



Cortland County Board of Health
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~ **Final Approved Minutes** ~

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

4:00 p.m.

County Office Building, RM 304

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Present	Absent
Bonni Hodges, PhD - President	x	
Susan Williams – Vice President		x
Marisa Clifford, DMD		x
Cindy Johnson, MD	x	
Nicole Villapiano, MD	x	
Mary Wright, RN	x	
Sandy Price - Legislative Member	x	

Others in Attendance

Nicole Anjeski, Public Health Director; Lisa Perfetti, Deputy Public Health Director; Mike Ryan, Director Environmental Health; Courtney McCallen, Public Health Educator; Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary; Frank Cuva, SUNY Cortland Intern

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of January 17, 2022

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Price
SECONDER:	Ms. Wright

REPORTS February 2023

Health Education

Courtney McCallen reviewed highlights of the report:

- Reality Check of Tompkins, Cortland, and Chenango Counties joined grantees from across the state to attend Legislative Education Day in Albany on February 7th. Our youth met with staff from Senator Lea Webb’s and Senator Oberacker’s offices, as well as Assemblyman Anna Kelles’ and Assemblyman Joe Angelino’s office. The youth spoke about their experiences with tobacco and vaping in schools and their community, as well as the prevalence of flavored tobacco products in local retail settings. 2023 is the first year we had three Reality Check Coordinators from all three counties attend.
- Educators will be working with the Planning Department to develop a GIS map of traffic crashes in Cortland County. We hope to use this data for targeted education, traffic/walking audits and possible remedies to risks.
- Cortland County received a \$51,015 allocation for Youth Development Programs and \$17,580 for Sports and Recreation funding. 2023 Programs funded are YMCA, YWCA,

Town of Scott, Virgil United Methodist Church, CAPCO, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, and the City Youth Bureau

Approve **February 2023** Health Education Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Johnson
SECONDER:	Ms. Wright

Environmental Health

Mike Ryan reviewed highlights of the report:

- Lead program inspections have increased since the CDC dropped the blood lead levels to 5, the source of lead is harder to find. If they drop it to 3 it will be increasingly difficult to locate the source of lead.
- Truxton Living Well Center Update – A pre-operational review was performed at the Center in collaboration with Area Agency on Aging personnel. This review was intended to determine compliance with Subpart 14-1 (food service establishments) and Part 5 (public water systems) of the NYS Sanitary Code. During the course of the inspection, it was determined that the Center is being operated as a charitable organization at a frequency of no more than once per week. As such, the operator may apply for a permission to operate with plan review and fee requirements being waived. As noted, this exemption does not apply to continuing food services provided by such organizations that operate more often than once per week.
- Food Program Update: A meeting was called by USDA FSIS (food safety and inspection service) Compliance Investigator, Michael Tabone to collaborate with Local Health Department personnel. The meeting was designed as a meet & greet and educational opportunity to learn more on the roles and responsibilities that USDA FSIS plays in our community and provided opportunities for our departments to work together to ensure safe meat, poultry, shell eggs and catfish products.
- Rabies Program Update: Environmental Health is coordinating with Emergency Preparedness to deliver a high quality vaccination clinic experience to the public. We learned a great deal from the COVID clinics and put together a team from several divisions of the Department. The County Office Building gymnasium has been secured for the four dates that we currently have planned for 2023 ensuring a consistent location for our clinics. The March clinic is currently being staffed and has secured veterinarian support. Additionally, the Department is in the process of soliciting veterinary offices to help coordinate the efforts of the rabies program in the areas of rabies specimen preparation and handling along with providing a contracted rate for Veterinarians and Vet Technicians that will support our rabies vaccination clinic efforts.
 - We are required to have a clinic once every 4 months as part of DOH responsibilities. The hope is that the public will be able to anticipate that there will be four clinics, potentially 5 around the same time every year. The majority will be at the COB and float one at an outlier community. We have found that people will travel to the ones held in the city and the ones in outlier communities are not attended well.
- QI Project - To standardize all plan reviews based on the food program.
- ATUPA Enforcements: We may have more non-compliance this time since we were not able to ride in cars with students during COVID.
- \$550 penalties-two restaurants and 1 water

- Repeat offender just pays the penalty as they are failing not to do their water report on time.
- DEC was called to a flood and small chemical spill in the College basement. We called the college and everything was under control with the DEC already have being there.

Dr. Villapiano asked if we are seeing any trends in lead cases. Lisa Perfetti responded, we are seeing more cases because of lower blood lead level but seeing lower level of positives. We put effort into education and found that it is most important and has been reestablished very well.

- Governor's budget added money for lead remediation but is for areas meeting certain criteria per data but we were not part of the 19 counties that received remediation funding.

Approve **February 2023** Environmental Health report and approval of **January 2023** penalties

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Wright
SECONDER:	Dr. Villapiano

Nursing

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Flu reports continue to decrease. Flu type A (H3) continues to be predominate in NYS (from NYSDOH weekly flu surveillance report). Not all flu reports for Cortland County are typed out, but the few that have been typed for January are H1N1. Sadly, there have been 9 pediatric deaths in NYS to date for the 22-23 flu season. The majority were unvaccinated.
 - Pediatric deaths previous flu seasons:
 - 17-18: 6
 - 18-19: 6
 - 19-20: 14
 - 20-21: 0
 - 21-22: 2
- Visit made to provider office to assess routine childhood/adolescent immunization coverage levels. Coverage levels overall were high. Updated data should be released later this spring.
 - HPV vaccination rate was the lowest, comparable to our 2022 County rate and higher than the NYS rate. Increasing HPV vaccination rates remains a challenge. From 04/2022 data sent by NYSDOH: County 2022 rate 35.6% and NYS rate 26.08% (calculated for all 13 y.o. as of 12/31/2021 based on completion of the series by their 13th birthday). Statewide increase in HPV vaccination rates trending around 30%, the Bronx was an outlier with 80% as they receive more federal funding.
 - Resistance and vaccine hesitancy is significantly stronger so we are starting over with messaging and getting people comfortable with vaccines.
- Pam Stanton, RN, noted that there are a few providers who are **not** consistently treating Chlamydia according to new 2021 CDC treatment guidelines. Pam is responsible for the follow-up on STI reports. She will be sending out a memo to providers reminding them of best practices.

- Family Planning of South Central NY had their soft opening with their larger opening in April.
 - NP has been practicing Family Planning for 30 years. They have supports in place for referrals for insecurities and needs of the patient. If the treatments needed are not here they have referrals available including transportation.
 - Having Family Planning of South Central NY open in Cortland will help with the current lack of OBGYNs in Cortland County. We are hoping to partner with them with the Cancer Service Program for cancer screenings and work with them and as part of the grant.
 - NYS requires that we cover STI treatment for those in need. We are working on a contract with Family Planning of South Central NY, it will be on the state website. They offer several family planning services; not elective terminations.

Ms. Price asked if there were any recent TB cases and if there could be a presentation on the process for TB cases. We are currently contracted with Dr. Douglas MacQueen as our TB consultant.

Approve **February 2023** Nursing report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Wright
SECONDER:	Dr. Villapiano

Children with Special Needs Program

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- We are streamlining and continuing to go paperless when possible. Parent surveys are being sent via survey monkey upon discharge from EI; we are no longer sending paper surveys with self-addressed stamped envelopes unless a parent has no access to email. CYSHCN online referral form went live on the CYSHCN web page on 1/18/23
- LGBTQ training held 1/24/2023 with community partnership form Cortland LGBTQ resource center presenting a highly engaging presentation of LGBTQ 101 and 102.
- This month an outside agency, Liberty Resources Post has done many of the EI Core Evaluations due to staffing issues at CCHD (evaluator out on medical). They are offering tele-therapy evaluations or if a parent wants in person they will do them at their Syracuse office.
 - Currently, the EI BOH report only shows what services CCHD provides. We will collect data on CCHD provided services and services provided by outside providers; then work to revamp the EI BOH report to show the whole picture.
- Pre-K small waitlist and no significant changes. We are only responsible for paying for the services needed.

Approve **February 2023** Children with Special Needs report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Wright
SECONDER:	Ms. Price

Administration

Nicole Anjeski reviewed the highlights of the report:

- NYSDOH Commissioner determined that required masking is to end for health care facilities. He recommended to implement policies for masking based on CDCs recommendations.
- Wastewater Surveillance: Continued funding for wastewater surveillance has been secured through the NYS DOH and the CDC. Currently one sample a week is taken, now they will be taking 2 samples a week. There is no cost to the Health Department or the City of Cortland. The State is trying to come up with different tools to use this program for, such as polio, flu, RSV, opioid or testing for more communicable diseases.
 - Nicole Anjeski, Public Health Director, Margaret Broderick, Epidemiology Manager and Bruce Adams, Superintendent of Wastewater at the Cortland facility did an interview with WCNY as they are doing a series and the impact on wastewater.
 - Education will be sent to the community on wastewater surveillance explaining that it is a public health tool. Waiting until levels are almost zero to see what the real purpose is. If there is a spike in wastewater there will be a spike in illness in a week or two.
- NYS Budget: no line changes from last year. We would like to see more funding in lead with the likely hood of the acceptable lead level going from 5 to 3 increasing staff time and resources.
 - Ms. Wright asked if we have done a cost study for man power with the reduced lead level and shown the state the impact of what this change will be for us.
- JoAnn Davis, Medical Services Clerk retired. We will be replacing the position with a Senior Account Clerk. The title of a Medical Services Clerk is not necessary in the Health Department with current duties. We have also found that many people tend not to apply or do not qualify for the civil service title of Medical Services Clerk.
- No new applicants for the open nursing position. Public Health Educator is starting march 6 with CYSHCN and Child Find programs.
- Public Health Fellows-3 out of the 5 are staying until July 31, 2024. We are able to hire for the two open positions if hired before December of 2023.

Approve **February 2023** Administration report and the Performance Management /Quality Improvement plan

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Price
SECONDER:	Ms. Wright

Causes of Death

Cheryl Mrozowski reviewed the highlights of the Causes of Death report:

- The biggest reported contributing factor for 2022 was smoking with 63 reports, the second was hypertension with 38 reports and the third was diabetes with 22 reports.

- Cardio-Pulmonary failure was reported as having the most causes of death with 64 reports in 2022 with dementia/old age having 43 reports.
- Cardio-Vascular disease had the most reported causes of death in 2022 with 148 reports.
- There were 67 reports of cancer related deaths with 19 reported as respiratory cancers in 2022.
- There were 65 reports of infection related deaths with 27 from COVID-19 and 17 from the pneumonia or the flu in 2022.
- There were 24 reported deaths from COPD, 11 reported overdoses, 4 reports of death from accidental injuries and 4 reported suicides for 2022.
- 2 Pending reports came in for January and the findings from two December pending reports came in, one was an overdose and 1 was determined to be a natural cause from cardio-vascular disease.

Approve **February 2023** Causes of Death Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Price
SECONDER:	Dr. Johnson

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Wright asked about the train activity in Cortland wondering if we have similar trains going through with toxic chemicals like the recent train accident in Ohio. Mr. Ryan stated that we do not have that level of chemical transport through our County according to State DOH reports. We have lower levels chemicals than what travels through Ohio. We do not know about tractor trailers on the highway.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. by President Bonni C. Hodges, PhD.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in room 117 at the County Office Building.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes February 21, 2023. Respectfully,
submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: 3/21/2023

Mailed: 3/22/2023