

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 12,2021

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner's Report (Dr. Smith)

- ME Monthly Stats
- Staffing Update (open positions; Tim Rose; Cynthia Pomerantz)
- COVID Update

MEETING CONCLUSION

Ulster County Board of Health
April 12, 2021
6:30 p.m.(virtual)

PRESENT: Naomi Stevens, Walter Woodley, Tasha DeFelice, Gina Carena

EXCUSED:

ABSENT: Peter Case Graham, Kathleen Rogan, Stephanie Turco

UCDOH: Dr. Carol Smith, Lissette McNulty, Tim Rose, Vin Martello,
Cynthia Pomeranz

GUESTS: Theresa Paras

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The March minutes were tabled until the May meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

2. **Board Members:** Dr. Woodley and Dr. Smith discussed with the Board their concern with Board Member attendance to meetings and the importance of their participation and input. It was agreed that all Board Members will be contacted via phone or letter to inquire about their attendance to future meetings.

3. **Commissioner's Update:** Dr. Smith reported on the following:


- **Camp Season:** No update
- **UC Buildings Reopening:** To date there is no reopening guidance. Dr. Smith presumes the reopening date will be June 1, 2021. A confirmed date and reopening guidance are forthcoming.
- **New Staff Introduction:**
 - Tim Rose has been hired as the new Environmental Health Director. Mr. Rose had work as the Director of Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency and had previously worked for the NYS Regional office 1995-2004. He is a licensed Engineer.
 - Cynthia Pomeranz has been hired as a Supervising Public Health Nurse within the Patient Services Division. Mrs. Pomeranz has years of experience working as a Public Health Nurse in Communicable Disease Unit of Patient Services.
- **Vacancies:** A few pivotal positions within the Department are needing to be filled; Public Health Nurse (PHN) and Public Health Engineer (PHE). A few applications have been received for the PHN position however there have not been any received for the PHE. Dr. Smith will reach out to SUNY Ulster and other schools to

post the positions and they will also be posted on Indeed.

- **Opioid Update:** Mr. Martello shared the most recent opioid data (see attached). There is a lot of prevention in place to assist in minimizing this epidemic. Seeing an increase in numbers which could be the result of COVID creating isolation and increased financial concerns among individuals.
- **COVID Update:**
 - Dr. Smith discussed the latest numbers for the COVID data (see attached). The County is vaccinating as many individuals as they can however, the percentage of individuals receiving the vaccination is lower than desired. Wutan strain has decreased. Now seeing an increase in the UK strain cases. There is a daily average of 55 COVID cases. The Hudson Valley Region has a higher number of cases than other NYS areas. Ulster County has established PODs at the Best Buy location, select churches within the community and pop-up PODs have been established throughout the County, as well as, "at home" vaccination for housebound individuals. There has been help from sister departments, surrounding counties and through the use of contract nurses. There have been reports of individuals on vaccinated individuals still testing positive for COVID. The vaccine is not a guarantee an individual will not get COVID but will lessen an individual's likelihood of getting a severe case of COVID.

6. Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30PM via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Walter Woodley, MD - Chair

TODAY			
Official Counts For		4/13/2021	
Data As Of		4/12/2021	
Total Tests	336945	+783	<i>Since Yesterday</i>
Confirmed Cases	13970	+39	<i>Since Yesterday</i>
Transferred	-49	-1	<i>Since Yesterday</i>
Recovered	12187	+117	<i>Since Yesterday</i>
Fatalities	247	0	<i>No Change Since Yesterday</i>
Active	1536	-79	<i>Since Yesterday</i>

ResTown	Town	Active	Recovered	Deceased
City of Kingston	City of Kingston	204	1814	47
Wawarsing	Town of Wawarsing	186	681	10
Hurley	Town of Hurley	20	284	6
Lloyd	Town of Lloyd	149	1115	56
Ulster	Town of Ulster	91	989	53
Marlborough	Town of Marlborough	117	815	7
Saugerties	Town of Saugerties	91	1098	9
Shawangunk	Town of Shawangunk	111	808	6
New Paltz	Town of New Paltz	114	889	16
Esopus	Town of Esopus	40	467	4
Plattekill	Town of Plattekill	103	807	11
Rochester	Town of Rochester	37	293	5
Rosendale	Town of Rosendale	28	242	2
Marbletown	Town of Marbletown	22	213	1
Gardiner	Town of Gardiner	28	275	1
Unknown	Unknown	121	729	7
Woodstock	Town of Woodstock	17	196	1
Olive	Town of Olive	26	154	0
Shandaken	Town of Shandaken	24	80	0
Denning	Town of Denning	2	14	0
Hardenburg	Town of Hardenburg	0	2	0
Out of County	Out of County	0	209	5
Town of Kingston	Town of Kingston	5	13	0
Total		1536	12187	247