



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES June 16, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (All Attended In Person):

J. Picco, DDS, President (Arrived at 7:35 A.M.)
T. Hills, DVM, Vice President
W. Standinger III, Legislator
T. Nytych, DVM
W. Simmons
T. Leary, FNP
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
R. Kapur-Pado, DO (Arrived at 7:37 A.M.)

STAFF PRESENT:

L. McCafferty, Secretary
P. DeWind, Esq., County Attorney (Arrived at 7:35 A.M.)
A. Reigelman, Secretary to the Public Health Director

ABSENT:

K. Millar, CRNA

GUEST:

Dan Scherrer, Public Health Sanitarian, Tioga County Public Health

CALL TO ORDER: 7:34 a.m. by Dr. Hills.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Dr. Hills introduced Mr. Scherrer, presenting on topic of Tioga County Public Health potable water program. Ms. McCafferty provided a background /overview of Mr. Scherrer's many roles at Public Health.

PRESENTATION:

- Mr. Scherrer presented on various aspects of the Tioga County water program and the monitoring/reporting of public water facilities including:
 - Ground Water
 - Sanitary Surveys
 - Different forms of contamination
 - Backflow Protection
 - Disinfection methods: Chlorination, Ozone, Ultraviolet light
 - Testing, monitoring/reporting methods
- Mr. Scherrer made note that if a violation is found at a facility, the facility is not necessarily fined immediately if they fix the problem within a certain time frame; Public Health works with the facility operators to be able to ensure correction.
- Dr. Nytych inquired if Public Health does private home testing as well as public.
 - Mr. Scherrer answered that they do receive lots of calls for testing of private wells; mostly testing for Coliform, Nitrates, and contamination spills.
- Dr. Raftis asked how the quantity and quality of the water in Tioga County is comparable to other local counties/regionally.
 - Mr. Scherrer responded that the volume is excellent; briefly explained that during last drought, water levels only decreased slightly then were built back up again quickly.

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- Tioga County water quality is also good, since 2013 have only seen small amount of contaminated wells.
- Brief discussion of various types of facilities and specific testing/inspection requirements (Mobile Home Parks, Fire stations, local businesses, etc.)
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OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve prior minutes made by Dr. Picco; seconded by Dr. Nytych; no discussion, all were in favor, motion approved.
- Enforcements:
 - Ms. McCafferty explained the Wendy's violation, stating that the facility had not paid within the first 30 days of receiving, therefore they had to pay the full amount of the fine versus the abbreviated. Violation consisted of cleanliness issues, which Ms. McCafferty explained may be due to staffing challenges.
 - The mobile home park violation, related to lack of a cover.
- Stipulation Policy: Current policy is dated from 2010. Ms. McCafferty stated that Public Health is in process of modernizing all policies, procedures, governing documents, ex. Sanitary Code, and having a routinized schedule for review, assessment. Stakeholders feedback is part of the process.
 - Mr. Scherrer thought that policy should be updated to look at quantity of violations, not just type of violation.
 - Example: A facility could have 20 blue violations, and be filthy, but it does not require a stipulation be sent. On the other hand, a facility could be immaculately cleaned, but have one red violation which would require a stipulation.
 - Red violation is a direct Public Health hazard (ex: cross contamination).
 - Blue violation example is not cleaning the refrigerator.
 - Dr. Kapur-Pado inquired if our fines are comparable to other counties.
 - All counties have different policies on how they fine facilities, but Tioga County seems to fit right in the middle with how enforcements are handled.
 - Dr. Raftis asked if the new Cannabis-selling businesses will be included in this policy.
 - Ms. McCafferty stated that it is not certain yet where Cannabis enforcement will occur, possibly will know within the next couple of years.
 - Discussion of food trucks, temporary event permitting/inspecting (ex. Strawberry Festival), and general inspection details of year-round permitted facilities.
 - All inspection results can be reviewed online through State website.
 - Standardization process of facility inspectors through New York State.
 - Intense training: classroom trainings, on site experience, certifications to ensure consistency of inspecting facilities statewide.
 - Inspections are twice a year for facilities considered high risk (schools, facilities that make homemade items), and only once a year for low risk facilities. If complaints are received inspect more often.
 - Some overlap with Department of Agriculture Markets (AgroMarkets), but have good communication/working relationship when there are overlaps.

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

INFORMATIONAL:

- Board received the Agency Report electronically,
- Ms. McCafferty handed out New York State Communicable Disease Reporting Requirements chart, for most current list of reportable diseases. Diseases that are highlighted in red prompt action and shall be reported immediately.
- Ms. McCafferty provided update on Community Health Assessment: the survey for Tioga County residents to complete has been publicized via many venues, print, media, placards, email list serves.



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- Ms. McCafferty thanked the Board for their comments on the stipulation policy.

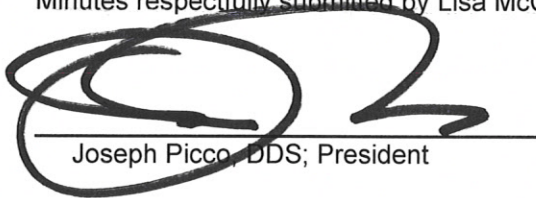
ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Dr. Raftis brought up discussion topic with Board on the increased use of vaping seen in young adults, and provided some personal knowledge on the subject. Asked the Board if this is something that they would like to pursue.
- Ms. McCafferty indicated seeing cigarette smoking decrease, but vaping has significantly increased. Public Health partners with ASAP Coalition. Will ask Christina Olevano, Prevention Coordinator for Tioga County come and speak on the topic.

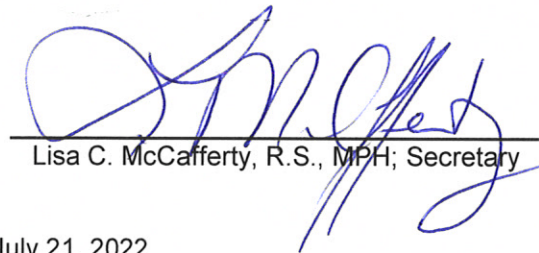
Ms. McCafferty advised the Board that the next meeting will be July 21st, and it will be held in person at the Health and Human Services Building Multipurpose room.

Dr. Picco called for adjournment at 8:38 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.



Joseph Picco, DDS; President



Lisa C. McCafferty, R.S., MPH; Secretary

Minutes approved July 21, 2022

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