



**MINUTES**

<b>Committee/Project/Meeting:</b>		Genesee-Orleans Board of Health (BOH)	
<b>Date:</b>	June 3, 2025	<b>Recorder:</b>	Samantha Weber, Senior Account Clerk
<b>Time:</b>	4:30 p.m.		
<b>Location:</b>	Genesee County Health Department/Zoom		
<b>Attendance:</b>			
Paul Pettit, Public Health Director			
Brenden Bedard, Director of Community Health Services - Deputy Public Health Director			
Darren Brodie, Environmental Health Director			
Scott Senf, Administrative/Budget Officer			
David Bell, PHD MPH, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator			
Paul Grout, BOH President			
Kelly Rose Nichols, DO, BOH Member			
Cheryl Kast, P.A. BOH Member			
Fred Miller, BOH Member/Orleans County Legislator			
Gregg Torrey, BOH Member/Genesee County Legislator			
<b>ZOOM:</b> Mary O’Bear, MD, BOH Member			

**AGENDA/TOPIC**

**ACTION/NEXT STEP**

**BOH Minutes from June 3, 2025,**

Motion: Fred Miller  
Second: Cheryl Kast  
Approved: 06/03/25

**Discussion:**

The minutes do not require a motion. As long as no one has any objections to the minutes.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS/DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

**Paul Pettit – Public Health Director (GO Health)**

**DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY):**

**Carolina Eastern-Crocker, LLC** – issues with neighboring properties. It is currently being tracked by the DEC.

**Albion Water Supply** – Fluoride in the water. The OCHD has not been contacted about moving forward with the change to remove the Fluoride from the water supply. The Board expresses concern on the matter and whether the village was trying to remove the fluoride without proper notification.

**DIVISIONAL REPORTS**

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT:**

**Brenden Bedard – Director of Community Health Services/Deputy Public Health Director**

### **DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY):**

**Measles:** We have been reaching out to our populations that were not currently vaccinated with MMR... it was received openly.

**Lead:** Orleans County has 3 new cases while Genesee County currently has no cases to report.

**Immunizations:** There has been a low demand in both counties through the summer. Although we have had a few calls for rabies pre-exposure for some students entering the vet tech program through GCC.

**Maternal Child Health:** We have received ten referrals in the last couple of Months. We have had the privilege of providing some educational information along with weight checks. Our nurse Kayla has continued her baby café program and is bringing the program to Orleans County as well.

**TB:** Orleans County has two cases starting treatment and Genesee County is following up with its current case load as well.

**Communicable Disease:** Currently seeing routine cases like salmonella, campylobacter, giardia, which is typical this time of year.

**Outreach:** We are still working with the Orleans County Jail, by providing vaccinations monthly.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT:**

**Darren Brodie – Environmental Health Director**

### **DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY):**

**Rabies:** The spring rabies pellet air drop has been cancelled this year in our area, but they will be released in the fall.

**Fluoride:** We do not currently have any updates regarding the Albion water treatment plant and the removal of the fluoride currently.

**Water Sampling Pricing:** We use the Erie County Public Health Laboratory; they have stopped offering the water sampling “packages”. With their change in services, we have removed our Water Request form, but we have loaded our new form to the website with the new breakdown(s). We will still provide testing if requested unless it’s a “dug” well.

**ATTUPA:** Administrative hearing date set for June 12, 2025, for the Batavia Smoke Shop – failure to sign and return their Offer of Stipulation and associated \$1,050 fine for the sale to a minor on March 25, 2025. The product in that sale was a Peach Perfect Slush (50mg/ml nicotine) – flavored nicotine vapor products are prohibited in NYS.

There was recently a law enforcement raid at a few establishments in Orleans County; known for selling flavored vapes.

NYS recently lost a case in Herkimer County. Some loose details of the case are that G Smoke in Ilion, NY was operating without being registered with NYS DTF, had a stock of over 5,700 flavored nicotine vapes which they were actively selling to the public, including people under 21. They are still in operation.

Link to an article from when the case was first announced: [llion smoke shop named in lawsuit by NYS AG, DOH](#)

**Staffing:** The Environmental Health Specialist position has been filled. Chad Engert started on April 14, 2025.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Scott Senf – Administrative/Budget Officer, Genesee County**

**DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY):**

Scott Sent: Both Genesee and Orleans County have submitted their first quarter numbers for 2025. We have both also had our NYS Aid budgets approved for 2025. We will be working on the 2026 budgets soon.

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**CORPORATE COMPLIANCE REPORT: NA**

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**DIVISIONAL REPORT:**

**David Bell, PHD MPH, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator**

**DISCUSSION (CONCISE SUMMARY):**

**Grant Capacities and Deliverables:** We are maintaining capacities and standards at state and federal levels to be eligible for relevant preparedness funding, initiative new funding opportunities, and effectively comply with all grants-associated or other established program deliverables.

**Planning Documentation:** We've been creating and maintaining effective preparedness plans

**Partnership Building:** Our focus has been on facilitating greater response collaboration with county Emergency Management, local EMS councils, healthcare networks, school districts, VOADs/COADs, and other key response partners either locally, in contiguous counties, in relevant regions, at state levels, within local tribal authorities, or within federal agencies

**Staff Exercises, Drills, and Training:** We continue to organize and oversee public health emergency preparedness training needs for all LHD staff and immediate partners, including appropriate levels of exercise, drills, and training skills.

**Emergency Response, Information, Surveillance:** We are adapting and utilizing preparedness planning during times of actual emergency response, while managing information and epidemiological surveillance at all times to better identify any new or evolving emergency response needs

**Medical Reserve Corps and Volunteer Management:** We are leading and managing an organized, vetted, equipped, and well-trained medical reserve corps that allows for rapid public health surge staffing needs, including staff borrowed from other county departments as well as true volunteers. The MRC is the primary volunteer management agency associated with PHEP in both Genesee and Orleans.

**Public Education and Outreach:** One of our focuses has been creating wider emergency preparedness awareness for local public residents through education, service, and relevant training opportunities

**Inventory and Critical Asset Management:** Our focus is leading oversight, new acquisition, and maintenance for all physical preparedness inventories for emergency response logistics and material needs

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**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**Paul Pettit – Public Health Director (GO Health)**

**New Employees:** We have a new Service coordinator for EI/Preschool Starting this month in Orleans County. We will be starting interviews soon to fill a couple of positions; in Genesee County, our Epidemiologist is leaving for a position at Roswell, and to fill new position in Orleans County for a Public Health Specialist.

**CDC Infrastructure funds:** The funds have helped several of our employees obtain certifications in different areas and a couple have recently received their MPH degree; another has received a master’s in health administration. We’ve encouraged our staff to seek professional development through academic growth, and they are taking advantage of these opportunities in both countries, deepening our knowledge base and the depth of our workforce.

**PHAB:** Our Reaccreditation process has started. This will be a five-year process. We have our new accreditation team formed and we have regrouped under the new layout with 10 Domains instead of 12.

**PH Fellows:** This program was slated to end on May 31<sup>st</sup>. There are a few at the State level keeping the program active. It’s currently in the courts right now, it was part of the initial Federal cut with funding of around 10 billion dollars.

**State Budget:** The State passed their budget without accommodating for any of the Federal cuts. There is a lot of uncertainty about how that is all going to play out with concerns of Medicaid statewide. It’s projected around 13.5 billion dollars a year that the state may not receive from the federal government starting October first. It’s estimated to be around 2million people that may lose their medical services.

**New Website:** We are in the process of transitioning over our website from third party vendor to be housed under Genesee County, allowing for more control of the site and ensure its secure on the safety side well. The Domain and website will remain the same, it’s just being housed and managed on our end now.

**Community Health Assessment Community Health Improvement plan:** All of the surveys and Community conversation have been completed. We are currently analyzing the data, and the assessment is due to the State by the end of the year.

**Fair(s):** We will be at both county fairs in July with our trailers with educational items for the communities.

**Dr. Obear: Has Retired!** We would like to extend our Congratulations and thank you for your years of service. We will be looking for her replacement when her term ends at end of this year.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

New Environmental Water Testing Rates

Motion: Kelly Nichols, DO

Second: Gregg Torrey

Approved: 06/03/2025

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**OTHER:**

**Blood Lead Levels:** Darren- Kaitlin and Grace have put together a Blood level Cheat sheet for providers and are

looking for feedback on the document; if you could please review the document and provide feedback they would appreciate it.

**Sharepoint:** Is our new share access website for BOH documents. Please let Samantha know if you are having issues accessing this site, so it can be resent to individuals to allow access.

**Corporate Compliance:** is due for this. If you would like a paper copy, please let Samantha know and she will give you the materials needed.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Approved: 06/03/2025

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**NEXT MEETING:**

Orleans County / ZOOM August 5, 2025 @ 4:30PM

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