

Public Health Committee Minutes
November 2, 2016 –2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Alan Grattidge; Supervisors John Collyer, Peter Martin, Dan Pemrick and Tim Szczepaniak; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Michelle Wood, Cathy Medick, Public Health; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Martin the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Pemrick to approve the write off of uncollectibles in the amount of \$1629. Unanimous.

Ms. Medick said that the majority of the bad debt is from CHHA patients. Several attempts are made to collect the debt prior to coming to the committee.

Ms. Medick updated the committee on a recent rabid fox incident. The fox bit two people in the area and both received rabies vaccinations. The Health Department utilized the reverse 911 system to alert a neighborhood in South Glens Falls. No additional bites were reported.

Ms. Medick reported on a recent outbreak of Legionella at Wesley Health Care Center. There are currently ten confirmed cases. Legionella does not transmit person to person, it is a water borne illness transmitted by inhaling the affected water particles. Extensive water testing has been done by Regional Environmental Health to identify the source and the results are expected on November 3. At this point Wesley are actively enforcing water restriction and using bottled water. All employees, patients and families have been notified by Wesley.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk