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Health Services Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:	March 10, 2022 10:06am	
Attendees/Title:		
Joseph Cetta, Town of Walton Supervisor	Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director	
Betty Scott, Town of Masonville Supervisor	Wayne Marshfield, Town of Hamden Supervisor	
Tina Mole, Board of Supervisors Chairman	Eric Wilson, Town of Sidney Supervisor	
Christina Gardner, Accounting Supervisor	Edward Bartos, District Office	

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Welcome and Introductions	Welcome to our newest member, Eric Wilson. Mandy provided a brief overview of this committee and the local health department (LHD) functions and structure.	
Approval of Minutes	The January 27, 2022 minutes were approved as written.	
COVID-19	<p>COVID-19 activities have been lighter with the recent NYS changes. Most of the mask mandates have been lifted. Just recently masks have become optional in school settings. We have worked very closely with our schools throughout the entire pandemic. Delaware County is currently the community level is low (CDC rating system). This level indicates that our health care system can accommodate our sick people. There is still transmission, but it is not taxing the healthcare system with severe illness at a lower level our healthcare systems are able to handle more severe illness if it occurs.</p> <p>We have a higher amount of herd immunity with increased vaccination rates and individuals with natural immunity from contracting the virus.</p> <p>The current level of disease is more manageable for LHD's to handle. NYS Virtual Contact Tracing Center (VCC) will be demobilized in the end of March. The VCC was a huge network</p>	



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	<p>of people that were assisting local health departments throughout the pandemic and during time of surges of cases.</p> <p>We are utilizing the self-management process including self-management isolation and quarantine forms for COVID-19. These are available on the County website, Public Health website and NYSDOH website. COVID-19 will become a part of our regular CD program and reporting.</p> <p>Many of our staff have been with us less than 2 ½ years. We are currently transitioning back to programs that have been on hold during the pandemic as well as focusing on training and orientation to Public Health work.</p>	
<p>Public Health Programs</p>	<p>CHA – The Community Health Assessment is completed every three years. This is a large process that accesses the health and wellness of our community. It includes both public and professional community survey collection. We work with local hospitals to create this joint assessment and determine health priorities and improvement measures.</p> <p>Rabies – Rabies typically increases between late April through October. We are training new staff to this program. We will be doing outreach with the public regarding rabies exposure, animals that carry rabies and general rabies awareness.</p> <p>Communicable Disease – This program remains steady. Under 10 NYCRR 2.10, Public Health is required to investigate and conduct follow-up for all reportable communicable diseases. We have scheduled targeted outreach and education regarding tickborne disease and other diseases as needed.</p> <p>Immunization – Includes our Article 28 clinic that provides immunizations to uninsured and underinsured populations. We focus on project, outreach and education related to vaccine preventable diseases.</p>	



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	<p>Lead – This program primarily focuses on following young children up to age 6 who have elevated blood lead levels. We conduct lead risk assessments and follow-up to until lead levels decrease to a safe level. Home visiting was suspended due to the pandemic but we have resumed visiting. Visits are typically joint visits with the Oneonta District Office to perform environmental assessments to determine the source of lead poisoning.</p> <p>Opioid Crisis – Delaware County was one chosen as a high-risk area to receive grant funding to assist with the opioid crisis. We have a Substance Use Task Force is comprised of a variety of agencies that work together with a goal of addressing barriers to treatment, connection to available resources and reducing substance use.</p> <p>Suicide Prevention – Our office is a co-chair of the Suicide Prevention network.</p> <p>Early Intervention/Preschool Special Education Program – Provides evaluations and therapies for children with developmental delays.</p> <p>PH Emergency Preparedness – Emergency Preparedness grant funds the preparation of disaster plans and builds relationships with emergency partners. These plans and having these relationships in place were especially useful during the COVID-19 emergency.</p> <p>STD Testing and Treatment Services – We contract with Family Planning of South Central NY to provide STD testing and treatment services.</p> <p>Maternal Child Health – All new moms receive a call from our office and are offered health guidance visits. We have two Certificated Lactation Consultants (CLC) to provide lactation assistance to new moms.</p>	
COVID Grants	<p>School Reopening Grant – Subcontracts with BOCES and school districts to assist with testing surveillance programs within schools.</p> <p>Enhanced Detection Grant – Supplements new staff and resources for case investigations and contact tracing activities.</p>	



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	<p>COVID Vaccination Grant – Promote vaccinations and provide easy access vaccinations to the public.</p> <p>PH Corps Fellowship Grant – Build public health infrastructure. Provide new staffing to LHDs. Fellowship job descriptions currently awaiting approval by personnel.</p>	
Environmental Update	<p>Ed Bartos, Director of Oneonta District Office serving 3 county area, Delaware/Otsego/Greene. Provides environmental health services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue food permits for fairs • Swimming pools • Children’s camps • Tanning facilities • Community water supplies • Boil Water Advisories • Lead Poisoning Program • Tobacco Program <p>Oneonta district office oversees roughly 600 water supplies, 1,000 food services and 50 children’s camps.</p> <p>Tobacco program has found multiple places still selling prohibited flavored vape products and many of these places have previously been fined for this practice.</p> <p>A new sanitarian will be starting next week. One secretarial staff will be leaving soon.</p>	
Preschool Transportation	<p>The bidding process for Preschool/Early Intervention transportation contracts will happen this spring. We contract with VMC to write bid specs and handle much of the bid process. Bids will be for a 3 year contract with 2 year renewal options. We will schedule a committee meeting for input on bids once received to keep this committee up to date.</p>	
Quality Assurance/ Incident Reports	<p>Mandy reviewed the 2021 4th quarter quality assurance and incident reports. Report approved by this committee.</p>	
Sharing	<p>Tina shared that Delaware County is discussing hiring animal control. Mandy stated that this would be tremendously helpful to our rabies program.</p>	



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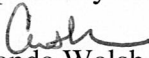
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Staffing	<p>We will be changing our current PT LPN position to a FT LPN position utilizing one of the positions funded by the PH Fellowship grant.</p> <p>Jessica Decker, PHN is leaving our employment. She started in February 2020 and worked with us through all of the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>The Authorization to Fill forms for these positions will be sent to the committee via email once approved by personnel.</p> <p>Diane Jordan, OT has left our employment. She plans to contract with our preschool program as an independent provider. This OT position is a very flexible position which we hope to be able to fill. Our SLP position remains vacant. We have long wait lists for speech in both the Early Intervention and Preschool programs. These are very specialized positions that have proven hard to fill. Many counties and schools are also having difficulty finding these specialized providers.</p>	
Updated Policies	Approval of updated policies has been tabled for the June meeting.	
Training/Equipment Authorizations Resolutions	Committee approved 1 training authorization, 1 equipment authorization and 1 resolution to transfer funds.	
Fiscal Report	Christina reviewed the fiscal report (see attached). The fiscal processes remains behind schedule. We still need to claim 4 th quarter grants & 3 rd and 4 th quarter Article 6 State Aid funding. The agency budget has been drastically increased by new grants this year: COVID Enhanced Detection, Reopening Schools, COVID19 Vaccine Response and PH Fellowship Corps, totaling to \$2,845,436 in additional funding this year. These grants funds span multiple years so much of this funding will not be spent this year but carried over into next year.	
Meeting Adjourned at: 11:38am		

Respectfully Submitted By,


Amanda Walsh, MPH
Public Health Director

**Delaware County Public Health Services
Summary of Revenues & Expenditures
January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**

	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES			BUDGETED	ACTUAL
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	NET COST	NET COST
14012 PUBLIC HEALTH	3,015,133.73	496,490.37	16%	3,614,379.73	1,130,258.79	31%	599,246.00	633,768.42
14013 IMMUNIZATION	31,650.00	26,395.60	83%	19,800.00	7,145.53	36%	(11,850.00)	(19,250.07)
14018 SUBSTANCE ABUSE	72,000.00	49,389.54	69%	47,965.00	43,989.77	92%	(24,035.00)	(5,399.77)
14019 PH EMERG PREPAREDNESS	49,625.00	0.00	0%	10,410.00	2,210.39	21%	(39,215.00)	2,210.39
14035 FAMILY HEALTH PLAN SERVICES	18,000.00	15,314.41	85%	11,650.00	7,695.38	66%	(6,350.00)	(7,619.03)
14042 RABIES CONTROL	15,500.00	8,603.35	56%	21,460.00	6,413.72	30%	5,960.00	(2,189.63)
14046 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	2,575.00	812.00	32%	5,000.00	1,893.12	38%	2,425.00	1,081.12
14050 CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREENING	27,379.00	7,579.21	28%	3,700.00	2,196.23	59%	(23,679.00)	(5,382.98)
14051 CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM	18,200.00	11,235.35	62%	26,180.00	19,843.51	76%	7,980.00	8,608.16
14054 SOCIAL HYGIENE	0.00	0.00	N/A	15,000.00	4,090.71	27%	15,000.00	4,090.71
14059 EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM	220,500.00	92,740.26	42%	559,233.65	496,016.92	89%	338,733.65	403,276.66
14060 CPSE 3-5	1,220,000.00	401,838.97	33%	2,947,377.35	2,257,000.00	77%	1,727,377.35	1,855,161.03
14070 CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM	1,000.00	35.00	4%	3,300.00	191.51	6%	2,300.00	156.51
14074 OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	0.00	0.00	N/A	4,000.00	684.54	17%	4,000.00	684.54
TOTALS	4,691,562.73	1,110,434.06	24%	7,289,455.73	3,979,630.12	55%	2,597,893.00	2,869,196.06