



Cortland County Board of Health
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~ **Final Approved Minutes** ~

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:00 p.m. Cortland County Office Building, Rm 308

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Present	Absent
Bonni Hodges, PhD - President	X	
Susan Williams – Vice President	X	
Marisa Clifford, DDS	X	
Cindy Johnson, MD	X	
Nicole Villapiano, MD	X	
Mary Wright, RN		X
Sandy Price - Legislative Member	X	

Others in Attendance

Nicole Anjeski, Public Health Director; Lisa Perfetti, Deputy Public Health Director;
 Mike Ryan, Director Environmental Health; ReBecca Smith, Public Health Programs Manager;
 Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of February 15, 2022

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Price
SECONDER:	Dr. Villapiano

REPORT March 2022

Health Education

ReBecca Smith reviewed highlights of the report:

- The Tobacco Control and Prevention program met with Assemblyman Lemondes to discuss the burden of tobacco.
- Big Tobacco targets new customers through the use of Menthol/flavored tobacco products. There are bills in the state legislature that prohibits the retail sale of all flavored tobacco products and accessories.
- Reality Check is planning to celebrate International Week of Action with movie events in all three counties.
- The Cortland City Youth Bureau is a great collaborator for Health Education and the County Youth Bureau

- Healthy Neighborhoods Program did 20 home visits in February. The Homer area will be the focus this year in home safety assessments. We will get info about which services are needed the most.
- Towns and municipalities are promoting all of our programs including the CHA survey.
- Youth Bureau is recruiting to get more youth on the NYS Governors Youth Council.
- Not a Number at the YWCA is going great. Inviting other experts to come in to have workshops to have people feel comfortable and to train leaders in LGBTQ.
- Cancer Service Program working through payment issues.

Approve **March 2022** Health Education Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Williams
SECONDER:	Dr. Clifford

Environmental Health

Mike Ryan reviewed highlights of the report:

- All activities are picking up with good weather. ATUPA compliance checks was heavy this month. No flavored tobacco products are allowed to be sold in person but they can have it on site if selling on their website.
- Staff participated in EPA surveys for Ground and Surface Water Systems. FSIO Training for Food Inspectors.
- Sue Smith, Medical Services Clerk, retired and position is being eliminated. Administrative Staff is coming in to see what duties can go to other divisions and streamline services within EH.
- Accept Penalties for February \$525.

Approve **March 2022** Environmental Health report, **February 2022** penalties

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Williams
SECONDER:	Dr. Villapiano

Nursing

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Significant increase in gonorrhea cases for Cortland County which has been seen in other counties.
- Vaccines for Children Program site visit found no violations.
- Nursing and EH staff met with GCMC staff regarding rabies treatments.

Approve **March 2022** Nursing report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Clifford
SECONDER:	Ms. Williams

Children with Special Needs Program

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Currently there are 84 cases, last year there were 64. 19 referrals this year and 10 last year at this time.
- A Chart Audit was conducted.
- PreK has significantly less students than last year. Homer now has their own PreK program which might be a contributing factor.
- The waitlist for students to get services is going up as we are having difficulty getting providers to come to the Cortland area.

Approve **March 2022** Children with Special Needs report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Villapiano
SECONDER:	Dr. Clifford

Administration

Nicole Anjeski reviewed highlights of the report:

- Community Health Assessment survey is available until April 3rd for anyone to take. 1,200 surveys have been completed so far.
- COVID cases continue to decline.
- Public Health Fellows grant was approved. We are now able to go beyond COVID and utilize the staff more where we need. One will be with Mental Health.
- Sue Smith, Medical Services Clerk, retired after 30 years of service in the Health Department. The Public Health Nurse left on 3/11.
- Applications for Public Health Educators are coming. We have been trying to fill 2 positions for a few years now.

Approve **March 2022** Administration Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Clifford
SECONDER:	Ms. Williams

Causes of Death

Nicole Anjeski reviewed the Causes of Death report:

- 1 suicide, average age for males 67 and 83 for females.
- Smoking was the leading contributing factor.

Approve **March 2022** Causes of Death Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Clifford
SECONDER:	Ms. Williams

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion of the format of the meetings and monthly reports occurred. Below are the highlights:

- What information is important to the BOH? How do you want the information presented?
 - Include trending information with all reports monthly, maybe quarterly.
 - Note any increasing trends, are they connected.
 - Have a dashboard for the Annual Report or BOH.
 - In the future, a dashboard for Health Ed to see what activities are going to be occurring or have occurred.
 - 3-5 bullets of what is going on from each division as talking points. These do not have to be items from the reports.
 - Less reports more conversation on priorities and what is coming up.
 - Discuss items that are current.
 - Certain times of year set different priorities for discussion.
- What is the role of the BOH?
 - How do other Counties' Boards interact with them?
 - Do they craft policy, oversight or data assessment.
 - Where would Board resources be more beneficial? What challenges can they help with?
- Do we have to accept reports separately, consent agenda?
 - Do action items need to be different.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by President Bonni C. Hodges, PhD.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes March 15, 2022. Respectfully, submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: 4/19/2022

Mailed: 4/25/2022