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**OSWEGO COUNTY**



**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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December 3, 2021 – 9:00 am  
Oswego County Health Department, Oswego, NY  
Training Room Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**PRESENT:**

Michael Egan, President  
Marie Desravines, MD  
Lewis Watson, DVM  
Selma Sheridan, MD

**STAFF/GUESTS:**

Jiancheng Huang, Director of Public Health  
Brenda Hillman, Administrative Secretary  
Jodi Martin, Supervising Public Health Nurse  
Diane Oldenburg, Senior Public Health Educator  
Vera Dunsmoor, Director of Patient Services  
Jodi Martin, Supervising Public Health Nurse  
Nelson Bartlett, Principal Accountant  
Jennifer Walts, Senior Accountant  
Cheryl Rox, Senior Accountant

**EXCUSED:**

Hon. James Karasek – Vice President  
William Buckley, DDS  
Renante Ignacio, MD

**MEDIA:**

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President of the Board of Health, Michael Egan called the informational meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**1. Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2020**

**Motion to approve minutes:** Selma Sheridan, MD

**Second:** Lewis Watson, DVM

**Vote:** All Board members present voted in favor. The motion carried.

**2. Department Restructure Update**

The team went to the Legislature meeting last Tuesday to talk about and answer questions about the restructure. The PowerPoint presentation was changed a bit from the one that the Board saw at the last meeting. The change was to minimize the financial impact. The team did a great job. The Legislators were very interested and asked a lot of questions.

**3. COVID-19 and other Department Updates**

- Since Thanksgiving there has been an increase in cases. There were 99 cases yesterday and the day before there were 120 cases.
- School related cases – Wednesday there were 45. Not many contacts because of Thanksgiving break.
- Daily cases continue to go up. About 30% of total cases are school cases.
- The Health Department has a contract with Pulaski Urgent Care to test school related people. They test 7 days per week and have tested over 650 school related people. We have extended the contract to December 31<sup>st</sup>. About 30% are testing positive. The average positivity rate of daily testing is 15.3%. The average amount of testing per day is 26.
- Vaccinations to date in Oswego County, 69,142 with at least one dose, fully vaccinated, 64,210 which equals to 54.8% total of population that is fully vaccinated.
- 141 vaccination clinics to date
- Over 20,000 doses administered, 986 Boosters, 1,474 doses in November: 137 J&J, 657 Moderna, 146 Pfizer and 534 Pfizer Pediatric doses.
- Phone Bank: Well over 25,000 calls one year ago March. When school started, there were almost 5,000 school related calls alone. The phone bank is staffed seven days per week. There are a

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variety of questions mainly trending with the news. Mondays are very busy. Thinking about adding extra staff for Mondays.

- Lyme disease – cases have doubled, 2021 - 61 cases vs. 2020 - 30 cases
- Syphilis – 800% increase, 2021 – 8 cases vs. 2020 – 1 case
- Gonorrhea – more than doubled, 2021 – 115 cases vs. 2020 – 52 cases
- Hepatitis C – remains the same, 2021 – 76 cases vs. 2020 – 80
- Rabies – post-bitten prophylaxis for rabies prevention, a continued down trend since the peak of 2016.
  - Mr. Huang also added that the Rabies prophylaxis is very costly. There has been a down trend since 2016.
  - Mr. Huang added that a press release was sent out in November to remind people that ticks are prevalent year-round. In 2005 there were 5 cases and in 2019 there have been 249 cases. He showed tick bags that ticks can be sent to Upstate Medical University for testing the ticks for Lyme disease. This service is free.

Christy Carrington joined the meeting at 9:18.

#### 4. Legal

Ms. Carrington mentioned that in 2019 she was going to update the Bylaws but COVID hit and she was unable to work on updating them. FOIL needs to be updated and not open meetings law. Ms. Carrington did, however, change it to include resolutions for nominations and elections. Either for the January or February meeting she will have them ready for review. There has been a change with open meetings law that took effect November 18<sup>th</sup>. **Everything** has to be posted and ready for the public to view at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The next meeting there was a law that passed this Fall was on virtual meetings through January 15<sup>th</sup> and might get extended further. We would have to comply with the open meetings law and have each individuals' locations published. We will look at that for attendance for future meetings.

#### 5. Nominations

Having a quorum, Mr. Egan opened up nominations for President and Vice President.

Marie Desravines, MD nominated Michael Egan for President of the Board of Health.

Michael Egan nominated James Karasek for Vice President of the Board of Health

Resolution to Approve Nominees for Offices of the Oswego County Board of Health

**Vote:** All Board members present voted in favor, nomination carried, Resolution passed.

Motion to accept the appointment of President and Vice President was made by Michael Egan and seconded by Marie Desravines. All Board members present voted in favor, Resolution passed.

Resolution Appointing Officers of the Oswego County Board of Health

Motion to approve the nominees as appointed was made by Michael Egan and seconded by Marie Desravines. All Board members present voted in favor, Resolution passed.

Positions are through December 2022

#### 6. Adjournment:

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting:** Marie Desravines, MD

**Second:** Selma Sheridan, MD

**Vote:** Unanimous, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM.