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December 28, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Rob Timmons, Deputy Chairperson, Area 7  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Calvin Castine, Area 1  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Wendell Hughes, Area 8  
Francis Peryea, Area 2  
Richard Potiker, Area 5  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney  
John Kanoza, Director of Public Health

Deputy Chairperson Timmons called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislators Henry and Rosenquest asked to be excused.

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (8-0-2).

Deputy Chairperson Timmons asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one else that wished to address the Legislature, Deputy Chairperson Timmons moved on to Committee Reports.

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea stated Mr. Cleveland has indicated that his staff is performing additional deep cleaning of County facilities including isolation and quarantine space due to rising COVID-19 numbers in the community.

Mr. Cleveland also reported that his staff is prepared for snow removal operations. All equipment is in good working order and ice melt is on hand.

Resolution #840 has been polled and placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker reported the Department of Social Services, in conjunction with Friends of the North County received approval for the Emergency Shelter Grant - COVID (ESG-CV) for eviction prevention. The Office of Temporary Disability Assistance should be releasing funds in the amount of \$341,785 to Friends of the North County in early 2021. Funds will be used to pay back rent for individuals/families that are at risk of eviction due to lost wages as a result of COVID. In addition, the Department has been advised that there should be another round of funding the first quarter of 2021.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) has processed approximately 2,200 applications since HEAP opened November 2, 2020. In addition, caseloads have remained fairly flat (Public Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid) during the pandemic.

Child Protective Services continues to see a significant increase (35 percent) in Educational Neglect cases as a result of children not participating in remote learning.

All services continue to be provided.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Michael Zurlo on behalf of Legislator Rosenquest**

Mr. Zurlo stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee was polled on Resolution #821.

#### **Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee was polled on Resolution #822.

He thanked the Board for their efforts in passing the 2021 Budget stating he is hopeful of a better year in 2021.

#### **Health Committee – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was present to provide a brief update. He reported as of Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, there were 25 new lab-confirmed active cases bringing the County to a total of 878 positive cases since the Pandemic started in March. There are currently 137 active cases in the County with 75,000 COVID-19 tests having been conducted in Clinton County. He noted there was an additional COVID-19-related death, bringing the total to five in Clinton County.

Mr. Kanoza stated the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) has been working closely in conjunction with the UVM/CVPH Medical Center on vaccination planning. The UVM/CVPH Medical Center will be the central hub for vaccinations. Mr. Kanoza distributed a handout which has been attached and made part of the minutes. He reviewed the handout with the Legislators and staff. He emphasized that UVM/CVPH is responsible for planning, not the vaccination distribution. The plan is to develop a regional vaccination plan that encompasses all seven counties into a regional hub for submittal to New York State by January 9, 2020.

Mr. Kanoza reiterated that the public must continue to adhere to preventative methods.

#### **Human Services Committee - Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolution #823.

#### **Personnel Committee – Kim Kinblom on behalf of Legislator Henry**

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, reported Resolution #840 has been polled and placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

#### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, discussed engineering consultant selection and airport marketing.

Resolutions #824 through #827 were placed upon the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

#### **Public Safety Committee - Legislator Castine**

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #828 through #830.

### **Transportation Committee - Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes reported Karl Weiss, the Superintendent of the Highway Department, stated over the past few weeks, snow and ice crews have been out several times to maintain the roads in Ellenburg and Altona as well as the parking lot and side streets at the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Additional work underway includes sign maintenance, brush removal, pothole patching and equipment maintenance/repair.

The construction of the Harney Bridge Road Bridge has been completed and the road was reopened to traffic on December 4, 2020.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Community Services Board - Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy commended Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, on her continued efforts to help those individuals in the community needing assistance.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

#### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated Chairperson Mark Henry is recovering from surgery and has been in continued contact with him for the latest updates occurring in Clinton County.

Mr. Zurlo reported that he, and Deputy County Administrator Kim Kinblom, held the last County-wide Shared Services meeting of 2020. A plan was submitted for 2018 and 2019 but not for 2020. The Committee will reconvene in 2021 to formulate a plan for submission.

Mr. Zurlo reported that in the latest stimulus package, there are funds allocated for commercial airports of which encompasses the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Mr. Zurlo noted the change in COVID-19 testing from 213 Connecticut Avenue to the former CVPH Rehabilitation Center.

There being no further business, Deputy Chairperson Timmons moved on to resolutions. The following resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #820 through #839 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #840 and #841 were approved.

Legislator Conroy distributed a draft resolution for discussion regarding a plan to establish a relief fund using money from Tobacco Settlement funds. His proposal put forth included using \$100,000

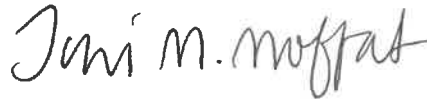
(\$45,000 of unused 2020 Tobacco Settlement funds and \$65,000 allocated for 2021) for local relief. Additional funds would be derived from the State, towns and corporations.

Chairperson Timmons advised the proposed plan should be forwarded to the Finance Committee for further discussion before a decision can be made. Legislator Conroy objected. Mr. Zurlo stated Chairperson Timmons ruled the proposal be reviewed at the Finance Committee, and as such, this would need a motion and second to overrule the decision of the Chairperson.

Legislator Conroy then motioned to overrule the decision of the Chairperson on this topic, there was no second.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (7-1-2). Legislator Conroy opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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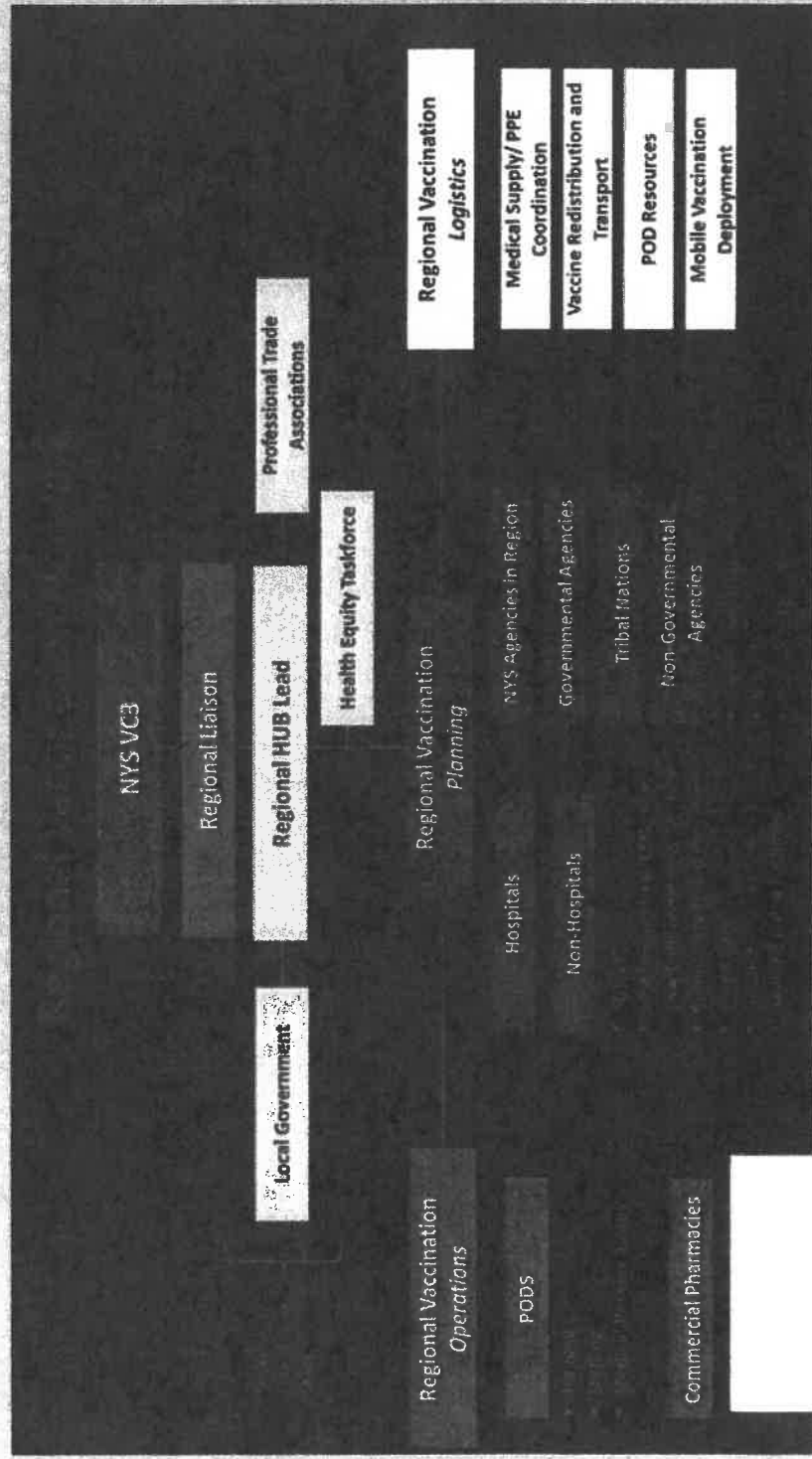
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# Regional Hub: Covid-19 Vaccine Planning

**Mission:** Support and coordinate regional vaccine planning

**Vision:**

*Resolution of the Covid pandemic through thoughtful and coordinated outreach, education and vaccine delivery.*

**Role:**

- Coordinate emergency planning and response
- Facilitate execution of NYS Vaccine Administration Plan

# Goals and Objectives

1. Ensure widespread equitable distribution of vaccine
2. Develop a regional vaccination plan
3. Serve as a liaison to NYS Vaccine Control Command Center
4. Support local vaccination networks
5. Convene health equity task force
  - Pay special attention to those hardest hit by the pandemic including black, latinx and indigenous tribal
  - Include community and faith-based and business representation

## Guiding Principles

1. Mutual respect for individual and collaborative roles, expertise and responsibilities. Always assume good intent.
2. Communication – multi-directional with frequency to be determined as a function of need; new State directives, epidemiological findings and considerations and evolving resource needs.
3. The “Hub” is responsible for facilitation and communication, not direct oversight.
4. *“A shot in the arm is better than vaccine in the freezer”.*
5. Never waste vaccine!

## Development of a regional vaccine plan- Next Steps:

1. Identify network members
2. Convene Health Equity Task Force
3. Creation of a Regional Plan
  1. Amalgamation of local plans
  2. Identify data sources, develop dashboard sharing capacity/need
  3. Mapping of resources
  4. Build in resilience and flexibility
    1. Unknowns of vaccine delivery, vaccine product
    2. Vaccine recovery/sharing
5. Communications

# Discussion

How are you feeling?

How do you feel your county plans are coming?

1. Status of current/existing Covid vaccination plans
2. Gifts and Gaps (strengths and weaknesses)
3. Top 3 worries

*I wish the Ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened.*

*So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."*

## Next Steps

Send county plans to Hope so we can learn.

Send county triads full contact information.

Consider the questions on slides 8, 9

Next call Thursday morning.

# Regional/local vaccine plan requirements (1)

1. Estimate the population to be vaccinated (numbers of persons)
2. Project current regional capacity to deliver vaccine and identify any gaps
3. Identify unique regional challenges and assets including capacity to vaccinate identified population
4. Identify and develop solutions to address and ensure vaccination of high-risk and vulnerable populations
5. Support supply chain and logistics to ensure timely access to vaccine and ancillary supplies and associate staffing

# Regional vaccine plan requirements (2)

6. Conduct public and provider training as needed
7. Collect and report data to inform progress in meeting goals; identification of gaps and inform future tactics
  - Develop chart with monthly numbers of doses delivered (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) by priority group consistent with NYS and ACIP priority guidance
  - Post information
  - Develop a regional strategy to collect and interpret data to assist with future vaccination strategies
8. Support vaccine administration sites with education supports and resources
  - Provide education and communication supports to ensure consistent messaging throughout the region
9. Develop a regional redistribution plan for vaccine and ancillary supplies