



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

Tuesday, September 15, 2021

4:00 p.m.

COB Room 308

**ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Present	Absent
Bonni C. 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 (on phone)	
Cathy Bischoff, Legislator Member		X

**Others in Attendance**

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

**MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of August 17, 2021

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

**REPORT September 2021**

**Health Education**

ReBecca Smith reviewed highlights of the report:

- Nicole Koekebacker is the new Public Health Educator and will be the Reality Check Youth Engagement Lead Coordinator with the Tobacco program. She is working in Cortland County with youth groups at the city youth bureau. Chenango County had a person leave and Nicole is making sure that the Chenango County schools are on board with the program.
- 51 youth attended the Youth Roots event which touched on many topics including human trafficking and prevention and drug trends in our county. The youth were also able to try out the fatal vision goggle course. The youth in attendance gave a lot of good feedback and we will be planning for next year.
- In the Cancer Services Program, Courtney has been going to Cayuga and Tompkins counties to introduce herself and what expectations of the program are in those counties.

Approve **September 2021** Health Education Report

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

**Environmental Health**

Mike Ryan reviewed highlights of the report:

- Food Service Inspections program was steadily increasing while summer camps were closing down.
- Lead cases and XRF inspections remain steady.
- The septic grant program moving along half of the money has been approved for reimbursement.
- A rabid puppy was reported on Friday, September 17th from a litter of 6. The infection was a raccoon variant and it is unknown when puppy picked it up. The puppy was in three homes before infection and there are 13 people being treated for post exposure.
- \$800 in penalties for water supply violations.

Approve **September 2021** Environmental Health report and approval of **August 2021** penalties

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

**Nursing**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- Mostly COVID isolation and quarantine activities.
- There are 22 confirmed cases of Lyme in September.
- HEP A case has a substance use disorder. Rehab facility was notified and most contacts have declined vaccine.
- Rabies-worked with Environmental Health and the GCMC ER to make sure injection were done properly. The hospital pharmacy did not have enough vaccine on hand right away.
- The first routine immunization clinic was held and are back to being scheduled twice a month.

Approve **September 2021** Nursing report.

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

**Children with Special Needs Program**

Lisa Perfetti reviewed highlights of the report:

- EI 22 referrals in August which is a record.
- EI staff have been trained and are doing contact tracing.
- Pre-K Coordinator worked with Cortland Transit to set up transportation for the Racker Center students in the fall.

- Homer Central School District is now holding Pre-K classes.

Approve **September 2021** Children with Special Needs report.

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

### **Administration**

Nicole Anjeski reviewed the highlights of the report:

- COVID cases increased by 577 new cases with over 5,400 total cases.
- We hired an Epidemiology Manager, Margaret Broderick, and a Public Health Nurse, Alyssa Januskza. The search for a Public Health Educator for the ELC grant is not going as well.
- The site visit for accreditation is being done via zoom.
- We are looking to hire 6 per diem staff for case investigation and contact tracing.
- SUNY Cortland added vaccinated students to be surveillance tested. 900 students were tested this week.
- We are contracting with OCM BOCES to organize, conduct, and distribute surveillance testing the local public schools. The schools are starting to send information to parents regarding the testing. Schools were mandated to have testing available for unvaccinated staff and will conduct symptomatic and surveillance testing of students and staff.
- Met with county administration for budget overview, there were no concerns.

Approve **September 2021** Administration report

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

Lisa Perfetti reviewed the Causes of Death report:

- Cardiac disease, cancers, COVID-19, and 1 suicide
- Still waiting on a few pending death reports.

Approve **September 2021** Causes of Death Report.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There have been conversation with the State regarding the plans for booster shots and vaccine clinics. Clinics are very resource heavy for only a small number of people to show. The superintendent at Homer School said they could partner with Kinney's Drugs and all schools could go there for a booster/vaccine clinic.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37p.m. by Vice-President Susan Williams.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled to be held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. as a virtual Cisco WebEx meeting.

Cortland County Board of Health Final Approved Minutes September 21, 2021. Respectfully,  
submitted by Cheryl Mrozowski, Secretary Board of Health.

Approved: 10/19/2021  
Mailed: 10/20/2021