



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES January 20, 2022



ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS: W. Standinger III, Legislator; T. Nytch, DVM
ZOOM ATTENDEES: J. Picco, DDS, President; T. Hills, DVM, Vice President; K. Millar, CRNA;
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP; R. Kapur-Pado, DO
OTHER ATTENDEES: D. McCann, Director of Administrative Services; P. DeWind, Esq., County
Attorney; A. Reigelman, Secretary to the Public Health Director
ABSENT: L. McCafferty, Secretary
GUEST: None

Call to Order: 7:32 a.m. by Dr. Picco. Quorum was not met until 7:34 a.m.

Mr. McCann conveyed Ms. McCafferty's regrets as not in attendance due to ice encounter resulting in broken ankle.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

N/A

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Vacancy Nominating Committee Update: Due to lack of initial quorum to start the meeting, Dr. Picco requested Mr. Millar present updates.
 - (Mr. Millar) Committee interviewed five candidates in person, and one via zoom. Presented two candidate recommendations: Ms. Teresea Leary and Mr. Jim Simmons.
 - Dr. Kapur-Pado stated that the Committee saw many good candidates, but these two stood out.
 - Dr. Picco asked Mr. DeWind about process going forward. Mr. DeWind stated that recommendation must be referred to the County Legislature for final appointment.
 - Dr. Raftis and Dr. Nytch provided information about the recommended candidates, as they had referred them for this vacancy.
 - Once quorum was met, decision made to send the two candidate resumes to all Board members for review, and to take final vote on recommendations at next meeting. Any questions regarding the two choices are to be brought to the Nominating Committee before the next meeting.
 - Mr. McCann clarified if the Board would like the Public Health Department to send the candidate's resumes out to all members; Dr. Kapur-Pado stated "Yes."
- Marijuana, next steps:
 - Dr. Picco asked Dr. Nytch if position statement was put forth.
 - Dr. Nytch provided update that statement was finalized and had been published. Statement centered on the fact that the County is to expect more issues with young people as this subject advances.
 - Discussion followed on localities "Opting-in" vs. "Opting-out."
 - In Ms. McCafferty's absence, Mr. McCann shared comments Ms. McCafferty wanted expressed: the Public Health Department will move forward with messaging to the community and especially youth on potency equivalents (ex.: one edible gummy bear= three joints) to help reduce accidental poisoning.
- Meeting Minutes: Motion to Approve prior minutes made by Dr. Raftis; seconded by Mr. Millar; all in favor, motion approved.



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- Enforcements: No questions or comments

PRESENTATION

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- N/A

INFORMATIONAL

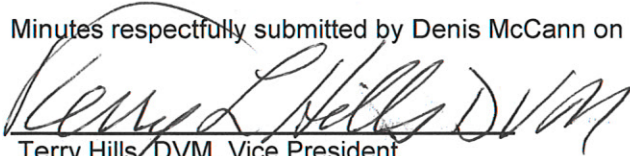
- Agency Reports: November and December were distributed with Agenda packet (electronically).
- 2022 Calendar: Mr. McCann asked the Board what months they would like to not have meetings? And what topics of presentations would they like to hear?
 - Dr. Picco stated that he would prefer to keep the same schedule as in previous years (having no meetings in August and December).
 - Dr. Nytch stated that he thought no dates should be set in stone in case a meeting might be needed. Resolved that the calendar will move forward with August and December planned to have no meetings, but if a meeting is needed the Board will schedule.
 - Proposed topics:
 - How the health department is gathering information (data) on COVID-19 from the community and how it is driving policy.
 - Tioga County Public Health's role/oversight of school districts in County.
 - Water Quality Assessment in Tioga County.
 - (Later in the year) Cannabis Statistics in the County; incident rates of emergency room visits.
 - Healthcare job shortages, and how it is affecting our County.
- Mr. DeWind provided update on Open Meetings Law and the requirements for Public Meetings.
 - Has to be advertised with public notice to media at least 72 hours in advance to the meeting; specifying date, time and location.
 - (As of November 2021) All documents being discussed at upcoming meeting must be posted to the internet at least 24 hours in advance.
 - The public can attend.
 - Under Governor's orders, Zoom meetings are allowed to take place without having to disclose all locations of Zoom attendees until February 15, 2022.
 - Public Health to keep the Board informed if this ruling is extended or ends before the next meeting.
 - All public meetings are to be recorded/transcribed.
 - Mr. DeWind commented that many public meetings within the county do not transcribe their meetings.
 - Recordings of public meetings are able to be FOILed.

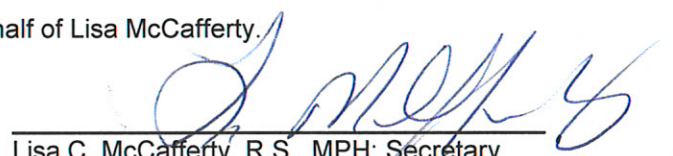
NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

- February 17, 2022.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Nytch, seconded by Mr. Standinger. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Denis McCann on behalf of Lisa McCafferty.


 Terry Hills, DVM, Vice President


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

Minutes approved February 17, 2022