

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
May 21, 2019

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Acres, Nancy Potter, Dr. Kathleen Terrence, Dr. Andrew Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Gregory Healey, Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith, Todd Wells

OTHERS PRESENT: Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Brigette Sanderson, Tricia Storie, Michele Levac (Public Health Staff).

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by N Potter, and seconded by A. Williams, the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

Upon motion by A. Williams, and seconded by N. Potter, the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

Dr. Williams welcomed Kevin Acres to the Board of Health!

TB Direct Observation Treatment (DOT): Michele Levac

One case in Massena who is an immigrant. Arrived in the US approximately (6) months ago. Client's significant other contacted the Public Health Department to inform us client had TB in bones, was being treated prior to coming to the US and needed help to continue treatment. Significant other stated the individual had received (4) months of treatment for TB (4 different medications). There is no documented record of these medications or length of treatment. Only documentation provided (translated by MD from CPH) was the report of an x-ray of the left humeral head and a CT scan of the chest.

An appointment was made with Dr. Thakur for evaluation. Due to minimal medical information being available, all testing for TB was completed. All respiratory tests were negative. A shoulder x-ray shows (4) or so round lytic, lucent areas at the left humeral head, the larger (2) measuring 3.1 cm x 3.1 cm. These were also visualized on a CT scan of the lungs. With no information on medications and/or length of treatment, Dr. Thakur will be treating the individual the full (6) months.

The NYSDOH was notified of this case. Their recommendation is for the individual to have an orthopedic consultation. Dr. Thakur is aware of this recommendation.

The Public Health Department is providing the medication as part of the TB Program and DOT daily. This patient does not have medical insurance and the Public Health Department is covering the cost of all medical bills at the Medicaid rate related to TB. These monies are state aid able.

Dr. Williams asked if the significant other has been tested, were there any contacts in China and is Dr. Soule, Infectious Disease, aware of this patient? Rochelle will reach out to Dr. Williams to provide more information.

Measles Outbreak Update: Michele Levac

Information received from the CDC – as of May 17, 2019, (880) individual cases of measles have been confirmed in (24) states. This is an increase of (41) cases from the previous week. There are no cases in St. Lawrence County. There was a discussion regarding a plan if there were an outbreak in St. Lawrence County. It was noted there is an Emergency Preparedness plan in place. Immunization information is being provided to school nurses and providers during AFIX visits. It was noted one Amish family has been immunized with Dtap, Tdap and Td.

Current Lead Case (all levels) and proposed changes: Tricia Storie

Currently a caseload of (44) children. There have been no new cases <5 since the last Board of Health meeting. We had (1) finger stick test with a result of (15), but we have yet to receive the venous results. The family was given a lab slip to get blood drawn, but haven't gone to the lab yet. Children with higher lead levels seem to be trending downwards. NYS has passed through legislation where active status interventions take place at level 5, which requires a home visit and tracking, etc. This new legislation will become a policy effective October, 2019. Dr. Terrence noted it is important to do the home visit and find out where it is. The XRF machine is located at the district office. Public Health is purchasing (2) Lead Care machines and is looking to collaborate with providers or agencies to use them. Dr. Terrence noted it would be very helpful if this information was shared with the providers. Also shared children have blood lead levels done at ages (1) year and (2) years.

Dr. Williams asked if there were any information on how many of the homes for these children were rentals. Kevin noted there had been housing in Gouverneur that still had lead pipes.

Draft Sanitary Code: Tricia Storie

The majority of towns have appointed the Public Health Department as Health Officer. Dana would like members to review the sanitary code article by article. Members were asked to review Article (1) and (2) to be discussed at the next meeting – the Board of Health are involved in these articles.

This draft code came from Clinton County, along with the sanitary guidelines we currently use. The County Attorney has reviewed this draft code. Dr. Williams suggested videotaping vs. using a Stenographer. Kevin noted you would have to discuss taping with the County Attorney prior. Suggested inviting Stephen Button to the June 18, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

Nancy asked about the incident with the house in Madrid. Kevin shared the house went in the tax sale – the first buyer refused to buy the property due to rodents. The next individual in line to buy it also refused. The neighbor across the street bought the house.

Walk with a Doc: Brigette Sanderson

The next Walk with a Doc takes place on Saturday, May 25, 2019 in Ogdensburg at 10:00 am. This will be at the new Abbey Piquet trail by the Fort De La Presentation site. Walk with a Doc

will continue for another year – will drop to (4) site locations. Area hospitals and Community Health Center of the North Country will take on coordination of the walks.

MAT Training: Dr. Williams

The first MAT Training took place on Saturday, May 18, 2019 with Dr. Trigg. It was well attended (10 people). There were good questions and good dialogue. The next training takes place on Saturday, June 1, 2019 with Dr. Updike. Once the MAT Trainings are completed, there should be more providers who can prescribe Suboxone in St. Lawrence County.

Dr. Williams attended the recent Opioid Task Force meeting – it was reasonably well attended. He feels awareness with providers and community is increasing.

There was a brief discussion regarding pregnant women, babies born addicted, and the option of providing Suboxone to pregnant women.

Other Items and Questions: N/A

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm.