ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
APRIL 18, 2017

The St. Lawrence County Board of Health (hereafter known as SLCBOH) met on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in the Large Conference Room, Human Services Center, Canton, New York 13617

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Dr. Andrew Williams, Nancy Potter, John Burke, Dr. Jessica Scillieri Smith, Dr. Gregory Healey

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Todd Wells

OTHERS PRESENT:  James Rich, Director of Public Health; Shannon Beldock, Administrative Assistant; Anne Marie Snell, Executive Director/Health Initiative, Kindra Cousineau, Wil Neves, Rochelle Pratt, (Public Health Staff members)

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Andrew Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by J. Scillieri Smith, and seconded by N. Potter, the minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting were amended and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

GUEST SPEAKER

Anne Marie Snell/Executive Director – Health Initiative:  Anne Marie introduced herself to the Board of Health members and guests. She gave a presentation on the formation, growth history, funding sources and services offered by the Health Initiative. *98% of their funding is from the New York State Department of Health.

The list of programs/groups discussed included: Navigator Program (3 staff), Cancer Services Program of SLC (1 staff/2 part time – only serving SLC residents); Diabetes Self-Management Group; Diabetes Prevention Program (serving 65 individuals – 1 staff/2 per diem); Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program (SLC, Lewis, Jefferson); Rural Healthcare Leadership Development; Regional Enrollment Group; WorkWell Investments, CBO Grant; WelCoNY;

Creating Healthy Schools and Communities in SLC: There is a school component and a community component which includes systems, policy and environmental change for (5) districts (Clifton-Fine, Ogdensburg, Gouverneur, Norwood-Norfolk, Massena) – 1 staff for each component.

North Country Iron Chef Competition: this is the 5th year of competitions. Teams compete to create a meal or side that can be realistically replicated in a school cafeteria using local food/commodity food. This event has been popular – they have to turn teams away now.

Bridge to Wellness Coalition: Meets monthly (3rd Friday 1:00 – 3:00 pm/Human Services Center). There are currently over (2) dozen organizations involved which include SLC Public Health; all area hospitals;
Higher Education; Community Based Organizations and area businesses. Representation from schools and area government could be used. The Community Health Improvement Plan was worked on with the Public Health Department.

School Health and Wellness Surveys: these surveys will be distributed by the end of the school year. Once the completed surveys are returned Jim will meet with Anne Marie Snell/Health Initiative and Patrick Ames/Cornell Cooperative Extension. This process will be discussed further at the Bridge to Wellness Coalition meeting on Friday, April 21, 2017.

The Health and Wellness Calendar which is promoted by the Health Initiative and co-sponsored by various organizations can be found on the North Country Now website - http://northcountrynow.com http://northcountrynow.com/health-calendar Anne Marie will have her contact person, Sean, post another information article for the public.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Tobacco 21 Update: the original Tobacco 21 Law paperwork sent to the Board Office has been modified. Changes were discussed with members. Members inquired who had made the changes to the Tobacco 21 Law. The process was explained – County Administrator meets with the County Attorney and the Legislators give the final approval.

Healthy Habits of Healthy Schools packet was distributed for member/guest review. Emma Spencer, an intern from Clarkson University was involved in the information gathering and creation of this informational packet.

Mr. Burke noted the legislators who are currently in favor and against the law, and those who could possibly be in favor. There needs to be approval from (8) Legislators in order for the law to pass. Mr. Burke noted letters of support can be sent to the Board Office and they will be read at the beginning of the Full Board meeting (May 1, 2017). He encouraged members to call their local Legislators.

Dr. Scillieri Smith shared North Country Public Radio (NCPR) had an article regarding the Tobacco 21 Law. Some of the comments referenced 18 year olds being able to go to war, but not being able to buy tobacco products.

Jim noted media and letter writing campaigns are being initiated. The letters will be sent to the Board Office to be forwarded to the Legislators. It was noted the hospitals (CPH, CHMC, MMH) could be included in this letter campaign. A letter of support template will be sent to members to share with others as appropriate.

The Tobacco 21 Public Hearing meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Legislators room located at 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

Space Committee: Jim has received notification from Ruth Doyle that office renovations will take place within the current Public Health Department. The long term plan is for the Public Health Department to eventually move back to the clinic side.

Pre-K Transportation RFP (Request for Proposal): First Student, Inc. was the only company who submitted a bid for the Preschool Special Education Transportation Services. This transportation is provided for children with special health care needs age 3-5 years.
OTHER BUSINESS

Appointment of new Board of Health member update: Bio Data Sheet for Dr. Kathleen Terrence went through the Services Committee and will now go to the Full Board for approval on Monday, May 1, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular Board meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. All non-Board members were excused. Executive Session began at 7:53 pm and adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Upon motion by A. Williams, seconded by J. Scillieri Smith, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Next meeting will May 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.