



GENESEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
ORLEANS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING
MAY 13, 2014
ORLEANS COUNTY-HOST



Call to Order

Paul Grout called the joint board of health meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

BOH Members Present-Genesee County

Dr. Alan Barcomb – BOH president
Deanna Page – BOH member
Ken Oakley, PhD – BOH member
Dr. Irene Burns – BOH member
Ed DeJaneiro – BOH member, legislative representative

Officials Present-Genesee County (non-voting)

Jay Gsell – County Manager

Staff Present-Genesee County

Paul Pettit – Director, Health Department
Mary Janet Sahukar – Director of Community Health Services
Tammi Ferringar – Administrative/Budget Officer
Vanessa Vassall – PHAP fellow - CDC

BOH Members Present-Orleans County

Paul Grout – BOH president
Dr. James Robinson – BOH vice-president
Wendy Oakes Wilson – BOH secretary
John DeFilipps – BOH member, legislative representative

Staff Present-Orleans County

Paul Pettit – Director, Health Department
Kimberly Castricone – Administrative Assistant
Mary Janet Sahukar – Director of Community Health Services
Vanessa Vassall – PHAP fellow - CDC
Cathy Miller – Clerical

Introductions

Paul Grout thanked everyone for coming and began introductions. Those in attendance (as listed above) then introduced themselves.

Minutes of Previous Meeting-Genesee County:

The minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mrs. Deanna Page, seconded by Dr. Barcomb; all board members were in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting-Orleans County:

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed by the board members. Dr. Jim Robinson motioned to accept the minutes. Wendy Oakes Wilson seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

Public Concerns

There were no public concerns.

DIVISION REPORTS

Director's Report

Paul Pettit explained we continue to seek a replacement for Mary Janet Sahukar's position. Due to the lack of applicants with the necessary credentials, our boards may have to consider re-working the job description requirements. One option may be to remove the "active" RN license requirement.

Paul Pettit shared our Orleans County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Margaret Wiley, will be retiring soon. Additionally, the Genesee County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Doug VanSlyke is expected to leave Genesee County, accepting a state position soon. Due to this sudden loss of both trained staff members, Paul has a potential internal candidate that he hopes to work into a cross jurisdictional, shared position, between both counties. Board members did question if this sort of consolidation would impact grant funding to either county. Mr. Pettit indicated this should not be a problem.

Paul Pettit discussed Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) as seen recently in the media. It is caused by a [coronavirus](#) called MERS-CoV. Most people who have been confirmed to have MERS-CoV infection developed severe acute respiratory illness. They had fever, cough, and shortness of breath. About 30% of people confirmed to have MERS-CoV infection have died. On May 2, 2014, the first U.S. imported case of MERS was confirmed in a traveler from Saudi Arabia to the U.S. On May 11, 2014, a second U.S. imported case of MERS was confirmed in a traveler who also came from Saudi Arabia. The two U.S. cases are not linked. It is estimated there are 538 cases of MERS worldwide.

The New York State Health Foundation grant is moving forward. We are still working on securing matching funds.

Paul Pettit explained on April 14, 2014 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York has finalized terms and conditions with the federal government for a groundbreaking waiver that will allow the state to reinvest \$8 billion in federal savings generated by Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) reforms. The waiver amendment dollars will address critical issues throughout the state and allow for comprehensive reform through a Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. The DSRIP program will promote community-level collaborations and focus on system reform.

The Drug Take Back Day was a great success in both counties. Over four hundred pounds were collected in Orleans County, and, over eight hundred pounds were collected in Genesee County.

Included in the evening's packets were a recent article, focusing on the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) and how Orleans County VALOR MRC provides disaster risk reduction and community resiliency education.

Lastly, Paul explained state lawmakers are considering whether to include electronic cigarettes in New York's indoor public smoking ban. The state's Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits smoking traditional cigarettes in nearly all workplaces in the state. Proponents of the ban hope that e-cigarettes will also be included.

Nursing Report

Mary Janet Sahukar updated both boards on the flu. The flu numbers have diminished since her last report to each board. In the past couple of weeks Type-B influenza has been the bigger mover; however, overall, Type-A influenza outweighed Type-B influenza across the flu season. The flu season remains active, and the mask requirement remains in place.

NYSDOH came unannounced to Orleans County last Wednesday to conduct a records survey. We received two citations. One citation dealt with not having populated in the health network system, the LHCSA roles (Licensed Home Care Services Agency). The other citation dealt with personnel records of current nursing staff – hired twenty plus years ago—regarding no pre-employment physicals and to no “follow up” on records.

Mary Janet Sahukar was happy to announce Connie Ferris (Orleans County nursing) was recently recognized for her successful work in measles outreach. On a recent epidemiology call, involving the CDC, NYSDOH and counties, Connie was complimented on a very thorough job on a recent measles outbreak.

Connie Ferris (Orleans County nursing) and Elaine Watson (Genesee County nursing) recently attended a conference on HIV, Hepatitis C, the testing laws, and the exciting new treatment to cure Hepatitis C. This discussion of Hepatitis C prompted Dr. Barcomb to ask if our counties could help to educate medical personnel on possible misconceptions regarding testing for Hepatitis C. Testing for Hepatitis C needs to be offered and documentation of this recorded. We do have a “list serve” and will ask our public health educators, Nola Goodrich-Kresse (Orleans County) and Kristine Voos (Genesee County) to reach out to providers regarding what the state law really is.

Environmental Report

The Orleans County rabies report was included in the evening’s packets and was reviewed.

David Whitcroft reported a rabies clinic was recently held in Pembroke for Genesee County, vaccinating 156 dogs and 64 cats.

David Whitcroft reports Genesee County has an environmental seasonal helper, Rachel Johnson, slated to work 504 hours. Also, Joe Perry, Monroe Community College environmental student, will soon be concluding his time with Genesee County.

Mr. Whitcroft shared the shared, cross jurisdictional activities have been a great help to Genesee County. Orleans County sanitarians have been able to travel to Genesee County and help with some inspections. An enforcement log was included in the packets.

With regards to ATUPA (Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act), Vanessa Vassall has worked cross jurisdictionally to provide compliance checks and free training to vendors in both counties.

Orleans County packets included copies of two environmental letters to board members. One letter, authored by David Whitcroft, referenced the Eagle Creek Marina, LLC; the second letter, authored by Shannyn Sanger, senior Public Health Sanitarian—Orleans County, referenced the Cottages at Troutburg project.

Lastly, Mr. Whitcroft shared some restaurants in Orleans County have not complied with the Orleans County regulation requiring one on site restaurant employee to have completed a mandatory food safety training course. Ample time to comply with this regulation has been granted, and January 1, 2014 was the date to be in complete compliance. Letters of stipulation have been sent to several dining establishments.

Expenditure Report

The financial expenditure report for Orleans County was included in the Orleans County packets.

Corporate Compliance Report

Orleans County reports all staff, with the exception of two seasonal part-timers (who have not returned to work as yet), and, all but two board members, have completed their annual corporate compliance training.

Paul Pettit reported all staff, and, all board members in Genesee County have completed their annual corporate compliance training.

The Orleans County OMIG audit of the 3-5 Preschool Special Education Program found some supervision issues regarding proper oversight by therapists resulting in a Medicaid payback. Orleans County has paid OMIG and now those identified programs will now pay back Orleans County.

Old Business

The community health assessment has been approved by NYSDOH.

Included in packets for both counties were a Genesee and Orleans County Cross Jurisdictional Sharing Project Return on Investment—Year One and Annual Narrative Report.

Ken Oakley shared the site visit to our area will be held on October 15-16, 2014. We expect no more than ten people to visit and plans are in motion for this event.

There is nothing new to report on sanitary code revisions.

New Business

There was no new business for Genesee County

Orleans County—Mary Janet Sahukar reports she has met with the Orleans County District Attorney regarding court ordered HIV testing. Next, the Orleans County attorney will review this policy.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Dr. Irene Burns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wendy Oakes Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:03 p.m.

The next meeting for Genesee County BOH will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the GCHD.

The next meeting for Orleans County BOH will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the OCHD.

