



# TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## MEETING MINUTES September 15, 2022

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (All Attended In Person):**

J. Picco, DDS, President  
W. Standinger III, Legislator  
T. Nytych, DVM  
W. Simmons  
J. Raftis, DO, FACEP  
R. Kapur-Pado, DO

### **ABSENT:**

T. Hills, DVM, Vice President  
T. Leary, FNP

### **OTHER(S) PRESENT:**

L. McCafferty, Secretary to Board of Health  
P. DeWind, Esq., County Attorney  
A. Reigelman, Secretary to Public Health Director

### **GUESTS:**

LeeAnn Tinney, Director, Tioga County Economic Development & Planning

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:40 a.m. by Dr. Picco

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Dr. Picco introduced Ms. Tinney, presenting on Tioga County Workforce.

### **PRESENTATION:**

- Ms. Tinney explained that their goal is to reverse the trend of the declining population in Tioga County and to figure out how to keep the younger population from moving away.
  - Workforce Development Pipeline Strategy was initiated in 2019, developed plan to work with school districts and local employers to help students be more productive and prepare them for employment coming out of High School.
  - Education Workforce Coordinator position created to act as liaison between school districts, universities, and workforce; funded through Floyd Hooker Foundation for 3 years.
    - Set priority areas to assist students in entering workforce as productive individuals: Workplace Learning Experience, Business Connections, Establish Career Pathways
- Open discussion between the Board and Ms. Tinney on the Workforce Development Pipeline Strategy.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

- N/A

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve prior minutes made by Mr. Simmons; seconded by Legislator Standinger; no discussion, all were in favor, motion approved.
- Enforcements: no discussion.
- Stipulation Policy-Final: (Red-Lined copy of policy sent electronically and provided in hardcopy)



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- Questions from Board members were answered by Ms. McCafferty, regarding continual violations and price amounts for penalties.
- Board Membership: Attorney DeWind reiterated from previous meeting that Public Health Law states that Board of Health must have seven members, 3 of which must be physicians (Statute 343 was sent electronically and provided in hardcopy to members).
  - Dr. Picco stated that it has been at least 10 years since the Board has had 3 physicians; expressed that the Board should be active in becoming compliant with State Law (gaining a physician and narrowing the Board down to 7 members through attrition).
    - Suggested AdHoc situation, so that Board members are not pushed away
    - Dr. Nytch indicated that he thought AdHoc members should not be encouraged.
  - Dr. Nytch inquired if the Board could send a letter to the State to update this law.
    - Attorney DeWind stated that he would be reluctant to flag the Board's noncompliance.
  - Dr. Raftis stated that he knows other physicians, if he should present something to them, how should they apply for position, submit application Secretary.
  - Dr. Picco indicated that the Board should dedicate time at next meeting to resolve this topic along with designating the nominating committee for 2023-2024 officers.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Recredentialing: Dr. Picco provided brief overview and explained that the two staff (Dentist and Medical Consultant) credentialing applications were approved.
- Rabies Control Order: (sent electronically and provided in hardcopy to members) Ms. McCafferty explained that order is from November 2014. Presented to Board for initial discussion at October meeting. Should it be reaffirmed, revised or removed; agenda item for next month.

### INFORMATIONAL:

- Board received the Agency Report electronically. Revised calendar and member list also sent electronically and provided in hardcopy. Ms. McCafferty noted that Board should advise about calendar topics for next year.
- Ms. McCafferty provided hardcopy of Tioga Public Health Polio guidance, and informed the Board that the focus is on making sure children are immunized. Explained background to reason why we are seeing this pop up now.
  - Dr. Raftis inquired if there is a hesitancy in our community on immunizing.
    - Ms. McCafferty suggested that someone from the Immunization Action Coalition come and speak on the topic.
- Dr. Picco suggested that the Board of Health does not need a speaker at every meeting, because it seems that the meetings have been rushed to get through business items, and meeting times have been extended.
  - Suggested that November meeting does not have a speaker, and to prioritize topics of discussion.
  - Also suggested that Mr. Williams speak in November instead of October so that the Board can discuss Board Membership topic at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.

  
Joseph Picco, DDS; President

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

Minutes approved October 20, 2022