

Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force Committee
October 26, 2023

Zoom Meeting/Call Attendees: Brian Snyder, Robert Ollar, Jill Gamboni, Cathleen Mattos, Erika Machtinger, Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Commissioner Tony Waldron, Shannon DeVuyst, Rosie Schoepp, Cheryl Glen, Kelly Stagen, Daurice Holly, Laura Orben and Sheldon Brown.

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2023 - Motion to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2023, meeting made by Dr. Ollar and seconded by Dr. Mattos. All in Favor. Motion approved.

1. **Commissioners' Update** – None
2. **Chair Report** – Rosie stated that a small group met after the last meeting to discuss the poster contest. They decided the poster contest needs to be about more than just Lyme Disease and it will be an ad campaign for the Task Force and to spread awareness to TBD's. She also stated that she is going through all the task forces information to organize it and to see what needs to be updated.
3. **Legislative Updates** – None
4. **Member Updates** –

Erika Machtinger – Erika shared a presentation on how Penn State University is partnering with the CDC on studying TBD's. This partnership includes several University's in the region and is called the Vector Education Network. Penn States role in this new network is to study how animals are affected by different vectors and to create new training and education in conjunction with the CDC. Please see the attached PowerPoint for more information.

Dr. Robert Ollar – Dr. Ollar shared two presentations with the Task Force, one was on Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) and the other was on a small scale tick study. Dr. Ollar shared the basics of RMSF and stated that it starting to be found in Pike County. He also shared specifics on testing all the tick species in our region while staying within available funding. Emily stated that the reason why Dog ticks may be found in lower elevations could be contributed to tick habitat. Dr. Mattos stated there needs to be additional testing done for the European strains of TBD's since they are being seen here in the United States even though patients never traveled outside the country.

5. **Public Outreach** – None
6. **Other Business** – None

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Snyder seconded by Dr. Mattos. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Thursday, December 7th at 10am