



AGENDA / MINUTES

Committee/Project/Meeting:		Genesee-Orleans Board of Health	
Date:	February 2, 2021	Recorder:	Jenna Leach
Time:	4:00 p.m.		
Location:	Zoom		
Attendance: Mr. Draper, Mr. Torrey, Dr. Obear, Mr. Grout, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Page S. Senf, S. Balduf, J. Leach, D. Krenzer-Lewter, P. Pettit, B. Bedard, K. Castricone, C. Young			
AGENDA / TOPICS		DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY)	
ACTION / NEXT STEPS			
Election of Officers and Setting of 2021 Meeting Dates/Times		<p>President: Paul Grout Vice President: Deanna Page</p> <p>Meetings held on the first Tuesday of every other month at 4:00 pm in alternating counties.</p>	<p>Approved: Motion: Mr. Draper Second: Mrs. Nichols All members in favor.</p> <p>Approved: Motion: Mr. Draper Second: Mrs. Nichols All members in favor.</p>
Minutes from December 1, 2020			<p>Approved: Motion: Mrs. Nichols Second: Dr. Obear All members in favor.</p>
Public Concerns/Discussions/Presentations		The main public concern is where the community can obtain the vaccine.	No Action Required. Informational only.
Division Reports			No Action Required. Informational only.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Health Report 		<p>All operations have been COVID-19 related. Both health department's number of positive cases have increased. The next step is to focus on maximizing vaccinations efforts. The need to schedule two-dose vaccinations are becoming more demanding.</p> <p>Contact tracing is still in progress with the assistance from five additional staff members.</p> <p>The health departments received three full time nurses from the New York State Department of Health to assist with contact tracing and two individuals focused on data entry and various components of the vaccination clinics. All of the state employees will be working</p>	

	<p>collaboratively with staff until the end of March.</p> <p>The health departments have filled two temporary COVID-19 specialist positions. The individuals will work full-time and will be utilized for vaccination clinics, testing clinics, and contact tracing efforts.</p> <p>Nursing staff are still conducting routine disease investigations although the numbers are much lower.</p> <p>There hasn't been much activity with Influenza. This could be due to preventive measures currently in place due to COVID-19.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Report 	<p>The Environmental duties have mainly consisted of COVID-19 completing contact tracing, isolation orders, and operating clinics. Staff members have been doing some routine water samples, septic inspections, facility inspections.</p> <p>The following facilities which have smoking rooms whose waiver expires March 31, 2021 have applied to renew their two-year waiver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town of Alabama Fire Dept. • Center Street Smoke House • Pavilion Cloverleaf • Rose Garden Bowl • TF Browns (Mancuso's Bowling Lanes) • Western Region OTB, North • Western Region OTB, South • Ye Olde Willow Bend Inn <p>These are all pre-existing smoking rooms. No new waivers will be issued.</p> <p>Board members expressed concern over the approval of these waivers. P.Pettit suggested that if the waivers are approved, facility can be provided notice that these may not be approved by the Board in the future.</p>	<p>Approved: Mrs. Nichols made a motion to approve waivers but they are subject to review based on Public Health standards: Second: Dr. Obear</p> <p>Amending motion – approve waivers with a warning put in the next renewal letter that the waivers may be disapproved. Motion: Mr. Draper Second: Mrs. Nichols All members in favor.</p> <p>Approval of Motion: All members in favor.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Report 	<p>Both departments are working on year end statistics. The end of the year 2020 budget will be included in the next meeting. Health Departments are currently working on getting the state aid application submitted by the end of February.</p>	<p>No Action Required. Informational only.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Compliance Report 	<p>Orleans – There have been a few situations where staff or volunteers working the weekly COVID-19 testing clinics have sent the results via e-mail to the wrong individuals.</p> <p>Letters were sent to individuals notifying them that their results were sent to the wrong person. Individuals who received the wrong results were asked to delete or shred them.</p> <p>Mrs. Nichols asked if there is a safety plan in place to prevent this from happening in the future.</p> <p>K. Castricone said they are going to have the same individual sending the results after each clinic. Instructions are given prior to each clinic. Out of 2400-3000 that have been tested, it has happened five or six times.</p> <p>Genesee County has also experienced the same issues as Orleans county as far as HIPPA violations.</p> <p>Not hotline calls or complaints.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children with Special Health Care Needs 	<p>The written report is attached and a component of these official minutes.</p>	<p>No Action Required. Informational only.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director's Report 	<p>Dr. Madejski's term expired at the end of the year. He has agreed to serve another term.</p> <p>Orleans County has one vacant Public Health Nurse position to fill.</p> <p>State budget – Article 6 has been cut by 5%. This may have some fiscal impact on the health departments. Trying to restore funding for rabies clinics for animals. The Governor is looking to legalize marijuana in New York State. Health Department will</p>	<p>No Action Required. Informational only.</p>

continue to push back on the approval.

Accreditation – Both counties have already received one extension. Another call within the next week requesting another extension or a complete pause due to COVID-19.

County Website – The goal was to launch the new website last September. Trying to get back on track as time allows.

Genesee and Orleans will be applying for another PHAP associate through the CDC. If approved, they will begin working with the health departments in October. Both counties currently have Ashley Rodriguez who is with us for another 1.5 years. The previous PHAP associate, Marlowe Thompson received a one year extension to continue working strictly with COVID.

COVID – Due to social distancing and wearing masks, the numbers continue to decrease. The decision to allow high risk sports has been left to each individual health department. Next week Genesee will be doing testing at the fire training center. There will be no clinics in Orleans County. The overall demand for testing is much lower now that the vaccine is available.

Vaccination clinics are starting to pick up. This week, Genesee County as a whole has received 600 doses and Orleans County received 500 doses. Health department, health systems, and pharmacies have all received vaccines. The hospital and health systems are supposed to focus on vaccinating the 1A healthcare workers group. Pharmacies are focusing on the age group of 65 and older. The health department is focusing on both 1A and 1B groups.

	Genesee county clinics are being held at GCC, in Orleans County they are being held at Ridgeway Fire Department. When more vaccine is made available, testing clinics will phase out.	
Old Business	No old business	
New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Improvement Committee/Quality Assurance Committee (QIC/QAC) Report for 12/16/20. • Environmental LPPP Policy • Approval and adoption of all policies and procedures currently in place for 2021. 		Approved: Motion: Mr. Draper Second: Mrs. Nichols All members in favor. Approved: Motion: Mrs. Page Second: Mrs. Nichols All members in favor. Approved: Motion: Mrs. Page Second: Mrs. Nichols All members in favor.
Other		
Adjournment		Approved: Motion: Mrs. Page Second: Dr. Obear All members in favor.
Next meeting: Genesee County/Zoom April 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.		