

TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2021

ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS:	T. Hills, DVM, Vice President, R. Kapur-Pado, DO; T. Nytch, DVM;
	K. Millar, CRNA; W. Standinger III, Legislator; E. Haray-Butcher MS, CHES; J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
ABSENT:	J. Picco, DDS, President
STAFF:	L. McCafferty, R.S., MPH, Public Health Director; A. Canzler, Sec. to Public
	Health Director
GUEST:	A. Ace, Public Health Sanitarian; K. Alliger, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse

Call to Order: 7:35 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Adam Ace, Public Health Sanitarian and Kathryn Alliger, Public Health Nurse, Tioga County Public Health

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of May 20, 2021 meeting were sent electronically to members for review. Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Millar, seconded by Dr. Nytch; all in favor, motion passed.
- 2) Enforcements: No questions.

PRESENTATION

- Mr. Ace and Ms. Alliger presented on the topic of Tioga County's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LPPP) as seen by Public Health Environmental Health and Nursing (presentation sent electronically); presentation was followed by questions and discussion.
- NEW BUSINESS
 - N/A

INFORMATIONAL

- Ms. McCafferty provided Public Health Agency updates.
- Tioga County Public Health was awarded 1.4 million dollars to be used for COVID-19 testing in schools for the next school year. Must submit a work plan to the State by end of June.
 - Do not know what the State requirements will be yet, yet have to plan.
- Mask Confusion in schools:
 - Conflicting messages from New York State Department of Health, New York State Board of Education, and Governor's Office.
 - This caused much confusion and frustration for school districts and Public Health.
- Tioga County vaccination rate.
 - State data does not reflect vaccinations for our residents occurring out of State (Guthrie); also not recorded if vaccinated by federal entities (ex. Veterans) and some pharmacies.
 - We are seeing a small percentage of our 12-18 year old population getting vaccinated.
- Recently have seen some Hepatitis A cases probably tied to drug use.
- Working with Greater Valley Emergency Medical Services to vaccinate the homebound population of Tioga County.
- Tioga County Public Health continues regular Public Health activities; ex.: scheduling Healthy Neighborhoods home visits. Ms. McCafferty encouraged the Board to look through Mr. Ace's Healthy Neighborhoods Annual report.
- Possibly will have next meeting at Parkview, will verify if they will be open and can accommodate
 us.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.; Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty. Minutes approved July 15, 2021: 0 Joseph Picco, DDS, President Lisa C. McCafferty, R.S., MPH; Secretary

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