



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



MEETING MINUTES July 15, 2021

ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS: J. Picco, DDS, President T. Hills, DVM, Vice President, E. Haray-Butcher MS, CHES; J. Raftis, DO, FACEP; T. Nytych, DVM; K. Millar, CRNA; R. Kapur-Pado, DO (Arrived Late); W. Standinger III, Legislator (Arrived Late)

ABSENT: N/A

STAFF: L. McCafferty, R.S., MPH, Public Health Director; A. Canzler, Sec. to Public Health Director

GUEST: K. Holochak, Sr. Public Health Educator

Call to Order: 7:35 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Kylie Holochak, Senior Public Health Educator, Tioga County Public Health

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes: Minutes of June 17, 2021 meeting were sent electronically to members for review. Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Hills, seconded by Mr. Millar; all in favor, motion passed.
- Enforcements: No questions.
- Board of Health Vacancy:
 - Mr. Millar motioned to have a closed executive meeting session. (~~Roll call vote not conducted~~) Amended: Voice vote conducted.
 - Once reconvened, Dr. Picco summarized how Vacancy Sub-Committee should proceed to fill the open position.
 - As a sub-committee, do not need to publicize meetings.
 - Will advertise notice again, then in September will interview.
 - Sub-committee will meet to discuss how to proceed with current candidates.
 - They do not have to comply with the Open Meetings Act; no postings, no minutes, no need to be in person.

PRESENTATION

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Marijuana Regulation & Tax Act: Board of Health position statement
 - The Board discussed if they should provide position statement to Tioga County municipalities opting in or out of allowing marijuana dispensaries to open, and made notes on what it should include.
 - Ms. Holochak explained that municipalities will only have until December 31st to opt out of this decision. If not, they will automatically be opted in. Once opted in, will not have a choice to opt out again. If opt out now, municipalities will have the ability to opt in at a future time.
 - Dr. Picco: Statement will only be an opinion of the Board to share with municipalities to spark conversation.
 - Dr. Picco asked if the Board of Health had issued anything.
 - Ms. McCafferty stated that New York State Board of Health had and it was provided to the Board. Tioga County Board of Health had as main agenda item for today's meeting; as Public Health Director, she had not issued a statement.
 - Mr. Standinger: Statement should lay out pros and cons of the matter for municipalities to hear both sides.



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- Dr. Picco asked Dr. Nytch to draft the position statement for the Board to have ready for September meeting, as more information should be available by September for the Board to be able to make final decision on statement.
 - Dr. Nytch agreed but requested that the Board provide input; will be reaching out to all members.

INFORMATIONAL

- Public Health Agency updates (sent electronically), Ms. McCafferty asked if there were any questions or comments. The Board had no questions.
- Mr. Standinger: Requested that the Board draft individual letters to the Public Health employees thanking them for their service during the pandemic
 - Dr. Picco asked Mr. Standinger if the Legislature might have extra funds to be able to purchase lunch for the department as well.
- Mr. Millar stated that he would call Parkview Restaurant to see if they could accommodate the Board for the next meeting, September 16, 2021.
- Being no further business, Dr. Picco called for adjournment of the meeting. Ms. McCafferty stated that the Board of Health, a public body, must comply by the Open Meetings Act.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.; Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.

Minutes Revised September 16, 2021 Board of Health Meeting



Joseph Picco, DDS; President



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