



Cortland County Board of Health  
 County Office Building  
 60 Central Avenue  
 Cortland, New York 13045  
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**~Final Approved Minutes~**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

4:00p.m.

Room 304

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Barry L. Batzing, Ph.D - President	X	
Marie Walsh – Vice-President	X	
Stuart Douglas, DDS		X
Cindy Johnson, MD	X	
Ngozi Mezu-Patel, MD	X	
Nicole Villapiano, MD		X
Mary Wright, RN	X	
Ronald VanDee, Legislator Member		X

**Others in Attendance**

Catherine Feuerherm, Public Health Director; Dr. Stuart Gillim, Medical Advisor; ReBecca Smith, Public Health Programs Manager; Nicole Anjeski, Public Health Programs Manager; Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary

**MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of August 20, 2019

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Mary Wright, RN
SECONDER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel

**REPORT September 2019**

**Health Education**

ReBecca Smith reviewed highlights of the report:

- E-cigarette flavor ban in NYS signed by the Governor. Number of people affected by vaping lung illness is officially over 600. Media is showcasing what happens with illness. Young people are getting sick quickly.
- Youth use of cigarettes has decreased while usage of vaping products has increased.
- Talks with Chenango Rural Health have been initiated to sub-contract covering the Chenango portion of the Tobacco grant with the resignation of a Public Health Educator.
- Healthy Neighborhoods Program visited 30 homes and conducted 7 revisits.
- 33 Narcan kits distributed in August.
- Child passenger safety seat event on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Walmart for National Child Safety Seat. Walmart is accepting expired child car seats through September and are giving a \$30 gift card for child safety items in return.

- 44 DSS staff trained on car seat use and proper installation.
- Safe Harbour, “Closing the Gap” train the trainer will allow ReBecca and Nikole to train parents and caregivers in recognizing stress levels in themselves and youth to work through it enhancing the quality of life for both.

Approve **September 2019** Health Education Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Ngzoi Mezu-Patel
SECONDER:	Dr. Cindy Johnson

### **Environmental Health**

Catherine Feuerherm mentioned:

- New lead regulations go into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Specific roles have not been defined. Cases will increase with blood levels >5 requiring follow up. Required XRF machine is expensive. Several counties have increased staffing to manage the new regulations.
- The elimination of non-mandated programs may be necessary to avoid budget increases due to new lead regulations.
- Legislative Chair sent a letter to NYS DOH to discuss the possibility of eliminating Environmental Health.

Approve **September 2019** Environmental Health report and approval of **August 2019** penalties

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Ngzoi Mezu-Patel
SECONDER:	Dr. Cindy Johnson

### **Nursing**

Catherine Feuerherm reviewed highlights of the report:

- Lyme cases have increased.
- Schools are open and the new immunization requirements are in effect. Homer had their first exclusion. Doctor offices are offering immunization clinics to help with the influx of children needing vaccination before the exclusion period.

Approve **September 2019** Nursing report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Marie Walsh
SECONDER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel

### **Children with Special Needs Program**

Catherine Feuerherm reviewed highlights of the report:

- Referrals are coming in steadily. Very complicated and involved cases.
- Primary needs are social emotions, cognitive and clinical (PT, OT, speech)
- IPRO review went well.

Approve **September 2019** Children with Special Needs report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel

**Jacobus Center for Reproductive Health**

Catherine Feuerherm reviewed highlights of the report:

- Open three days a week. Increase in clients with college back in session. College is also doing STI screenings and contraceptive appointments.
- Currently there is one NP and there does not seem to be a need to hire another at this time.
- State is not in compliance with federal Title X regulations which is impacting access to 340b pricing.

Approve **September 2019** JCRH report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Mary Wright, RN
SECONDER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel

**Administration**

Nicole Anjeski mentioned:

- Plans and policies are revised, updated, and created to comply with PHAB requirements.
- Performance Management Plan and Performance Management System Dashboard was created to pick out goals and objectives to measure the efficiency of program services.
- 22 CHA focus groups were held in 11 facilities with 132 participants.
- CHIP shows that Chronic Disease and Mental Health continue to be areas of concern.
- Radon presentation in October at Guthrie Cortland Medical Center.

Catherine Feuerherm mentioned:

- Needle access at Kinney Drugs has increased. STAP contacted CCHD to discuss mobile needle exchange van.
- Safe needle disposal units at County Office Building, Cortland City Police and Homer Police department discussed as possible alternative to van.

Dr. Gillim reviewed the Causes of Death report:

- Old age and smoking are main causes of death.
- Pending death of 36 year old. Right age for over dose or suicide in Cortland County.
- Less and less premature cardiac deaths.

Approve **September 2019** Administration report and Causes of Death Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ms. Mary Wright, RN
SECONDER:	Dr. Ngozi Mezu-Patel

**OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Batzing's term is up in December and he stepping down.

Talks have begun with one person to join the Board of Health.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at \_\_4:47\_p.m. by President Barry L. Batzing, Ph.D.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 117 of the Cortland County Office Building, 60 Central Avenue, Cortland, NY.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes September 17, 2019. Respectfully, submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: October 15, 2019

Mailed: October 17, 2019