



TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (All Attended In Person):

J. Picco, DDS, President (Arrived at 7:40 A.M., Departed at 8:53 A.M.)
T. Hills, DVM, Vice President
T. Leary, FNP (Departed at 8:45 A.M.)
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP
T. Nytech, DVM
W. Simmons
R. Kapur-Pado, DO (Arrived at 7:42 A.M.)

ABSENT:

W. Standinger III, Legislator

OTHER(S) PRESENT:

L. McCafferty, Secretary to Board of Health
A. Reigelman, Secretary to the Public Health Director

GUESTS:

Robert Williams, Tioga County Deputy Director of Emergency Services, TC Deputy County Fire,
TC Coroner
Paul Bishop, Project Director of Tioga County EMS Study, CGR Promising Solutions

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 a.m. by Dr. Hills

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Bishop attended via Zoom and gave a concise overview of the Tioga County EMS Study Final Report.
Mr. Williams provided additional information concerning steps Tioga County has taken:

- Legislature has approved a part-time EMS Coordinator position to start January 1, 2023 to facilitate recruitment and training for oncoming EMS service providers.
- Retone time has lowered from 10 minutes to 5 when responding to EMS calls.

Q&A followed presentation with brief discussion of EMS in Tioga County.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve prior minutes made by Ms. Leary; seconded by Dr. Kapur-Pado; no discussion, all were in favor, motion approved.
- Enforcements: no discussion.
- Rabies Control Order: Ms. McCafferty passed out summary of comments/edits that were provided thus far; requested any additional feedback. Plan is to include as agenda item for final discussion at the January meeting.
 - Dr. Nytech inquired if New York State controls/oversees this area, however, reminded this order was initially created by the Tioga County Board of Health, the Board can rescind the order, revise or reaffirm.
 - Dr. Nytech also inquired if someone needs to verify rabies paperwork for animals for private entities (ex. petting zoos), because this area needs enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers (2023-24)
 - Dr. Kapur-Pado thanked Dr. Picco for his service as President, but due to By-Law term limitations he could no longer continue on as President.
 - The Nominating Committee recommended Dr. Hills to serve as Board President; Mr. Simmons motioned to approve nomination; seconded by Dr. Raftis; all voted in favor, motion approved.

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- The Committee recommended Mr. Simmons to serve as Vice President of the Board; Dr. Nytch motioned to approve nomination; seconded by Ms. Leary; all voted in favor, motion approved.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Dr. Kapur-Pado spoke with various individuals including the County Attorney to discuss the continuation of Dr. Nytch on the Board of Health, resulting in continuing on as a non-voting community member.

- Dr. Nytch appreciated the sentiment, but as principle he would not continue on.
- Dr. Picco commented that he thinks Dr. Nytch adds more to the Board than himself, and would like to have Dr. Nytch finish out his term through December of 2023. Dr. Picco tendered his resignation verbally as of November 17, 2022.
 - Dr. Raftis motioned to approve Dr. Nytch serving out remaining term of Dr. Picco; Mr. Simmons seconded motion; all voted in favor, motion approved.

Discussion took place concerning bringing on a third physician to the Board, to abide by New York State statute.

- Ms. Leary added that she had reached out to other physicians, as had Dr. Raftis.
- Dr. Picco stated that the Board should do all they can to get within regulation standards.
- Ms. McCafferty stated that the Board can only have 7 members, cannot add another until either someone resigns or decreases by attrition. Ms. Leary stated that she would be willing to leave to be able to have the third physician join.

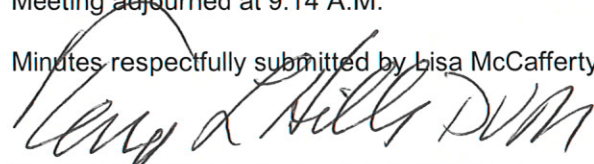
Ms. McCafferty noted that the Board also has to vote on the position of Secretary per By-Laws, either Ms. McCafferty or could also have Legislative Clerk, Cathy Haskell. Dr. Kapur-Pado motioned to approve Ms. McCafferty to continue on as Secretary; Dr. Nytch seconded motion; all voted in favor, motion approved.

INFORMATIONAL:

- Ms. McCafferty handed out draft Board of Health By-Laws, incorporating Board of Health comments made to date regarding proposed revisions. Board will review and discuss at January meeting. Ms. McCafferty reminded the Board to complete the County's Annual Sexual Harassment Training, and requested that the Board provide any input on Calendar items for 2023.
- Dr. Nytch referenced a newspaper article that he had emailed to the Board about how New York State handled COVID-19. Board discussed Influenza and RSV.
- Ms. McCafferty distributed Care Compass Medicaid DSRP Waiver, and provided brief overview of Care Compass's holistic approach to bend the cost curve in Medicaid population.
- Dr. Raftis suggested to make statement or send card thanking Dr. Picco for his time served on the Board of Health.
- Ms. McCafferty requested clarification on "one hour" length of Board meetings. The Board discussed, and agreed that agenda be set for 1 ½ hours, and to not have a speaker at every meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.



Terry Hills, DVM; Board President



Heather Vroman, MSEd; Interim Secretary

Minutes approved January 19, 2023