

Tompkins County Board of Health
October 22, 2024
12:00 Noon
Rice Conference Room and via Zoom

Minutes Approved
December 3, 2024

Present: Christina Moylan, Ph.D., President; Melissa Dhundale, MD, Vice-President; Edward Koppel, MD; Shawn Black; and Samara Touchton.

Staff: Frank Kruppa, Commissioner; Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health Services; Brenda Grinnell Crosby, Deputy Public Health Director; Jeremy Porter, Fiscal Administrator; Dr. William Klepack, Medical Director; Elizabeth Cameron, Director of Environmental Health; Samantha Hillson, Director of Health Promotion Program; Rachel Buckwalter, Director of Community Health; Jessica Clark Mandeville, Director of Children with Special Care Needs; and Zoe Lincoln, Whole Health Planner.

Excused: Dr. Andreia de Lima; Ravinder Kingra; and Karan Palazzo, LGU Administrative Assistant.

Guests: None

Call to Order: Dr. Moylan called the regular meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) to order at noon.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Approval of September 24, 2024, BOH Minutes: Ms. Black moved to approve the minutes from September 24, 2024, and Dr. Koppel seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the minutes, and the motion carried.

Financial Summary: Mr. Porter had nothing to add to his written report included in the packet. The team is currently making year-end budget adjustments.

Medical Director's Report and Discussion: Dr. Klepack reported that it is Domestic Violence Protection Month. Lead Poisoning prevention is also this week. A joint outreach between EH and the Reuse Center is this afternoon. Items the public brings in will be tested for lead Materials and staff will provide education about lead poisoning. Paint and contaminated soils are the major sources of poisoning in the region.

Dr. Moylan appreciated Dr. Klepack bringing awareness to the public that the adult tick season has begun.

Administration Report: Mr. Kruppa announced that the Mental Health Clinic on Brown Road is set to have a soft launch opening on November 12th. A formal announcement will follow in a few months after gauging capacity. Using existing clinicians, the clinic will initially focus on providing services to children, youth, and current clients. Current clients have been contacted regarding their interest in the new location option. New clients seeking intake appointments will soon have both location options available.

Division for Community Health (DCH) Report: Ms. Buckwalter had nothing to add to her report that was included in the packet. She stated that two nurses have already been hired, and another nurse is set to

begin on November 12th. This new nurse will concentrate on general child health, especially during the back-to-school immunization season when the number of children seeking immunizations rises significantly. Families face several barriers in accessing primary care for immunizations, including social determinants of health such as transportation challenges and lack of insurance.

Health Promotion Program Report: Ms. Hillson reported completing the community health worker interview process and the new hire will start on Monday, October 28th.

Dr. Moylan thanked Ms. Hillson for the COVID-19 fidget balls used in a flu vaccination exercise on campus at Ithaca College, where 450 to 475 vaccinations were given.

Children with Special Care Needs (CSCN) Report: Ms. Clark Manderville had nothing to add to her written report included in the packet. The team is currently focused on learning about the recently launched Early Intervention (EI) system from the New York State Department of Health, which collects information on children receiving EI services.

Environmental Health (EH) Report: Ms. Cameron had nothing to add to her written report included in the packet.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Enforcement Actions:

1. **Draft Resolution #EH-ENF-24-0013 – De Mokha Coffee, Violations of Subpart 14-1 of New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) (5 mins.)** – Dr. Koppel moved to accept the resolution as written; seconded by Ms. Touchton.

No discussion.

All were in favor; the vote to approve the resolution as written was unanimous.

2. **Draft Resolution #ENF-24-0014 - Ithaca Yacht Club Luna, Violations of Subpart 14-1 of New York State Sanitary Code (Food Service) (5 mins.)** Dr. Dhundale moved to accept the resolution as written; seconded by Ms. Touchton.

No discussion.

All were in favor; the vote to approve the resolution as written was unanimous.

Dr. Moylan reported that the nominating committee plans to interview three candidates for the Board of Health (BOH) vacancy on Friday, November 1st. The committee will discuss their recommendations during the next BOH meeting on December 3rd. These recommendations will then be forwarded to the legislature for final approval.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 @ noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm