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Health Services Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:	September 22, 2022 10:08am	
Attendees/Title:		
Arthur Merrill, Town of Colchester Supervisor	Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director	
Joseph Cetta, Town of Walton Supervisor	Wayne Marshfield, Town of Hamden Supervisor	
Betty Scott, Town of Masonville Supervisor	Edward Bartos, District Office	
Dr. Rohan Jayasena, Medical Director	Christina Gardner, Accounting Supervisor	
Wayne Shepard, Office of the Aging	Elizabeth Green, Community Member	

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Approval of Minutes	The June 9, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved as written.	
Public Health Program Updates	<p>Our rabies program is coming to an end of its busiest time of year, June – end of September. Even with our limited number of veterinarians we were able to hold more clinics than we have in the past 2 years and have vaccinated approximately 1,000 animals to date. Typically, when the weather get colder, bite reports tend to slow down. We've seen many bat exposures due to individuals purchasing older housing needing renovations.</p> <p>There was a recent incident in Sidney involving 2 pitbulls who jumped out of a 2nd story window and attacked an individual and their dog. At the time, there was a dangerous dog order in process related to these pitbulls. The DCO and Public Health struggled with finding a location to house these dogs during their 10 day confinement period as they were able to escape their home location. Many municipalities in the areas closer to Sidney have agreements with the Sidney</p>	



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Humane Society to take in animals. This Humane Society is a no kill shelter they will not take in a dangerous dogs. The Delhi Humane Society will take in difficult/dangerous animals for confinement, and they follow protocols when an animal is unable be readopted out to the community (dangerous as to cause injury or harm). The Delhi Humane Society is farther travel distance from Sidney and in this case the Delhi Humane Society was unable to house the 2 pitbulls due a renovation project at the facility. No kill shelters can fill to capacity quickly and often refuse to take dangerous animals for a confinement which can make it more difficult for municipal dog control staff to prevent injury and rabies program staff to follow NYS rabies requirements. This sometimes forces public health and municipalities to look at sheltering outside of the county, much farther away.

Our communicable disease program has processed approximately 3,800 lab reports and 340 cases to date. We recently issued a press release for our 1st Monkeypox case. We have received a small amount of Jynneos vaccine and will be holding a monkeypox clinic. NYS release county polio vaccination data for children. Delaware County has a high polio vaccination rate in for children. Polio vaccination is also required to attend a public school and/or SUNY colleges in NYS. It is also a requirement to work in regulated healthcare facilities. Dr Jayasena shared that some people who have declined vaccinations are now coming in and asking for just the polio vaccine. The communicable disease program has also been seeing our typical GI illnesses. This summer we did a lot of work with summer camps and COVID which spreads easily within a camp setting. Staff spent a lot of time monitoring clusters. With the recent start of the school year, we have seen a spike in COVID numbers in this setting. Most people are recovering quickly and COVID numbers overall in our area are lower.

We are collaborating with Delaware Opportunities and Delaware County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council to engage community members in a Mental Illness and Substance Use seminar in that will be held at SUNY Delhi in October.

Lead program is working with district office on environmental visits for our lead cases.



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	<p>Our Maternal and Infant Health program is following approximately 6 families currently.</p> <p>A new staff member, Kristi Dionisio is working with us through the Public Health Fellowship grant program. She is a NYS employee that is paid through our fellowship grant funds.</p> <p>Wayne Shepard asked if there are specific requirements to receive the monkeypox vaccine. Mandy explained that NYS and CDC is really looking to vaccinate the high risk populations and there are some qualifications. Mandy to send the link to the CDC and NYS guidance to determine if someone qualifies. Betty answered that she isn't sure yet when/if Bassett will be receiving the Jynneos (monkeypox) vaccine. Mandy mentioned that the covid bivalent vaccine is now available in our area. We are strongly encouraging boosters and flu shots and based on reports from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere who already experienced flu season, they indicate this we could have a heavy flu season. Public Health is not currently running covid booster clinics due to vaccine being available at health care provider offices and pharmacies.</p>	
<p>Community Health Assessment Update</p>	<p>We had originally planned to have a draft of the 2022-2024 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP) available for this meeting, however, it was not quite ready. We will have the CHA/CHIP be ready for our November meeting. We are required to submit this document to NYSDOH by the end of December 2022. Once submitted and received by NYSDOH the document will be posted on our website and there will be a media campaign notifying people of its release.</p>	
<p>Environmental Health Update</p>	<p>Ed reported that they have one staff member that is 100% designated to the lead program and are working hard to catch up on environmental visits. They have initiated approximately a dozen hearings for non-complaint individuals.</p> <p>Summer camps kept staff busy this summer. Some camps were prepared to handle covid cases and others weren't prepared and assumed it wouldn't happen.</p> <p>The District Office staff has been changing roles and the office has a new staff member, Jordan Meo. Jordan will be performing a lot of inspections within Delaware County.</p>	



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	They have a Public Health Fellow assigned to assist with environmental health programs.	
Preschool and Early Intervention	<p>Our SLP and OT positions remain vacant. We are working to utilize new avenues of advertising these positions. Schools and professional agencies are also struggling with recruitment. We are working diligently with our existing contracted providers to get services to as many children as possible, however we do have waitlists for services.</p> <p>Early Intervention will be moving from the current data system, NYEIS, to a new system, EI Hub. There is not a rollout date for the new system yet but there is sandbox test system released so users can familiarize themselves with the new system. Many counties, Delaware included, have not been able to successfully enter their staff into the test system.</p> <p>There have been recent changes to how Early Intervention claims are billed and reimbursed. Each EI provider was required to send all eligible claims to individual insurance companies. Historically insurance companies deny most of these claims for a variety of reasons. In the beginning of 2022, Covered Lives legislation passed to increase insurance funding for Early Intervention services. Insurance companies are now paying into a fund that will be used to pay claims instead of each claim being sent individually to insurance companies. This new process should be a benefit to counties as this should increase the number of claims paid via insurance companies, decreasing the amount of claims that paid from the county funded escrow account.</p>	
Quality Assurance and Incident Reports	The 2022 1 st and 2 nd quarter quality assurance reports and incident reports were reviewed and approved by the committee.	
Travel/Training and Equipment Authorizations	The committee approved one equipment authorization and two travel/training authorizations.	
Approval of Policies	Updated policies were approved as written. (see attached)	
Fiscal	Christina reviewed the fiscal report. (see attached) Revenues are running behind as we still have not caught up with all of the extra COVID grants we are maintaining. Expenses are lower than	



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	originally budgeted as we've utilized COVID grants for as many expenses as possible. Art suggested creating a capital fund with our unspent 2022 funds for improvements and maintenance to our building.	
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Meeting Adjourned at: 11:18 am

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda Walsh, MPH
Public Health Director

Health Services Advisory Board Policy and Procedure List

Date: September 22, 2022

Approved	Need Corrections	Policy Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Animal Exposed to a Rabid or Suspected Rabid Animal- update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Exposure to Potentially Rabid Animal - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabies Quarantine - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rabies Reporting and Program Evaluation - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspected Rabid Wildlife Reporting - update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications/Interpretation - update
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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

**Delaware County Public Health Services
Summary of Revenues & Expenditures
January 1, 2022 - September 22, 2022**

	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES			BUDGETED	ACTUAL
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	NET COST	NET COST
14012 PUBLIC HEALTH	3,048,424.73	(46,253.17)	-2%	3,767,020.14	983,130.19	26%	718,595.41	1,029,383.36
14013 IMMUNIZATION	31,650.00	6,129.76	19%	14,300.00	(1,897.96)	-13%	(17,350.00)	(8,027.72)
14018 SUBSTANCE ABUSE	72,000.00	12,788.29	18%	37,715.00	21,029.68	56%	(34,285.00)	8,241.39
14019 PH EMERG PREPAREDNESS	50,100.00	0.00	N/A	4,910.00	1,539.29	31%	(45,190.00)	1,539.29
14035 FAMILY HEALTH PLAN SERVICES	22,285.00	7,647.85	34%	6,725.00	5,218.46	78%	(15,560.00)	(2,429.39)
14042 RABIES CONTROL	15,500.00	8,874.54	57%	21,460.00	9,375.13	44%	5,960.00	500.59
14046 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	2,575.00	319.00	12%	5,000.00	887.38	18%	2,425.00	568.38
14050 CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREENING	27,380.00	0.00	N/A	3,700.00	2,277.42	62%	(23,680.00)	2,277.42
14051 CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM	22,500.00	7,138.46	32%	30,500.00	13,950.79	46%	8,000.00	6,812.33
14054 SOCIAL HYGIENE	0.00	0.00	N/A	15,000.00	2,217.22	15%	15,000.00	2,217.22
14059 EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM	228,400.00	81,646.68	36%	475,340.00	281,149.84	59%	246,940.00	199,503.16
14060 CPSE 3-5	1,190,000.00	215,427.44	18%	2,938,783.00	1,628,119.23	55%	1,748,783.00	1,412,691.79
14070 CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM	1,000.00	665.00	67%	3,300.00	0.00	0%	2,300.00	(665.00)
14074 OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	0.00	0.00	N/A	3,000.00	226.70	8%	3,000.00	226.70
TOTALS	4,711,814.73	294,383.85	6%	7,326,753.14	2,947,223.37	40%	2,614,938.41	2,652,839.52