



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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Cisco WebEx Meeting/COB Room 308

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Others in Attendance**

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

**MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of May 18, 2021

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

**REPORT June 2021**

**Health Education**

ReBecca Smith reviewed highlights of the report:

- Tobacco working on Adult Tobacco Community survey. 600 responses from each of the counties.
- 1,500 Tobacco Landlord survey were sent. Enter drawing to win \$100 Lowes card incentive to respond to survey.
- Reality check is back and up and running. Nikole Hurlbert will be Reality Check lead for all three counties. Will be reaching out to Cortland City Schools, Homer is welcoming RC back. Will be working to recruit at other school in the near future.
- HNP is still awaiting for an announcement for funding. 18 radon kits were distributed.
- Traffic safety will be having a car seat check by end of June and will be talking to CAPCO early head start parents.

- Youth groups is a group developed through Safe Harbour that allows kids learn what is in the available in the count, reality check, human trafficking, body image, health and well being.
- CSP finally in process to have Cortland County to be lead county for the 3 county area.
- Youth bureau had a meeting the NYS and 2021 allocations will be sent out in August.

Approve **June 2021** Health Education Report

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

### **Environmental Health**

Mike Ryan reviewed highlights of the report:

- COVID duties have lighten up in June.
- Camps, beaches, pools and other recreations facilities to review safety plans and are currently in process.
- One gym inspection under old COVID guidelines looking at air filtration system, proper spacing.
- Rabies reports have been coming in now that the warmer weather is among us.
- Migrant farmer facility inspection went very well.
- \$425 in penalties for May.

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

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

### **Nursing**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Giardia- 1<sup>st</sup> case no exposure source but did travel out of the state, 2<sup>nd</sup> case had multiple possible exposures, pond and local streams.
- Crypto had farm animal exposure. Investigated by Team Cluster Buster of NYSDOH.
- E-coli- no exposure source was identified.
- Hepatitis C individuals with IV drug use.
- Increase in Lyme reports which is not unusual for this time of year. Have increased education on social media.

- COVID cases continue to improve. Testing had decreased from the past few months. The Governor announced that decreasing restrictions as of today due to reports of 70% of NYS adults being vaccinated-CDC guidance recommends mask wearing and social distancing for those who are not yet vaccinated.
- Johnson and Johnson doses of vaccine left and did a couple vaccine clinic:
  - Willet with 22 vaccinations including a couple of migrant farm workers.
  - Truxton 39 vaccinations including migrant farm workers.
  - Marathon, Cincinnatus, and McGraw will have clinics soon. Friendship house is asking
- End of ordering vaccine for now as pharmacies, local provider's offices, and state sites are still running.
- Continuing to have staff on the weekends with reduced hours
- Lead cases continue to come in.
- Increase in rabies cases- having difficulty with getting all of the information from the hospital that is needed. Going to go do an in-service with the nurse manager to make sure all the proper information is being documented.
- Immunization Collation is continuing their social media campaign to increase immunizations within the community.
- Routine child immunization rates including HPV are higher than the State levels.

Approve **June 2021** Nursing report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy
SECONDER:	Bonni

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

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- 69 current EI cases. Today we have had a couple of request to do in home therapy. State recommends that we continue Telehealth but is it not required.
  - A policy was created for staff to do in home therapies. Staff must be vaccinated and wear masks.
- 10 evaluations were conducted in May and only three qualified. Looking into a possible trend to see why fewer children are qualifying.
- Pre-K 161 current students. The Pre-K coordinator attended 171 meetings in May. There are currently 21 student on the wait list for speech. Lifespan hired new speech therapist to help with waitlist.

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

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

**Administration**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed the highlights of the Administration and Causes of Death reports:

- Health Educator position open working with Safe Harbour and STD state requirements.
- Working on PHAB due June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- State has now accepted funding opportunity from the Federal government to do surveillance testing at the schools to keep students in schools. Will see where the LHDs fit in.
- The Governor is forming a Public Health Workforce. They will be having a Public Health Fellows program in which the state will give grant money to hire a certain number of people to go through the Cornell training to help prepare to help for the next emergency-NYSDOH will be releasing more details in the next few weeks.
- Health Department will be providing Mobility Management Services in partnership with the County Planning Department-this service has been provided by Seven Valley Health Coalition for several years and SVHC remains available for questions and support through the transition to the Health Department. New Mobility Manager starts July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Causes of Death report listed one COVID who was no longer considered infectious.

Approve **June 2021** Administration report, Causes of Death Report, Health Equity Policy and Chain of Command Policy

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Pate
SECONDER:	Ms. Bonni Hodges

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Officers-Vice President: Further discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.
- NYS regulations state the Board will only have 7 members. Other county Board of Health do not have their Medical Advisor on the Board for this reason. It was pointed out that our bylaws state there shall be 3 physician members who are licensed in NYS. Further investigation into if this a state requirement is needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Thank you to Marie Walsh for 22 years of service on the Board of Health.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m. by President Marie Walsh.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., Cortland County Office Building, room 308.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes June 15, 2021. Respectfully, submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: 7/20/2021

Mailed: 7/21/2021