



COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 16th, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Health was held virtually on Microsoft Teams and at the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH), 85 Civic Center Plaza – Suite 106, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 on the above date.

PRESENT: Amy Cocina, MD
Alexander Cohen, MD
John Fallon, NP
David McNary, Vice President
Melissa Nelson-Perron, MD
Rachana Tyagi, MD
Laura Fil, MD

DOH STAFF: Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD FACEP, DOH Commissioner
Anthony Ruggiero, MPA Assistant Commissioner

ABSENT: Doug McHoul, Legislative Rep.

PUBLIC: Jeanean Aming, Psych. NP

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Melissa Nelson-Perron called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM – A quorum was declared.

MINUTES: Motion to pass previous minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- **Primary Care and Emergency Visits**
 - The Dutchess County Supplemental EMS Service went live and was able to respond to 120 calls in 16 days.
 - Mobile Health Unit is in month 2 of outreach services in the Eastern quarter of Dutchess County.
 - On going Strategic Planning Meetings with our internal management to develop criteria of how effective our current programing is. We will be offering Six Sigma training to specific individuals.
 - We are holding a meeting on January 21st to relaunch and reidentify our Public Health Education, Emergency Preparedness, Communications and Epidemiology divisions as a team for public outreach.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Dr. Nelson-Perron gave a reminder that the Dutchess County Health Fair will be held on Saturday April 11th 11am to 2pm at Dutchess Community College Falcon Hall.
 - a) Discussion about purchasing giveaways for the public through the Dutchess County Department of Health.
 - b) Discussion of different community activities that we can do for the public, such a cooking class, a Zumba class, chair yoga, etc.
- February is Children's Dental Health awareness month. Partnering with Sunriver Health to produce and give flyers to Poughkeepsie city schools. Sunriver will hold dental walk in appointments open for children from Poughkeepsie City schools.
- Discussion about Maria's replacement for the Board of Health open seat, Dr Santiago reached out the Clerk of the Legislature and they stated that they are conducting interviews to fill that seat.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

Primary Care in Dutchess County: No discussion.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- **Fitness Courts Initiative:**

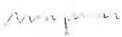
Consideration of available community park areas for fitness courts. Binghampton campus used as an example to speak to this idea. Funded through the National Fitness Campaign, The courts require minimal space (approximately 80 ft by 50 ft). Grants available cover about 25-33% of the cost, with additional funding options through sponsoring agencies.

Efforts underway to encourage the county and city of Poughkeepsie to invest in similar projects. Possibility of connecting interested parties with National Fitness Campaign representatives.

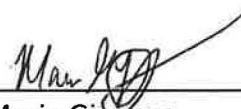
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Thursday, February 20th, 2025, at 4:00 pm

The motion was made by David McNary to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Cohen, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Minutes signed by:



President/Vice president Signature



Maria Giannos
for Jenean M. Williams-Green
Recording Secretary Signature

2025 EXECUTIVE POSITIONS FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Melissa Nelson-Perron – President
David McNary – Vice President