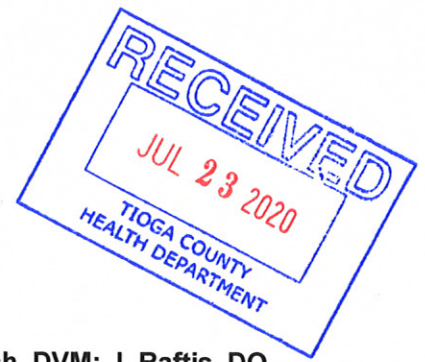




TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES June 18, 2020



ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS: J. Picco, DDS, President; R. Kapur-Pado, DO; T. Nytch, DVM; J. Raftis, DO, FACEP; K. Millar, CRNA; M. Hawley, RN, BSN; W. Standing III, Legislator, E. Haray-Butcher MS, CHES
ABSENT: T. Hills, DVM, Vice President
STAFF: L. McCafferty, R.S., MPH, Public Health Director

Call to Order: 7:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

Barbara Bilbrey, Supervising Public Health Nurse

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Meeting Minutes: Minutes of February 20, 2020 meeting were sent electronically to members for review. Motion to approve minutes; all in favor, motion passed.
- 2) Enforcements: Reviewed; some discussion regarding stipulations at McDonald's.

PRESENTATION

By Ms. Bilbrey who focused on COVID-19, 150 cases total for Tioga County to date.

- Majority of cases seen attributed to healthcare patient and staff, transmission within congregate care facilities, hospitals, and medical practices.
- We have no spontaneous cases without known direct cause.
- Everything is in house, orders are issued through our office and not through the State Department of Health system. Tioga County is using in-house tracer's, our 15 Public Health staff can maintain compliance and confidentiality.
- Social distancing and wearing masks, complemented with contact tracing and quarantining, have been tools.
 - There is some push back from the public.
- We have had some "perpetual positives," those having no symptoms but still continuously testing as positive.
 - CDC has not yet confirmed if these types of cases are still contagious or not.
- There is individual variation on how people respond to virus.
 - Some present fever, some present gastrointestinal problems, others remain asymptomatic
 - Message to public is even if you have minimal symptoms contact your medical provider about testing.
- Different messages are being conveyed and it is creating confusion for the public.
 - We continuously message with updated information.
- Can get antibody testing through primary care if requested
 - We are seeing a majority of negative antibody test results.
- Entering a new economic world- lost, changing, revenue streams will entail proactive approaches for future.
- Board asked if there is anything they can do for Public Health
 - Suggested proclamation to acknowledge time and energy our department has given to help the community. Dr. Nytch will draft and send. Legislator Standing will bring up at Legislative Worksession.



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- Ms. Haray-Butcher suggested figuring out a way to message/ communicate what Public Health does, as the public does not understand what our department handles; how we can benefit our community.

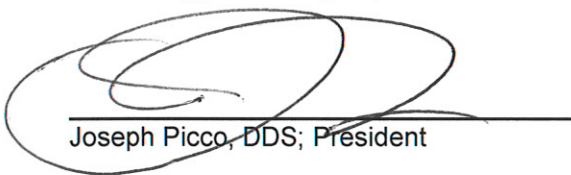
NEW BUSINESS

- Review of Final Draft By-Laws:
 - Discussion of a few sections, but all were clarified and remain the same with no edits.
 - Motion to approve made by Dr. Kapur-Pado, seconded by Mr. Millar, all in favor to publicize final draft By-Laws.

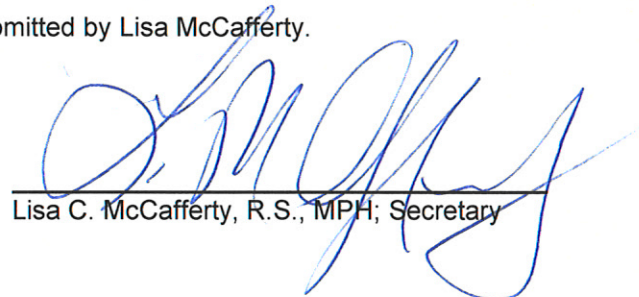
INFORMATIONAL

- Lisa McCafferty reviewed agency reports March through May,
 - Addressed new format of report, which highlights Public Health's COVID-19 information.
 - To date have generated significant savings due to Early Childhood closures.
 - Rabies clinic scheduled for July 23rd at Hickories!!
 - Sanitarians have been on site for water and sewage activities.
 - Health Educators are working on prevention programs.
 - In Nursing, other communicable disease is slow, seeing some STDs and occasional tick borne; people are avoiding going to their providers.
 - Public Health is working 7 days a week, all Tioga County employees are back to "normal." Complaints about people not wearing masks. We can enforce businesses that we license (ie. restaurants). Refer other complaints to NY Pause, which relays.
- Email updates to Board of Health Contact List
- Next meeting will be another zoom meeting, August meeting will be cancelled, September meeting will try to hold at Parkview (depending).

Meeting adjourned at 8:45a.m.; Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.
Minutes approved July 16, 2020:



Joseph Picco, DDS; President



Lisa C. McCafferty, R.S., MPH; Secretary

