

Board of Health

Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2019

The following board members were present: Dr. Zahi Kassas MD., Dr. Leo Cusumano MD, Dr. David Brubaker, Timothy LaFever, and Judy Hopkins, Legislative Representative.

Others present: Lori Ballengee, Tyler Shaw, Christine Kelley, Breeyan Barnes, and County Attorney Carissa Knapp

Members absent: Dr. Joseph Felsen, Dr. Willard Simons DDS

Medical Director Absent: Dr. Christopher Depner.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cusumano at 7:10pm.

Lori Ballengee welcomed County Attorney Carissa Knapp to the BOH meeting; all members introduced themselves and identified what town they are from and their function on the Board of Health.

A motion was made by Dr. Brubaker to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2018 meeting. This motion was seconded by Tim LaFever. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Lori Ballengee reported on personnel changes within the Health Department: Early Intervention has hired a new Typist, they are now fully staffed.

The Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program has had no response to the search for a Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant; physicals are on hold until this position is filled.

Corporate Compliance – There have been no compliance issues, complaints, billing errors, or reports of fraud, waste, or abuse for the county, in the last quarter.

Lori reported that Allegany County Department of Health received a total of \$300,000.00 from Senator Young's office; \$250,000.00 for Women's Health Initiative programs and \$50,000.00 to promote cancer screenings. 5 Events were funded with the WHI monies: a healthy cooking demonstration held at the Culinary Arts Center on the Alfred State Wellsville Campus; assemblies featuring Olympic Medalist Shannon Miller were held at 2 local high schools for Allegany County students; an evening speaking engagement with Shannon Miller that was open to the public; Heroin/Opioid, Postpartum Depression presentations were held; Life Scan chronic disease screening events to be held at 3 different locations, screening for Peripheral Arterial Disease, Osteoporosis Risk Assessment, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Carotid Artery Plaque, and Heart Rhythm (Atrial Fibrillation).

Chris Kelley reported that there are no active LHCSA cases at this time. The Health Department Clinic staff is preparing for an upcoming LHCSA survey audit.

Immunization Program – 20 doses of Shingrix was received. Due to the high demand of this vaccine, there is a waiting list of approximately 20 people.

Lead Poisoning - There are 6 current lead cases that are being managed by the Public Health Nurse.

Communicable Disease – There were 3 reported cases of Pertussis. All 3 have been fully immunized and treated with antibiotics; all family members received prophylactic treatment.

Accidents/Incidents/Complaints – Accident: Health Department Employee tripped on-site, no treatment or follow-up was required, and all necessary forms were completed and submitted. Incident: An immunization medication error occurred – adult client was given a pediatric dose of the Hepatitis A vaccine. Client was notified and scheduled to come back to receive adult dose of the vaccine, client canceled appointment – clinic staff will continue efforts to have client return to clinic for a full adult dose of the Hepatitis A vaccine. Education was completed with all staff. No complaints.

Tyler Shaw reported that, to date in 2019, there has been 1 positive case of rabies: a horse tested positive, 6 people had been exposed to the horse – all have received treatment. Rabies clinic sites have been secured for 2019 and are as follows:

2019 Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Date	Location	Time	Sponsor
April 27, 2019	Friendship Fire Department 7 Depot Street Friendship, NY 14739	9am-12pm	Allegany County Health Dept./ (T) Friendship, Friendship Fire Department
June 1, 2019	Fillmore Fire Department 24 S Genesee Street Fillmore, NY 14735	9am-11am	Allegany County Health Dept./ (T) Hume, Caneadea
August 3, 2019	Town of Willing 1431 State Route 19 South Wellsville, NY 14895	2pm-4pm	Allegany County Health Dept. / (T) Willing
October 26, 2019	Genesee Valley Central School (Bus Garage) 1 Jaguar Drive Belmont, NY 14813	9am-12pm	Allegany County Health Dept. / Genesee Valley Central School

ACCEL Water Lab– All credentialing has been completed, application has been submitted to ELAP, and proficiency tests have been submitted; now waiting for NYSDOH to send an assessor to the lab.

Lead Update – There is a proposal to have Environmental Health involved in case management if a blood lead level draw results at a 5 or higher. Currently Environmental Health becomes involved if the blood lead level results at 15 or higher.

Dr. Cusumano motioned to move to Executive Session, Judy Hopkins seconded the motion. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Dr. Cusumano motioned to move out of Executive Session, Dr. Brubaker seconded the motion. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

Tim LaFever motioned to appoint Lori Ballengee to a 6 year term as Public Health Director. Dr. Brubaker seconded the motion. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

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A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Brubaker, motion seconded by Tim LaFever. **All in Favor, Motion Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Breeyan Barnes
Confidential Secretary to the Public Health Director