

# TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2021

### ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS:	T. Hills, DVM, Vice President; J. Raftis, DO, FACEP; W. Standinger III,
	Legislator; T. Nytch, DVM; R. Kapur-Pado, DO
ZOOM ATTENDEES:	J. Picco, DDS, President, K. Millar, CRNA
ABSENT:	E. Haray-Butcher MS, CHES
OTHER ATTENDEES:	L. McCafferty, Secretary; D. McCann, Director of Administrative Services;
	Peter DeWind, County Attorney
GUEST:	None

Call to Order: 7:37 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Peter DeWind, County Attorney

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS N/A

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Marijuana Regulation & Tax Act Position Statement
  - Dr. Hills mentioned that although any action is late to the table now, he feels a Board of Health (BOH) position statement is still warranted to encourage Municipality opt out of dispensaries. Dr. Raftis agreed, stating a BOH statement would assist Municipalities until a better defined implementation by New York State.
  - o Dr. Picco: BOH statement should be about the drug, not the law; Mr. Millar agreed.
  - o Dr. Nytch to prepare a draft statement.
- Meeting Minutes. Minutes of September 16, 2021 meeting were sent electronically to members for review. Motion to approve prior minutes made by Mr. Millar; Seconded by Dr. Hills; all in favor, motion approved.
- Enforcements: Question regarding ATUPA by Dr. Nytch
- BOH Vacancy Nominating Committee
  - Committee met via Zoom September 24<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be next step in coming weeks. Committee will share dates/times with Public Health to assist with scheduling.

#### PRESENTATION

N/A

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Public Health staff recognition
  - Dr. Hills asked what can BOH do for Public Health employees in regard to their dedicated work during the pandemic? Dr. Picco shared that he and the BOH were extremely proud of the Public Health team and how they have handled Covid and other work.
  - Words expressed by BOH regarding Tioga County Public Health: Diligent dedication (Mr. Standinger); Nothing short of amazing; Exemplary.
  - o Motion made (by Dr. Nytch, seconded by Dr. Hills) to recognize Public Health team.



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#### **INFORMATIONAL**

- Agency Report: September was distributed with Agenda packet.
  - Mobile Dental Services back in schools, currently in Waverly and very busy.
  - o Early Childhood, also busy, but having provider availability issues.
- COVID Update by Ms. McCafferty
  - Testing & Vaccinations, including schools and New York State push to get under 12 vaccinated.
  - o Boosters, Dr. Raftis asked about documentation.
  - Ms. McCafferty reminded that guidance & directives change daily from New York State Department of Health, Governor's Office, New York State Education Department, CDC, and Federal

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

November Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.; Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.

Terry Hills. DVM: Vice President

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

Minutes approved November 18, 2021



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