

# **ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

## **December 11, 2018**

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 (rescheduled from December 4, 2018) in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Andrew Williams, Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith, Nancy Potter, John Burke, Dr. Gregory Healey, Todd Wells

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Kathleen Terrence

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dana Olzenak McGuire, Director; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Brigette Sanderson, Kindra Cousineau, Brandi Lamay (Public Health Staff); Chris Barrick, PhD, Jacob School of Medicine; Dr. Matthew Prionas (Family Medicine); Dr. Rohit Barreto (Family Medicine); Dr. Ross Dickstein (Pain Management); Emma Brackett, LCSW

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon motion by J. Scillieri Smith, and seconded by J. Burke, the minutes from the November 20, 2018 meeting were approved.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

Those in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves.

**Guest Speaker:** Chris Barrick, PhD, Jacob School of Medicine  
Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Buprenorphine – An introduction to MAT and specifically the use of Buprenorphine, why use MAT, evidence and results of MAT in Erie County, what NYSDOH and OASAS have done, and survey results on challenges in its use.

### **MAT Discussion:**

- a) Myths about addiction/MAT intervention
- b) Starting/Engaging in MAT
- c) DEA vs waiver – what's the difference
- d) Barriers and benefits to starting MAT
- e) Concerns about offering MAT in practice
- f) Managing behavioral issues related to MAT

Chris Barrick provided a very informative presentation on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Buprenorphine, as well as information regarding waiver training for providers.

Board of Health members and providers asked questions and discussed specific topics throughout the presentation.

**Update on Lead Case:**

This past month we had another child with elevated blood lead level (BLL) over 21. As a child with a lead level over 15, an environment referral to the district office has to be made along with a nursing visit.

This child lives with his mother half time and father half time. The mother lives in our county; the father lives in a different county. Many communications have had to happen as SLC PHD and the Canton District office do not have jurisdiction to go to the father's house. We have initiated the home visit with the mother and made the referral for the environmental inspection to both counties. The inspection in our county showed his house was built in 2005 and environment is lead free. The father's house was built in 1800's and we are still waiting for the report from the adjacent county. When the report is received, NYSDOH will decide which county will follow the child. At this point we have recommended the sibling have a BLL test now and again in one month. The father has moved out of the house into another family member's home until the inspection is complete.

The child we have discussed previously, with the severely elevated blood lead level requiring chelation, has had another repeat test. The BLL has come down only 2 points and is still above 40. The Free Erythrocyte Protoporphyrin (FEP) has dropped 100 points, so this is good news. The Resource center is still concerned that his levels have not dropped significantly. We have reached out to the child's parents, but are still waiting to meet with them.

Please see attached the map that shows the areas of concern in our county. I thought this would be of interest to share. The map shows households of children 6 years old and younger with elevated BLL in our county up until August of 2018. We used this map for the 1 Million Dollar Lead Grant from HUD we were just awarded (see attached article).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No Other Business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm.**