

TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES June 19, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (Attended In Person):

T. Nytech, DVM, President
W. Simmons, Vice President
T. Leary, FNP
W. Standinger III, Legislator
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP

ABSENT:

R. Kapur-Pado, DO
T. Hills, DVM

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

H. Vroman, Public Health Director
D. McCann, Director of Administrative Services
K. Holochak, Public Health Project Coordinator
K. Russell, Public Health Educator
J. Zevan, DO, Public Health Medical Consultant

CALL TO ORDER: at 7:30 a.m. by Dr. Nytech.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Holochak and Ms. Russell presented on the Advocacy, Support and Prevention (ASAP) Coalition:

- Shared origin of Coalition (started in 2016) coordinated by CASA Trinity and transition to Public Health in 2024.
- Funding through three grants held by Mental Hygiene which are then passed through to coordinating agency of the Coalition (initially CASA Trinity and now Tioga County Public Health).
- Shared about ASAP community partners, program evaluation process, surveys and a number of successes and activities by the ASAP Coalition.
- Schools are increasingly more interested in Substance Abuse prevention education.
- Waiting to develop questions for the CLYDE survey (of 6th through 12th grade students). Data will be available as a county.
- Dr. Raftis asked about outcomes from survey and response was that data helps determine programming and outreach.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Minutes (May 2025): Motion to approve prior minutes made by Mr. Simmons; seconded by B. Standinger, all were in favor, none opposed, motion approved.
- Dr. Nytech asked about Well Head Program funding update. Ms. Vroman shared still on hold.
- Enforcements: Brief discussion of establishment and reason for enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. John Zevan the Public Health Medical Consultant was introduced. Dr. Zevan held a 'meet and greet' with a questions and answers session.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. Vroman distributed and shared her Director's Report for May.

Public Health Information:

Ms. Vroman shared the following:

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- Funding update: not aware of any new programs at risk since last month's update to BOH.
- Avian Flu: no new human cases reported, and no bird cases reported in Tioga County. We continue to monitor and follow NYSDOH guidance.
- Tick-borne illnesses increasing, 130 total with 106 of them Lyme. Question about reporting status, Ms. Vroman shared that she will do that monthly.

Staffing Updates:

- Four new employees started in June. These were for the following positions: Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Public Health Educator, Public Health Sanitarian and a seasonal Public Health Educator to assist us with our Community Health Assessment.

Accomplished Activities:

- New York State Department of Health conducted an onsite audit on Vaccines for Children, with no issues or findings.
- Family Health & Chronic Disease team met with the new NYSDOH Program staff, who liked our outreach efforts.
- Narcan trainings continue (J. Simmons mentioned Berkshire Fire was interested in training).
- Rabies Clinic in Candor had 256 animals vaccinated, the largest amount recorded at that site.
- Presentations on Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis at hospitals and primary care offices.
- Community Health Assessment surveys, Ms. Vroman stated that BOH could assist us in getting the word out and promotion. Mr. Standinger recommended food pantries to leave handouts.
- Online applications for Environmental Health food permits continue to increase, especially temporary permits.
- Mission Statement, Vision and Values were shared and Ms. Vroman stated that we are working these into our regular activities to promote them internally.
- Management Retreat was held for second year, an opportunity to get offsite together and discuss budget, budget wish lists and this year we had a presentation from Cortland County about their experience with developing a formal strategic plan and accreditation.
- Received a NYS Dental Award in the amount of \$50,000 per year for five years for the school-based clinic.
- Received compliments from several outside agencies and local businesses for our department and staff.


Other Information:

None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Adjournment of meeting called at 9:29 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Denis McCann


Thomas Nytech, DVM, President


Denis McCann; Acting Secretary

Minutes approved June 19, 2025