



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

Tuesday, April 19, 2022                      4:00 p.m.                      Cortland County Office Building, Rm 308

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Others in Attendance**

Nicole Anjeski, Public Health Director; Lisa Perfetti, Deputy Public Health Director; Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel, Medical Advisor; Mike Ryan, Director of Environmental Health; ReBecca Smith, Public Health Programs Manager; Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary

**MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of March 15, 2022

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Wright
SECONDER:	Ms. Williams

**REPORT April 2022**

**Health Education**

ReBecca Smith reviewed highlights of the report:

- The Cortland County Tobacco/Cannabis Policy is making its way through the Government Operations Committee meeting in April.
- The State is doing a huge campaign to end all flavored tobacco products.
- HNP has distributed 100 radon test kits with many calls and some homes needing to be mitigated. We applied for the radon grant we currently do not have it but were told that those who applied will receive the funding.
- Claire Waldron is our new Public Health Educator working in Healthy Neighborhoods and Cancer Services Programs.
- Applications have been sent out for municipalities and churches for Youth Bureau funding year. OCFS will not move fiscal year for this year but are looking to moving it for the next fiscal year.

Approve **April 2022** Health Education Report

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

**Environmental Health**

Mike Ryan reviewed highlights of the report:

- Food Inspection staff participated in the first installment of NYS quarterly Food Service Establishment Inspection training.
- Staff Participated in NYS Non-community Water System Sanitary Survey Training for water systems.
- A rabies vaccination clinic was held March 30<sup>th</sup> with 78 animals vaccinated.
- \$375 in penalties for approval.

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

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

**Nursing**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Immunization Quality Improvement for providers program is a requirement for nursing program. 1<sup>st</sup> visited at Family Health Network 2 more to go.
- Training tool for lead education and outreach training tool is being developed so everyone can use it who goes into the home.
- 2 high alerts for communicable disease were both mistakes, the information was entered incorrectly into ECLRS system.
- Personnel changes: One of the nurses last day was Friday and one left a month before which leaves us with 2 nurses and Lisa P. We have one nurse starting mid-June. She is local and has worked mostly in pediatrics. Approval to fill for other position will be posted Friday. The 4<sup>th</sup> nurse with help in Early Intervention as the needs of children has increased.

Approve **April 2022** Nursing report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Price
SECONDER:	Ms. Wright

**Children with Special Needs Program**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- EI had 39 referrals during February and March. It is unclear why we had such an influx. 60% of the referrals came from Physicians. One thought is parents are resuming regular medical care after putting it off during COVID.

- The CYSHCN program has been collaborating with Health Education to provide information about the program. Health Education has been conducting public health detailing in towns and villages. The CYSHCN program information has been shared at these meetings.
- EI continues to update processes to become more efficient. EI Service Coordinators are working on improving all aspects of the paperwork process. Computer files are being reorganized or eliminated if no longer needed.

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

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

### **Administration**

Nicole Anjeski reviewed highlights of the report:

- Corporate Compliance plan and training needed updating. No significant changes, updated links and wording.
- COVID cases have increased but this week it has gone down. The BA.2.12.1 is more transmissible but the severity has decreased. Hospitalization are still low.
- NYS budget:
  - Allows funding for a fringe rate of up to 50% of eligible personnel expenses are now eligible for reimbursement through this grant as well, this is the first time fringe has been eligible for reimbursement.
  - Includes 40 million to Early Intervention. How these funds will be appropriated is still pending.
  - The final budget did not include added funding to address the increased workload for LHDs from the 2019 mandated lowering of the elevated blood lead level.
- We receive the wastewater surveillance with COVID-19 reports which is a collaboration with NYS, DEC, Syracuse University. Samples are collected each week and looks to see if COVID-19 is present. Nicki A. and Margaret B. will be meeting with the person who runs the system. It is a pre-warning system of high levels of COVID-19. There seems to be a correlation with rise in cases and the reports as numbers decrease in wastewater we see a decrease in cases. There is interest in looking at other infectious diseases, drug use, and other public health disease in wastewater. If this continues to have funding we will see how we can use it and educate the public in its purpose.
- **Public Health Fellow:**
  - We have made an offer for the Public Health Fellow-Emergency Preparedness position. The candidate will start in June 27th. He volunteered for the COVID clinics and is a native to Cortland County. We will be doing an emergency preparedness drill in the fall.
  - People are interested in the positions but they need to graduate in May. They can apply once they have their degree. We are doing another interview the first week in May.
- The NYS Virtual Call Center will be ending at the end of April. We will be sending out more information emphasize isolating, contacting close contacts, masking and

vaccination. Affirmation forms for school or work will continue to be on the website. The communicable disease team will still look for trends as with other CDs.

- The Community Health Assessment had over 2,000 responses. We are currently in the analysis phase and working with our partners. A community presentation of the data will occur in July.
- Staff attended the National Emergency Preparedness conference in Atlanta. Normally there are 500-600 different training sessions, however, this year the sessions were mostly CDC and HHS collecting after action data from attendees. Most everyone reported the same concerns we had.

Approve **April 2022** Administration Report and the Corporate Compliance plan

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Wright
SECONDER:	Dr. Johnson

### **Causes of Death**

Dr. Mezu-Patel reviewed the Causes of Death report:

- 32 deaths reported in the last month
- Cardiac deaths is the leading cause of death with smoking as the leading contributing factor.
- Average ages is 81 for females and 66 for males.
- 3 pending death certificates came in for March and we are still waiting for the outcome of the investigation.
- 1 pending death certificate from January was received of child under the age of 10 confirmed as a COVID-19

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46p.m. by President Bonni C. Hodges, PhD.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes April 19, 2022. Respectfully, submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: 5/17/2022

Mailed: 5/18/2022