60 per individual ½ hour session and \$30 per group ½ hour session. We are suggesting that we increase our related service rate to \$65 per individual ½ hour session and \$35 per group ½ hour session. This is mostly to keep up with Medicaid reimbursement rates and work to prevent a negative cost report where our reimbursement is higher than our eligible Medicaid costs. Committee approved raising the Preschool related service rates to \$65-individual and \$35-group.</p>	
Quality Assurance / Incident Reports	<p>Mandy reviewed the incident reports and the 4th quarter 2020 and 1st quarter 2021 QA reports. The committee approved all QA reports.</p>	
Environmental Health Update – Oneonta District Office	<p>Changes are constantly occurring. Fair and Festival guidance has been suspended. Guidance for indoor gatherings of 5,000 or more remains in effect, however, Delaware County has no scheduled indoor gatherings or events that meet criteria. Children’s camp guidance has been suspended. Staff have been fielding calls from camp operators with questions about safe operation as camps are still responsible for the health and safety of children attending the</p>	



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	<p>facility. Environmental health staff can recommend the camp follow the archived guidance but they cannot enforce it. Many camp facilities have been closed up since 2019 and that can lead to additional issues when opening the facility. Ed is eagerly awaiting some increased staffing for the District Office. The lead program is very busy as their caseload in 3 counties increased when regulations required environmental investigation of blood lead levels of 5mg or higher. Cases with lower blood lead levels can be more difficult to pinpoint the source of the lead poisoning. Regulations to closeout a case have also changed and lower lead levels are allowable during an environmental sampling. Many times the environmental sampling of a house that has been cleaned results in finding that homes are not being cleaned properly and therefore cases are remaining open for longer periods of time. NYS is starting to institute more enforcement with lead program. Residences, apartment buildings, facilities that have been determined to have environmental health hazards that have not been addressed within time frame required court proceedings will begin. No recent outbreaks in Delaware County.</p>	
HSAB Community Member	<p>The HSAB is in need of a community member following the passing of Jeanette Hinkley. If you know of anyone who might be willing or interested to serve on this committee please let Mandy know.</p>	
Annual Report 2019	<p>The 2019 Annual Report is typically completed in 2020, but due to COVID activities that did not happen. The committee preliminarily approved the 2019 Annual Report, which will be sent out to all members for comments and content approval.</p>	
Approval of Policies	<p>Updated policies were approved as written. (see attached)</p>	
Fiscal Report	<p>Christina reviewed the fiscal report and 5-year summary. (see attached). Many programs were under budget due to regular LHD activities not performed because of COVID pandemic emergency as well as grant funding becoming available to cover COVID activities. This resulted in the lowest net cost in recent years.</p>	
Preschool Transportation	<p>Our current transportation contracts are ending August 31, 2021. We have a one year renewal option which we will be utilizing.</p>	
Recognition	<p>We would like to recognize our staff and collaborating agencies for everyone's hard work at the August or September board meeting.</p>	



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	Many public health agencies felt disheartened by the Governor's recent speech giving no acknowledgement to the efforts of local public health departments, partners and their staff. The Governor commented that the "public health system was broken and he would fix it". This is after years of continued State funding cuts to health departments and their programs,	
Meeting Adjourned at: 11:51am		

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda C. Walsh, MPH

Health Services Advisory Board Policy and Procedure List

Date: June 17, 2021

Approved	Need Corrections	Policy Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Management of Public and Professional Outreach and Education – update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Case Management of Lead Poisoning Prevention Program – update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Passenger Safety Program – update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immunization Clinics - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Coordination - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personnel Requirements - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff Training and Development - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statewide Immunization Registry - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Intervention Program & Preschool 3-5 Education Program Confidentiality - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliance Officer Designee Duties and Responsibilities - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	EI Billing, Reconciliation & Escrow Process - update
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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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

	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES			BUDGETED	ACTUAL
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	NET COST	NET COST
14012 PUBLIC HEALTH	792,670.41	831,417.50	105%	1,294,291.41	1,096,053.26	85%	501,621.00	264,635.76
14013 IMMUNIZATION	31,300.00	35,887.44	115%	9,800.00	5,727.02	58%	(21,500.00)	(30,160.42)
14035 FAMILY HEALTH PLAN SERVICES	18,000.00	15,333.21	85%	7,250.00	6,979.14	96%	(10,750.00)	(8,354.07)
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	957.00	37%	5,000.00	1,952.28	39%	2,425.00	995.28
14050 CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREENING	27,379.00	18,257.24	67%	4,150.00	2,010.15	48%	(23,229.00)	(16,247.09)
14051 CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM	19,200.00	10,961.89	57%	27,200.00	19,554.13	72%	8,000.00	8,592.24
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	160,395.01	71%	551,414.00	488,017.95	89%	325,914.00	327,622.94
14060 CPSE 3-5	1,360,000.00	1,024,516.89	75%	3,047,349.00	1,987,974.31	65%	1,687,349.00	963,457.42
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	1,777.90	15%	12,000.00	1,777.90
TOTALS	2,493,624.41	2,102,520.64	84%	5,002,954.41	3,615,674.32	72%	2,509,330.00	1,513,153.68

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Summary of Actual/Budgeted Net Cost
5 Year Comparison**

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	BUDGETED NET COST	ACTUAL NET COST	BUDGETED NET COST	ACTUAL NET COST	BUDGETED NET COST	ACTUAL NET COST	BUDGETED NET COST	ACTUAL NET COST	BUDGETED NET COST	ACTUAL NET COST
14010 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	0.00	(520.76)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14012 PUBLIC HEALTH	438,407.41	300,615.59	433,791.38	302,309.78	486,200.83	325,586.30	478,842.95	314,467.25	501,621.00	264,635.76
14013 IMMUNIZATION	(17,750.00)	(30,493.57)	(17,550.00)	(21,198.21)	(19,350.00)	(24,032.36)	(12,582.98)	(19,519.65)	(21,500.00)	(30,160.42)
14016 LONG TERM HOME HEALTH CARE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14035 FAMILY HEALTH PLAN SERVICES	(10,350.00)	(12,472.67)	(10,350.00)	(16,176.86)	(11,175.00)	(10,520.26)	(10,825.00)	(15,218.10)	(10,750.00)	(8,354.07)
14042 RABIES CONTROL	20,800.00	3,486.53	21,650.00	(6,516.56)	17,500.00	(3,215.30)	10,400.00	(5,016.86)	10,200.00	536.08
14046 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	4,700.00	0.00	4,700.00	0.00	4,700.00	0.00	2,425.00	749.36	2,425.00	995.28
14050 CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREENING	(20,445.00)	(29,791.64)	(22,198.00)	(27,133.20)	(23,798.00)	(29,174.40)	(23,879.00)	(24,268.48)	(23,229.00)	(16,247.09)
14051 CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM	8,000.00	11,021.84	8,800.00	7,642.58	2,050.00	3,844.85	6,850.00	9,353.62	8,000.00	8,592.24
14054 SOCIAL HYGIENE	20,000.00	12,333.86	20,000.00	8,561.59	18,000.00	6,892.58	15,000.00	8,797.76	15,000.00	574.80
14059 EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM	369,871.08	235,800.21	349,388.09	227,882.15	300,485.22	274,900.05	326,765.98	243,660.76	325,914.00	327,622.94
14060 CPSE 3-5	1,764,279.44	1,096,231.51	1,686,297.60	1,125,713.35	1,525,740.00	1,424,176.98	1,589,512.00	1,284,119.96	1,687,349.00	963,457.42
14070 CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM	4,200.00	(67.17)	4,100.00	842.71	4,100.00	357.48	2,300.00	23.60	2,300.00	(277.16)
14074 OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	2,500.00	172.48	2,500.00	81.34	2,050.00	80.31	2,000.00	646.35	12,000.00	1,777.90
TOTALS	2,584,212.93	1,586,316.21	2,481,129.07	1,602,008.67	2,306,503.05	1,968,896.23	2,386,808.95	1,797,795.57	2,509,330.00	1,513,153.68
Budget - Actual Net Costs		997,896.72		879,120.40		337,606.82		589,013.38		996,176.32

Year	Actual Net Costs
2013	\$ 2,107,193.81
2014	\$ 1,602,202.79
2015	\$ 1,617,790.29
2016	\$ 1,586,316.21
2017	\$ 1,602,008.67
2018	\$ 1,968,896.23
2019	\$ 1,797,795.57
2020	\$ 1,513,153.68