



Cortland County Board of Health  
 County Office Building  
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~ Final Approved Minutes ~

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Cisco WebEx Meeting

**ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent
Marie Walsh - President	X	
Bonni C. Hodges, PhD. – Vice-President	X	
Marisa Clifford, DDS	X	
Cindy Johnson, MD	X	
Ngozi Mezu-Patel, MD	X	
Nicole Villapiano, MD		X
Mary Wright, RN		X
Cathy Bischoff, Legislator Member	X	

**Others in Attendance**

Lisa Perfetti, Interim Public Health Director; Mike Ryan, Director Environmental Health; ReBecca Smith, Public Health Programs Manager; Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary

**MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of April 20, 2021

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Bonni Hodges
SECONDER:	Dr. Cindy Johnson

**REPORT MAY 2021**

**Health Education**

ReBecca Smith reviewed highlights of the report:

- The Tobacco program year three ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. Statewide Menthol Campaign to launch May 16<sup>th</sup>. Menthol tobacco products are more dangerous due to the smoothness it allows the smoker to inhale more deeply, so harmful particles can settle lower in the lungs. The FDA announced a decision to ban menthol as flavoring in cigarettes and all flavors in cigars.
- Grants were submitted for the Traffic Safety program. \$50,783 was requested to cover the program and an additional \$11,000 was requested for the Traveling Tots Program.
- Planning is occurring for a car seat check at the Holiday in Homer event in July. Looking to have several technicians from Cortland and other counties to limit the number of people in the vehicle itself.

- Safe Harbour submitted a funding grant to have billboards, brochures, resources, and supplies for youth at risk for human trafficking.
- Cancer Services Program has completed the paperwork for termination of Cayuga County as lead agency. We are waiting on paperwork for Cortland County to take over as the lead agency officially.
- Healthy Neighborhoods is on hold with the grant. Staff is working on COVID-19 and Accreditation.
- Currently the Bicycle Helmet Program is on hold as we have to get clearance from Traffic Safety Program.
- Rose Walsh, Public Health Educator, is retiring. She currently works on the Tobacco Program/Reality Check and Nikole Hurlbert will be taking over her duties.

Approve **May 2021** Health Education Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Cathy Bischoff
SECONDER:	Dr. Marisa Clifford

**Environmental Health**

Mike Ryan reviewed highlights of the report:

- The Lead Program, Rabies Program, safety plans for bathing beaches, children's camps and ATUPA compliance checks are all active.
- EH staff continues to work COVID-19 case management on a steady basis. Staff are also participating at vaccination clinics.
- Performed a factory reset of the XRF device in order to establish criteria for inputting residential lead readings.
- Waiting for approval this month on the NYS Septic System Replacement grant that provides funding to replace cesspools and septic systems to reduce the environmental and public health impacts associated with the discharge from cesspools and septic systems.
- \$500.00 in water penalties
- A request came in that we look at how we permit food trucks as it is different than surrounding counties. It was verified that we are following State minimum guidelines.

Approve **May 2021** Environmental Health report and approval of **April 2021** penalties

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Bonnie Hodges
SECONDER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel

**Nursing**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Communicable Disease report
  - Campylobacteriosis person had exposure to farm animals and a household pet with compatible symptoms.

- In April there were investigations for: new chronic Hep C, Lyme and potential Mumps (Mumps case tested negative).
  - Potential Pertussis case, quarantine, isolation and confidentially all occurred in a timely manner. Results were negative.
  - Team cluster buster (NYS investigation team) investigated a case of E-coli which was an exposure to under cooked hamburger.
  - 15 Chlamydia and 2 Gonorrhea cases were investigated. Increase reports of Gonorrhea cases in Broome and Onondaga Counties.
- COVID-19 clinics are ongoing.

Approve **May 2021** Nursing report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Bonni Hodges
SECONDER:	Dr. Cindy Johnson

### **Children with Special Needs Program**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Home visits are still on hold as we wait on guidance from the State.
- There are currently 68 active cases in Early Intervention. 10 evaluations were conducted and 8 did not qualify. No trends were identified as to those who are not qualifying.
- 161 students receiving Pre-K services. There are 29 students on the waiting list mostly for speech therapy.
- The request for proposal (RFP) for Pre-K transportation services was not correct. We will look to extend the current contract with First Transit until a new RFP and contract are completed. Some counties contract with school districts and we are looking to see if it is available to us.

Approve **May 2021** Children with Special Needs report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel
SECONDER:	Ms. Cathy Bischoff

### **Administration**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed the highlights of the report:

- As of May 18th 43.2% have received 1 shot of their COVID-19 vaccination and 52.3% of people ages 18 and over have completed their vaccine.
- Winding down vaccination clinics at the SUNY Cortland ice rink. Clinic partnership with SUNY Cortland and Guthrie Cortland Medical Center has been great. Moving forward we will do walk-in clinics throughout the county:
  - May 28<sup>th</sup> at 51 Port Watson. Housing Authority is advertising in the building.

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Willet Fire Station.
  - Willet has the smallest percentage of people vaccinated according to the NYS dashboard.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Truxton Fire Department.
  - Truxton has the second smallest percentage of people vaccinated.
- Nascentia Health has reached out to the current list of homebound individuals for vaccination. We continue to work with them and the Office of the Aging to meet the needs of this population.
- County schools partnered with Kinney Drugs to hold a clinic for ages 16-18. They are working on another clinic for ages 12 and over.
- The Health Department is taking over the Mobility Management grant from Seven Valley Health Collation (SVHC) beginning in June. Applications are being accepted and we have one interested candidate. SVHC remains committed to supporting us through the transition.
- SVHC has received a small grant and applied for another to support a joint effort for community assessment and strategic goal planning.
- With the legalization of cannabis it seems as though the Local Health Department's role will be along similar lines as ATUPA.

Lisa Perfetti reviewed the Causes of Death report:

- Smoking and Heart Disease are the number one causes of death in April

Approve May 2021 Administration report and Causes of Death Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Bonni Hodges
SECONDER:	Ms. Cathy Bischoff

### **OLD BUSINESS**

New Membership and Officers: Susan Williams from Seven Valley Health Collation is currently involved in county public health and has agreed to serve on the Board. Bonni Hodges will become President of the Board when Marie retires. Vice-President will be voted on in the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Press release from NYSACHO, NYSSA and NYSAC regarding Public Health Staff and Officials in many areas of the state having been harassed and threatened for fulfilling their critical role in the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - This degree of harassment has not happened in Cortland County. We have had to deal with angry people and people not wanting to comply with rules and regulations. Staff who work on the phone with the public should be applauded.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. by President Marie Walsh.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 308 at the County Office Building and a virtual Cisco WebEx meeting.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes May 18, 2021. Respectfully, submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: 6/15/2021

Mailed: 6/16/2021