



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2021

ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS: T. Hills, DVM, Vice President, E. Haray-Butcher MS, CHES; J. Raftis, DO, FACEP; K. Millar, CRNA;
ZOOM ATTENDEES: J. Picco, DDS, President, R. Kapur-Pado, DO
ABSENT: W. Standinger III, Legislator; T. Nytch, DVM
STAFF: L. McCafferty, Secretary
GUEST: D. McCann, Director of Administrative Services

Call to Order: 7:54 a.m. (following some technical difficulties with Zoom connection)

Dr. Picco asked Dr. Hills to preside over meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

N/A

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of July 15, 2021 meeting were sent electronically to members for review. Mr. Millar requested revision to minutes to reflect "voice call" vote. Motion to approve requested revision made by Ms. Haray-Butcher, seconded by Dr. Raftis; all in favor, motion passed.
- Enforcements: Ms. McCafferty responded to questions about stipulations
- Board of Health Vacancy: The Committee has been meeting, reviewed applications received, and has scheduled a Public Meeting on September 24th at 1:00 PM via Zoom for a Closed Session to consider applications.

PRESENTATION

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Marijuana Regulation & Tax Act:
Dr. Raftis asked about the position statement, and following a brief discussion, a decision was made to wait until next Board meeting for Dr. Nytch to present. Dr. Raftis requested there be the expectation that the Board will have a position statement ready by end of next meeting, with all in agreement.
- Social Media:
 - Discussion regarding negative social media, specifically regarding government's response to Covid. Dr. Hills shared comparable experience with his agency.
 - Suggestion made to encourage Board of health members to support Tioga County Public Health (TCPH) on social media
 - Dr. Picco reminded Board of Health that anything they say or post can be construed as the official statement of TCPH.
 - Discussion of different social media platforms and pros & cons, platforms for open discussion and perspectives.
- Covid in Schools:



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- Dr. Picco asked for update about Covid in schools. Ms. McCafferty provided updates on testing, contact tracing and case investigations.

INFORMATIONAL

- Agency Reports: Two months (July & August) since last meeting were distributed with Agenda packet.
 - Dr. Hills question about delayed revenue, which is due to TCPH receiving most funds as reimbursement after spending.
 - Dr. Hills apologized to Ms. McCafferty and staff present at July Board of Health Meeting.
 - Discussion regarding Board committees and compliance of Open Meetings Law.
Dr. Picco made statement that the Board of Health has to comply and get past this issue so it does not continue to be raised and negatively impact the business and effectiveness of the Board of Health and its role and responsibilities. Dr. Picco asked about possibility of having County Attorney attend at times, as occurred a few years ago, which was at times advantageous to the Board of Health keeping it on proper course. Ms. McCafferty will contact County Attorney.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

- October Meeting: No presentation requested, Marijuana Regulation position statement as main agenda item.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.; Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.



Joseph Picco, DDS; President



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

Minutes approved October 21, 2021

