

**Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force Committee**  
**March 23, 2023**

Zoom Meeting/Call Attendees: Brian Snyder, Cheryl Glenn, Doreen Bove, Emily Struckoff, Carol Kneier, Nicole Chinnici, Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Shannon DeVuyst, Rosemarie Schoepp, Karyn Hatch, Mike Mrozinski, Jill Gamboni, Harriet Loizeaux, Laura Orben and Joan Edel

**Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2023** - Motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting made by Commissioner Osterberg and seconded by Brian Snyder. All in Favor. Motion approved.

1. **Commissioners' Update** – Commissioner Osterberg stated a resident of Milford Borough recently shared an article about TBD's with him that was very well written and easy to understand. He said he talked with Brian before the meeting and will ask this resident if they would like to join the task force. Rosie stated that is great news and new members are always welcome to join the task force. Matt also stated that now would be the time for the task force to do a press release since people will start spending more time outdoors. He asked Shannon to work with Brian on this project.
2. **Chair Report** – Rosie stated that she would like to schedule a time to meet with Shannon and Brian to go over the task force website and discuss possible changes to it. She found that some of the task forces most important information has hard to find and a few things were out of date. Shannon stated that she will contact Brian after the meeting to schedule a time to discuss the website.
3. **Legislative Updates** – Cheryl Glenn stated that Representative Probst has researched the Continuing Education Bill that Representative Brown introduced in the past. The bill failed in its respective committee for an unknown reason. Representative Probst is looking into specifically why this bill failed and how it can be edited to be reintroduced. Commissioner Osterberg suggested that both State Representatives and our State Senator be involved in this project since this affects everyone in the state. Rosie suggested that Representatives Probst office work with the task force on wording for the bill since things have changed in the medical field from the last time this bill was discussed. Cheryl will reach out to the medical director of WMH to see if they have any suggestions. Karyn Hatch stated she will look through PA DOH documents to see if there have been any changes since the last bill was introduced.
4. **Member Updates – Brian Snyder**- Brian stated that WMH has sponsored the art contest again this year and will be sending a check to the task force for \$200 to put towards the t-shirts. Brian also shared that the TBD Working Group in DC released their 3<sup>rd</sup> report to congress.
5. **Public Outreach** – Brian shared that he delivered tick testing brochures to the Commissioners office to be handed out at their fishing derby in a few weeks. Doreen shared that Hemlock Farms Conservancy is attending several events this year on the following dates: May 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Hemlock Farms Day and National Night Out which are towards the end of Summer but have not had a date set. She stated the Conservancy will have the task forces information available at these events.
6. **Other Business** – Harriet Loizeaux stated that the TBD Clinic in Lords Valley is extremely busy with 2 new patients per day. She is currently only at the clinic 3 days a week and treating people with several different levels of care depending on their needs. She also stated that she is treating several on term Lyme patients. Each new patient receives a packet of information on ticks and

TBDs along with way for at home treatments that include diet. Commissioner Osterberg asked how people are finding out about the clinic. Harriet stated that it is mostly by word of mouth. She stated that she has patients from all over the Country and not just here in the NEPA region.

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Snyder seconded by Laura Orben. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am