

Public Health Committee Minutes
April 13, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Tollisen; Supervisors Kinowski, Martin, Collyer, Richardson, Wood, Lucia and Lunde; Ryan Moore, Deputy Administrator; Michael Prezioso, Mental Health; Cathi Duncan, Public Health; Tina Potter, Social Services; Anita Paley, EOC; Press.

Chairman Tollisen called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Prezioso said the office of Mental Health is looking into a mobile Mental Health Crisis Team for Children partnering with Warren and Washington Counties, and an Adult Crisis Team with Rensselaer, Schenectady, Warren and Washington Counties.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve entering into an inter-municipal agreement with Rensselaer, Schenectady, Warren and Washington Counties for a Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team for Adults. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve entering into an inter-municipal agreement with Warren and Washington Counties for a Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team for Children. Unanimous.

Mrs. Duncan said the Saratoga County Health Rankings are done every year and published on line at countyhealthrankings.org, which is a collaborative effort between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. All counties are ranked in all 50 states, where Saratoga County is currently rated number two for Health Factors, which include health behaviors, clinical care, and social and economic factors. Saratoga County ranked number three in health outcome in the State of New York, which is based on length and quality of life.

Mrs. Duncan said Public Health now has a Facebook page and has bill boards on both Rt. 9 and Rt. 50 in Malta promoting immunizations.

Mrs. Duncan said the Point of Dispensing drill was successful in dispensing 1,406 doses within two hour, with the help from many volunteers from the Department of Health, Serve New York, Skidmore College, retired nurses, and volunteers from Fulton County.

Ms. Paley from the Economic Opportunity Council gave a brief overview of their program expressing her desire for the council to be a part of the solution for situations in the county with people who are in poverty or in under resourced situations. She said the EOC was

incorporated in 1965 as the Community Action Agency for Saratoga County with a staff of approximately 140 people who serve the county through Headstart; Energy Services and WIC.

On a motion made by Martin, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom