

Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force Committee
February 23, 2023

Zoom Meeting/Call Attendees: Brian Snyder, Dr. Robert Ollar, Dr. Cathleen Mattos, Cheryl Glenn, Angela R., Doreen Bove, Emily Struckoff, Caro Kneier, Lisa Miller, Nicole Chinnici, Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Commissioner Tony Waldron, Erika Machtinger, Shannon DeVuyst, Rosemarie Schoepp, Laura Orben and Robin Skibber

Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2022 - Motion to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2022 meeting made by Dr. Robert Ollar and seconded by Commissioner Schmalzle. All in Favor. Motion approved.

1. Re-Organization-

Chair- A motion was made by Brian Snyder to nominate Rosie as Chair and seconded by Dr. Ollar.

Vote: All approved- **Motion Passed.**

Vice Chair- A motion was made by Rosie to nominate Brian Snyder and seconded by Dr. Ollar.

Vote: All approved-**Motion Passed.**

- 2. Commissioners' Update** – Commissioner Schmalzle announced the to the task force that Northwell Health will be opening an Urgent Care on SR 739 in the Delaware Plaza. The lease agreement has been signed and they expect to be operational by the end of the year. Northwell is also planning on opening a second Urgent Care location in the western part of Pike County near Lake Wallenpaupack. Commissioner Osterberg stated that this a new health care partnership between the County and Northwell and that in the future the task force may have the opportunity to meeting with members from Northwell to discuss the TBD issues in the region.

3. Chair Report – Rosie-

- a. Goals for 2023 – Rosie asked the members to think about different projects or event the task force could work on throughout the year. For outreach Rosie mentioned that the task force should continue to attend the fairs and community events that the task force has in the past. Along with hosting the TBD Health Symposium. Doreen stated that Hemlock Farms Conservancy hosts and attends serval events each year and can place some of the task forces information at the tables. Dr. Ollar stated that there could be link provided on the task force website for the NY Medical College to show the relation between urban and rural TBD exposer. Carol stated that WMH attends the Hemlock Farms Health Fair and shares information about the TBD Health Clinic. Dr. Mattos stated that she will begin working on the 2023 TBD Symposium and finding a location. Commissioner Osterberg suggested that they task force should contact the Pike County Human Society about possibly becoming members of the task force. Carol asked is the Association of Community Associations is still active in Pike County. The Commissioners suggested contacting Carol Commando to see about this.

- 4. Legislative Updates** – Cheryl Glenn and Lisa Miller introduced themselves as they are both working for Rep. Probst.

- 5. Member Updates – Brian Snyder-** Brian asked the task force if they would like to hold the art contest again. The task force agreed to keep it the same as last year. Brian will work with Shannon to get the contest information sent out to the public.

Nicole Chinnici – Nicole stated the Dog Tick study will be finalized soon. She also discussed what her lab has been working on and that the free tick testing program is continuing.

Emily Struckoff – Emily introduced herself as she is new to the task force. She works in the lab at Penn State which is run by Erika. Emily stated that there is a lot of information on the labs website that the task force is free to share at their events.

6. Public Outreach – Brian shared that Kelly Stagen son has offered to assist the task force in creating a video of the Dog Tick study results.

7. Other Business – None

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Snyder seconded by Dr. Ollar. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, March 23rd at 10am