



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES July 21, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (All Attended In Person):

J. Picco, DDS, President
T. Hills, DVM, Vice President
W. Standinger III, Legislator
T. Nytych, DVM
W. Simmons
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
R. Kapur-Pado, DO (Arrived at 7:45 A.M.)

ABSENT:

T. Leary, FNP

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

L. McCafferty, Secretary to Board of Health
P. DeWind, Esq., County Attorney
A. Reigelman, Secretary to Public Health Director

GUESTS:

Christina Olevano, Tioga County Prevent Services Supervisor, CASA-Trinity
Kylie Holochak, Senior Public Health Educator, Tioga County Public Health

CALL TO ORDER: 7:33 a.m. by Dr. Picco

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Picco introduced Ms. Olevano and Ms. Holochak, presenting on topic of E-Cigarettes, Vaping, and the Impact on Tioga County Youth. Ms. Olevano explained her professional background in health education/substance abuse prevention.

PRESENTATION:

- Ms. Olevano handed out an initial quiz sheet, for the Board to complete, with general questions about vaping and E-Cigarettes. She provided all answers to questions with brief explanation.
- Proceeded with a power point presentation covering:
 - Statistical data on vaping collected by Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, both nicotine and marijuana, in Tioga County School Districts targeting youth population (grades 8, 10, and 12).
 - Results show an increased use as the children get older.
 - Reasons why teens vape:
 - Youth-targeted marketing
 - Accessibility
 - Social norm
 - Addictive
 - Perceived as being low risk
 - Samples of vaping devices (Puff Bar, Suorin Drop, Vuse)(examples were passed around to members)
 - On the horizon, predicting will see bigger issue of cannabis vapes in youth.
 - Solutions: youth led initiatives, county wide initiatives, and school consistent policies.
- Dashboard created to show data taken from the school surveys, link to dashboard will be sent to Board.
- If interested in this initiative, always looking for people to join the Substance Abuse Coalition.



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ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve prior minutes made by Dr. Hills; seconded by Dr. Kapur-Pado; no discussion, all were in favor, motion approved.
- Enforcements:
 - Ms. McCafferty briefly explained reasons for water/food stipulations.
- Stipulation Policy: Ms. McCafferty handed out hardcopies of the final draft of the stipulation policy to the Board, which incorporated feedback from Board of Health and Division of Environmental Health.
 - Requested Board review, and any further feedback; goal is to present final for vote at September meeting.
 - Dr. Picco inquired if there has to be an official reading of the policy for the minutes to acknowledge it has been read by the Board. Attorney DeWind answered that there does not have to be an official reading, based on the nature of the document.
 - Dr. Kapur-Pado asked who determines the fees within the policy. Ms. McCafferty explained that it is the policy itself that determines the stipulation amounts. During revision, these were increased.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Membership: Ms. McCafferty reminded the Board of Mr. Millar's email, declining to renew his Board of Health term, which ended July 12, 2022.
- Attorney DeWind explained that discussion of the number of members of the Board needs to take place. Per Tioga County's Health District created in 1985, under New York State Public Health Law 343, the Board of Health should be made up of seven members, one of whom is a legislator and three physicians. Through regular attrition, can decrease membership back to seven.
 - Dr. Picco inquired who would be the next member with term expiration.
 - Dr. Nytch expires in December of 2022, Dr. Picco expires December 2023.
 - Dr. Picco stated that he would be willing to step down before Dr. Nytch and have Dr. Nytch complete his term until December 2023.
 - Dr. Picco asked the Board if the topic of Board membership could be topic for meeting in September, so that it would not be rushed; Board agreed.
 - Dr. Raftis asked how beneficial would it be for the Board of Health to decrease numbers to seven; for the purpose of meeting quorum, having a well-rounded board, etc.
 - Dr. Hills asked Attorney DeWind if Board members are to be Tioga County residents. Attorney DeWind stated that members are to be Tioga County residents.
 - The official statute will be included in September Board packet.

INFORMATIONAL:

- Board received the Agency Report electronically. Dental Van summary notes were included, reporting Tioga County school district data for the 2021-22 school year. Brief discussion about dental care availability, leading dental issues.
- Ms. McCafferty informed the Board about Sundaes at the Farm event taking place in Newark Valley, Sunday July 24th in Newark Valley. Public Health will be at event promoting Community Health Assessment.
- Ms. McCafferty handed out New York State Department of Health advisory on Monkeypox, Monkeypox talking points, and promotional flyers for Monkeypox. She explained that Monkeypox is receiving a lot of media coverage. Notified of individual cases in surrounding counties, but predominantly in metro/New York City area.
 - Seeing "COVIDIFYING" of Monkeypox: contact tracing, beginning of vaccine dissemination, concerns about mutations.
 - Physicians are frustrated because the disease mimics other symptoms.



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- Goal is it message on Monkeypox, but not inundate the community.
- Dr. Nytch commented that it is now "Smallpox Light," could spread fast.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.



Joseph Picco, DDS; President



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

Minutes approved September 15, 2022

