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## Health Services Advisory Board Minutes

<b>Meeting Date/Time:</b>	January 12, 2023 10:05am	
<b>Attendees/Title:</b>		
Arthur Merrill, Town of Colchester Supervisor	Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director	
Joseph Cetta, Town of Walton Supervisor	Eric Wilson, Town of Sidney Supervisor	
Wayne Marshfield, Town of Hamden Supervisor	Heather Warner, PH Programs Manager	
Wayne Shepard, Office of the Aging	Christina Gardner, Accounting Supervisor	
Dr. Rohan Jayasena, Medical Director		

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Discussion:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
Approval of Minutes	The November 10, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved as written.	
Public Health Program Update	In 2022, there were a total of 295 rabies reports, the majority of these reports involved dogs. 242 of these reports were Animal to Human reports. PEP treatment was authorized for 23 people. Most of the authorized PEP treatment was due to bat exposures, however, this year there were 8 PEP treatments authorized due to exposure to stray cats. This is an increase from previous years. In 2022, there were 30 animals tested for rabies resulting in 1 positive racoon. Bats tend to be the largest number of animals testing for rabies. If a bat cannot be captured, payment for rabies PEP is authorized. When the rabies bite reports are broken down by town, Sidney, Delhi and Walton have the most bite reports and Hancock, Kortright and Roxbury having the fewest number of reports. Public Health held 9 rabies vaccination clinics in 2022 and vaccinated 1,039 animals. Update: The two dangerous dogs located in Sidney who had been involved with in multiple bites have been euthanized. The Sidney Humane Society had to euthanize these animals as they could not contain the dogs inside their cages. Our staff member assisted the Sidney Humane Society to prepare and send these specimens for testing as they were not prepared for this situation.	



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	<p>The communicable disease program is seeing multiple respiratory illnesses. There was discussion of a peak of flu prior to the holidays but NYS is anticipating this to be a false peak and that we could see another peak later. Schools and nursing homes are seeing more COVID and COVID pneumonia. We are amid flu and respiratory season. Wayne Marshfield inquired if the hospitals were full as he has heard that people are being sent out to other hospitals. Mandy explained that all of the hospitals in Delaware County are critical access hospitals and when a patient exceeds the care that critical access hospital is able to provide, patients are transferred to other hospitals.</p> <p>Heather shared that we participated in this year’s Article 6 State Aid incentive program by sharing our COVID-19 response activities. We received \$13,708 additional funding for participating.</p> <p>The federal government has announced the “Strengthening US Public Health infrastructure Workforce and Data Systems Allocation” disbursement. We have not yet received official word from NYS regarding Public Health’s allocation or how we will be able to spend this funding.</p> <p>We have our own website domain but were asked to migrate to be under the new county web hosting site coordinated by Delaware County IT. We have subcontracted out the building of the website. There were some internal IT issues that transpired, but very little communication from IT regarding this and the website was supposed to be finished by November. As of today, our subcontractor is still waiting for updated access to our site for building. This process has been frustrating. NYSDOH requires that we have a working website with the ability to update, timely. Wayne Shepard shared that he also experiences delays while working with IT. IT has a tremendous responsibility with limited staff and all departments rely on IT’s technology to do their required work.</p>	
<p>Environmental Health Update</p>	<p>There is no update at this time.</p>	
<p>Preschool and Early Intervention</p>	<p>We have a child who required transportation to a center based preschool program in the Monticello Area, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Per our bid contracts, Rolling V has this bid and is not able to provide this service due to their driver shortage. We have communicated with the County</p>	



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	Attorney's Office and have the opportunity enter into a 60-day emergency contract with a new transportation company (Community Bus) until Rolling V can make accommodations. The original bid is less than what the emergency contract with Community Bus will be per day. Mandy explained that this child is being transported to G&D Therapies in Liberty, NY which is in accordance with preschool regulations and is the closest program to the child. In response to Joe Cetta, Mandy explained that by NYSED regulations, the school district is responsible to ensure the services including transportation occurs but it is the county's responsibility to pay for the services.	
Quality Assurance/ Incident Reports	The 2022 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter quality assurance report and incident reports were reviewed and approved by the committee.	
Travel/Training requests and Equipment Authorizations	One travel/training authorization was approved by the committee.	
Healthcare Worker Bonus	Healthcare Worker Bonuses for qualifying staff were submitted in November and we just received word this morning that the funds have been received. A resolution to accept the healthcare worker bonus funds was approved by the committee.	
Capital Improvements	Lighting in the rear of the parking lot at 99 Main Street is an issue. Mandy is working on a list of capital improvements for the building but the lighting in the parking lot should be addressed as it is a safety/security issue.	
Authorization to Fill	The committee approved the full time and part time authorizations to fill for the Speech Pathologist positions that are included in the 2023 budget.	
Fiscal	Christina reviewed the fiscal report. (see attached) This report is not complete for expenses or revenue.	
Meeting Adjourned at: 11:00 am		

Respectfully Submitted By,

Amanda Walsh, MPH  
Public Health Director

**Delaware County Public Health Services  
Summary of Revenues & Expenditures  
January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022**

	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES			BUDGETED	ACTUAL
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	BUDGET	ACTUAL	%	NET COST	NET COST
14012 PUBLIC HEALTH	3,048,424.73	241,119.21	8%	3,772,020.14	1,267,416.76	34%	723,595.41	1,026,297.55
14013 IMMUNIZATION	31,650.00	12,730.65	40%	14,300.00	(479.79)	-3%	(17,350.00)	(13,210.44)
14018 SUBSTANCE ABUSE	72,000.00	53,490.33	74%	37,715.00	37,536.18	100%	(34,285.00)	(15,954.15)
14019 PH EMERG PREPAREDNESS	50,100.00	0.00	0%	4,910.00	2,228.16	45%	(45,190.00)	2,228.16
14035 FAMILY HEALTH PLAN SERVICES	22,285.00	15,886.09	71%	6,725.00	6,214.36	92%	(15,560.00)	(9,671.73)
14042 RABIES CONTROL	15,500.00	12,215.08	79%	21,460.00	18,004.14	84%	5,960.00	5,789.06
14046 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	2,575.00	666.99	26%	5,000.00	1,360.65	27%	2,425.00	693.66
14050 CHILDHOOD LEAD SCREENING	27,380.00	16,914.29	62%	3,700.00	2,923.59	79%	(23,680.00)	(13,990.70)
14051 CAR SEAT SAFETY PROGRAM	22,500.00	16,033.74	71%	30,500.00	19,133.57	63%	8,000.00	3,099.83
14054 SOCIAL HYGIENE	0.00	0.00	N/A	15,000.00	4,674.61	31%	15,000.00	4,674.61
14059 EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM	228,400.00	131,271.64	57%	495,340.00	412,268.41	83%	266,940.00	280,996.77
14060 CPSE 3-5	1,190,000.00	641,292.67	54%	2,913,783.00	2,361,528.75	81%	1,723,783.00	1,720,236.08
14070 CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM	1,000.00	735.00	74%	3,300.00	0.00	0%	2,300.00	(735.00)
14074 OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	0.00	0.00	N/A	3,000.00	231.36	8%	3,000.00	231.36
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,711,814.73</b>	<b>1,142,355.69</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>7,326,753.14</b>	<b>4,133,040.75</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>2,614,938.41</b>	<b>2,990,685.06</b>