

Public Health Committee Minutes  
June 13, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alan Grattidge; Supervisors John Collyer, Peter Martin, Dan Pemrick, Jon Schopf, Tim Szczepaniak, and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Carol Lyte, Mental Health; Heather Jonsen.

Chairman Grattidge called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Duncan said that the Rabies COLA request for \$3,186 is to cover existing fringe benefits costs for the Public Health nurse coordinating the program.

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to authorize acceptance of additional aid from the NYS Department of Health in the amount of \$3,186 to cover fringe benefit costs for a rabies nurse for the period from 4/1/2016 to 6/2/2016 and amending the budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan said that she is requesting a resolution to amend the Procura, LLC contract for software licenses for electronic medical records. A reduction in the licenses is due to the staff reduction resulting from the CHHA/LTHHCP closure. The total reduction amount is \$4,394.58 per month. She will still keep a few licenses because they are still doing billing and reporting. It is still also being used for LHCSA. Public Health is doing research regarding a change in software for electronic medical records in the future.

**A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to authorize an amendment to the software license agreement with Procura LLC to reduce the number of authorized licenses for Public Health Services. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan updated the committee on several topics.

- LCHSA update – All policies and procedures were updated, DOH had an onsite visit and gave a passing grade to meet the final license approval obligations. License was mailed on 6/10/2016.
- DOH cooling centers list has been updated. There are 10 locations throughout the county, the list can be found on <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/weather/cooling/>
- Communicable Disease – Zika virus is still a disease of concern. Public Health did an outreach effort in May on Zika prevention and Lyme disease. They focused on primary care providers, OB GYN practices, School Nurses, day cares, golf courses, town halls, libraries and parish nurses.  
Once suspected Zika case of a pregnant woman who traveled to Puerto Rico in December, patient declined follow up testing.

Tick borne illnesses were increasing in January due to the mild winter. Public Health has signs that can be posted in parks and on trails. Mr. Grattidge requested that Ms. Duncan reach out to Jason Kemper for placement of the signs on County owned trails.

Mr. Wright requested that Ms. Duncan also email all Supervisors to inform them that these signs are available.

- Flu type B was the most prevalent strain. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, NYSDOH declared it was no longer wide spread.
- Continued increase in GI illnesses. One salmonella case that was a match to the Onondaga County Salmonella possible cilantro contamination.
- June had one positive meningitis Neisseria case at Ellis Hospital. Contacts are being notified to receive prophylaxis
- Rabies, 16 animals tested from March to May, 2 positive tests, 9 people received post exposure prophylaxis.
- Lead poisoning, meeting with environmental and DOH for collaborative work. Also working on an MOU with Saratoga Housing Authority for better collaboration.
- Working on a potential agreement with Planned Parenthood for STD clinics.
- Working with Saratoga Hospital on Community Health Improvement Plan. Gathered data from the Healthy Capital District Initiative. Focus for 2017 will be on mental health, suicide prevention and substance abuse.

Mr. Grattidge reminded the committee that the first wave of mosquito dunks went out last month, there are still some remaining if additional are needed.

Ms. Lyte said that they are requesting authorization to accept additional 100% State Aid funds and amending mental health contracts. Contracts are with NYS ARC for \$1,266, Franklin Community Center for \$15,224, Transitional Services Association \$6,582, one additional supported Housing Bed \$9,530.

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Collyer to authorize amendments to Mental Health Contracts authorized by Resolution 235-2015 to accept additional State funds and amending the 2016 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Legislative Clerk