



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

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

4:00 p.m.

County Office Building, RM 308

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Present	Absent
Bonni C. Hodges, Ph.D. – 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; Nicole Anjeski, Deputy Public Health Director; Mike Ryan, Director Environmental Health; Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary; Susan Williams, SVHC

OFFICER

Motion was made by Ms. Cathy Bischoff to hold an election for the position of President. Moved by Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel, Seconded by Dr. Marisa Clifford.

Ms. Cathy Bischoff nominated Ms. Bonni Hodges for President of the Board of Health, seconded by Dr. Nicole Villapiano. Approved Unanimously.

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of June 15, 2021

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

REPORT July 2021

Health Education

Nicole Anjeski reviewed highlights of the report:

- Tobacco 1,400 surveys sent to Tompkins, Cortland and Chenango housing with 3 + units to gage rules and signage.
- Chenango County obtained tobacco free outdoor policies from Chenango Co. Historical Society, Norwich YMCA, Norwich/Oxford Little League policies, Family Enrichment & Creative Works.

- HNP officials released the budget and we have a waiting list for community members in need of supplies but are trying to hold off until August 1st
- We are still handing out radon kits as we have multiple boxes, they are free to the public.
- No car seats were handed were distributed. A Car seat check was held this past weekend.
- 48 Narcan kits were distributed to law enforcement. Trainings continue to be held via zoom. Family Counseling Services is facilitating community distribution of Narcan.
- Youth Bureau received \$68,686 from the state which little more than last year.
- Youth groups is holding an event on 8/13 at the chapel to promote team building with teens.
- Cancer Services Program of Cayuga, Cortland and Tompkins counties enrolled 6 clients.

Approve **July 2021** Health Education Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Nicole Villapiano
SECONDER:	Ms. Cathy Bischoff

Environmental Health

Mike Ryan reviewed highlights of the report:

- An Intern started for 6 weeks from ESF. He was a good student and gained experienced in every program and field work.
- With COVID numbers down food and water facility inspections and ATUP checks continue.
- 5 lead and 14 rabies investigations.
- No penalties issued in June.

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

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

Nursing

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- A variety of communicable diseases came most notable is 16 Lyme, 2 salmonella and a HEP A
 - HEP A also has HEP C had IVDU exposure. Close contacts were all reported as having shared IVDU supplies and food with case. It was difficult to contact close contacts, only 1 contact of 10 was located and vaccinated with the HEP A vaccine. No food or restaurant exposures were identified.
- Yersiniosis—is uncommon it comes from under cooked pork.
- STD cases are about the same and go up when SUNY classes are in session. Spike in gonorrhea in surrounding counties but not in Cortland
- Completed pop up clinics with the last one in McGraw. There were 20 left over vaccines that went to the jail and Dr. Djafari's office.
- Nurses spend significant time on the clinic aspect of post exposure treatment for Rabies making sure it is given appropriately and on time. State recommends that the wound is infiltrated which it is not usually done. CCHD staff will be making annual visits to the ER to discuss NYSDOH guidelines and proper documentation.
- There was 1 elevated blood lead

- The immunization clinic will start back up on August 13.
 - To receive the COVID vaccination patrons will have to go to the pharmacy or their provider.
 - Vaccination rate is low in Cortland County. It is difficult to encourage people to get the vaccine. People who are not vaccinated are not getting tested and typically will not wear a mask.
 - A couple of positives that have been vaccinated are not getting sick. The most recent person who died was not vaccinated. Testing is not as widely encouraged as before.

Approve **July 2021** Nursing report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Marisa Clifford
SECONDER:	Dr. Cindy Johnson

Children with Special Needs Program

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- EI 71 active cases. Therapists and Service Coordinators are back to in person visits many clients were happy, a handful are continuing telehealth. A policy was put in place for those who are conducting in person services.
- Completed 7 evaluations, only 3 qualified. An examination of those that did not qualify did not find a particular trend. 33 evaluations were conducted in March, April, and May; only 9 qualified, 13 were called back to keep eye on, 11 did not qualify.
- PreK 172 students with 10 on the wait list the coordinator attended 60 meetings in June.

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

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

Administration

Nicole Anjeski reviewed the highlights of the report:

- 6/13-7/10 9 new COVID-19 cases today we have reached 4,600 cases 221 hospitalizations and 2 new deaths
- Vaccine rates are lower than surrounding counties. At the pop up clinic in McGraw 27 doses of the COVID vaccine were provided.
- We are working on the budget and looking at positions and needs.
- Most staff have started taking time off. People are feeling more comfortable to take time off.
- Melissa Potter has come back as the Mobility Manager. She will be working with the Planning Dept. on the Transportation grant. Seven Valley Health Collation (SVHC) has held this grant for years and they are helping with the transition.
- SVHC, Family Health Network and others to collectively look at the Cortland Counts process and ensure the process best aligns with the County Health Assessment.
- We were offered 1.3 million for through state to have schools open with testing. CCHD is just a money holder
- NYS Governor Fellowship program
 - Each county will receive a certain amount of money for the program

- Salaries are higher than current employees, base salary is 41,000 and with a master is 61,000
- There is push back to state from counties and civil services
- Reporting and training through the Cornell program
- Increase in ELC funding we can hire a RN and Epidemiologist. We need a RN specific for COVID
- The last piece of the accreditation requirements was submitted. The next step is a site visit. It will be a few months after the visit before we know if we receive accreditation.

Lisa Perfetti reviewed the Causes of Death report:

- Women are living longer
- There was a fresh water drowning

Approve **July 2021** Administration report and Causes of Death Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Nicole Villapiano
SECONDER:	Ms. Cathy Bischoff

OLD BUSINESS

- Susan Williams will start as a member-at-large of the BOH in August.
- Vice president-selection to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Bylaws: approved changes to the bylaws at the last meeting and then we were advised to have substantive changes and procedural changes. Medical Advisors is not to serve on as a voting member of the BOH.
 - Specified to sending out agenda to 5 days
 - Physicians changed to medical professionals.

Motion made by Dr. Marissa Clifford to forward the updated bylaws to the Health and Human Services Committee and Cortland County Legislature for final approval, Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel seconded, approved Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The question was asked do we need to move the meeting to an earlier time. Move important items to the beginning. Highlight rather than read the report. Make reports more functional

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. by President Bonni C Hodges, Ph.D.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cortland County Office Building, room 308.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes July 20, 2021. Respectfully, submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: 8/17/2021
Mailed: 8/19/2021