

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

### **May 20, 2025**

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Andrew Williams, Rita Curran, Nancy Potter, Mark Deavers, Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Kathleen Terrence, Dr. Gregory Healey

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erin Streiff, SLCPHD Director; Lara Martin, SLCPHD Sanitarian; Dr. Zachary Mashaw, SLCPHD Medical Director

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon motion by Nancy Potter, and seconded by Mark Deavers, the minutes from the April 15, 2025 meeting were approved.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

### **OTHER ITEMS AND QUESTIONS**

Members reviewed department highlights. The sanitarian report for the month of April was presented, indicating a total of four inquiries regarding garbage, mostly referred to the code officer for issues such as debris in yards and household garbage. There was one inquiry related to mold and seven inquiries concerning sewage and septic systems, primarily about septic records. A significant number of inquiries, totaling about 14, were recorded under miscellaneous issues, with recurring topics including bed bugs and decomposing animals. A complaint regarding emergency housing and medical transportation was also noted. Members discussed concerns about food safety reported by a community member regarding a deli prep table being out of temperature. A call regarding meth contamination in an apartment was addressed, as well as concerns about pasture runoff from a local farm. The total number of formal nuisance complaints filed was one, related to garbage and suspected adult abuse, which was referred to various authorities for further investigation. In total, 35 calls were classified as non-complaints, with 32 not in SLCPHD's jurisdiction. Members discussed a chart developed to clarify jurisdictional responsibilities for various types of complaints and inquiries, with the intent to present it to code enforcement officers from all municipalities. The necessity for clear communication between the health department and code officers was emphasized to reduce public frustration over referrals. The discussion extended to mosquito surveillance initiatives, in collaboration with local universities. Members reviewed the plans to monitor mosquito populations to prevent diseases like West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. The collection process and associated safety measures were also outlined.

A proposal for a measles tabletop exercise was introduced, with a potential date of June 12, 2025. Members indicated this date will not work well for them; alternative dates will be looked at.

Erin noted that the department is working to increase travel vaccine appointment availability and incorporate travel appointments into weekly clinics.

The lead program has remained steady, with some recent product recalls announced. Members noted recent school water fountain closures and equipment replacement.

Members discussed the rabies program and the department's informal animal control positions, with Erin and Dr. Scillieri Smith to continue discussions regarding municipality requirements for animal control positions.

Erin reminded members about the upcoming weather and health workshop and provided the tentative agenda for the event, to be held on June 25, 2025. Also provided were copies of the most recent Children's Programs Newsletter and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Survey.

Members continued the ethical decision-making exercise as initiated at the May SLCBOH meeting, to meet public health accreditation requirements.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive session held at 7:01 pm for matters concerning the employment history of a specific person.

#### **ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

**Regular session adjourned at 7:01 pm. Next meeting will take place on June 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS FOR FOLLOW UP**

**N/A**