

Public Health Committee Minutes  
March 13, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Vince DeLucia; Supervisors Art Johnson, Dick Lucia, Peter Martin and Tim Szczepaniak; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Craig Hayner, County Clerk, Cathi Duncan, Public Health.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Lucia, the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Johnson, Proclaiming April 2017 as "Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month" in Saratoga County. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hayner distributed a handout. Last year was the first year that the County had a donate life month. They had a special day at DMV Locations serving coffee, donations and invited special guests that talked to people about organ donation. According to statistics, NY State is one of the lowest states for organ donors at 28.2% however Saratoga County has 47.23% which is an increase of 8.4% from the previous year.

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak, to authorize a contract with Community Computer Services, Inc. in the amount of \$12,069 for the purpose of developing an electronic health records system for Saratoga County Public Health Services. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan said that an RFP was sent out. The electronic health records system will aid in scheduling and will also allow access to NYS centralized medical records. Funding for the agreement is covered under an emergency preparedness grant.

**A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Lucia, to authorize an extension of the contract with Health Research, Inc. through May 31, 2017 for the expenditure of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant funds. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Duncan said that the agreement was previously extended through April 30, 2017 however additional time is needed to get software installed and staff trained for the agreement previously approved with Community Computer Services.

Mrs. Duncan said that participation in flu clinics provided by Public Health throughout the county has diminished to a point that they have not used up all of the flu vaccines. They will continue to provide the vaccine and clinics for uninsured or under insured individuals, however they will be sending a letter to the sites where they usually hold flu clinics informing them that they will no longer hold clinics. Mrs. Duncan said that the situation may change and at that point they may change their decision.

Mr. Szczepaniak suggested that information regarding tick borne illnesses be sent out earlier this year due to the mild winter. Mrs. Duncan said that information is available on the county website.

**On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lucia, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Therese Connolly  
Deputy Clerk of the Board