

Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force Committee
May 25, 2023

Zoom Meeting/Call Attendees: Brian Snyder, Robert Ollar, Cathleen Mattos, Lisa Smith, Mike Mrozinski, Rosie Schoepp, Jill Gamboni, Karyn Hatch, Cheryl Glenn, Carol Kneier, Commissioner Matt Osterberg, Commissioner Ron Schmalzle, Commissioner Tony Waldron, Shannon DeVuyst, Jayson Pope, Lisa Smith, and Laura Orben.

Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2023 - Motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2023, meeting made by Dr. Ollar and seconded by Commissioner Waldron. All in Favor. Motion approved.

1. **Commissioners' Update** – Commissioner Schmalzle stated their office has been receiving calls about programs that will spray for ticks and other insects on residential properties. He also mentioned that it would be a great idea for the task force to connect with the local summer camps and do a presentation of ticks and ways to keep campers safe. Brian asked if he could put the task force in contact with the camps. The task force agreed this is an area of the County we have not contacted before and will be a great opportunity.
2. **Chair Report** – Rosie thanked the Commissioners for passing the resolution designating May as Tick Borne Diseases Awareness into Action Month and for allowing the task force to present the winners of the art contest their awards during the Commissioner meeting.
3. **Legislative Updates** – Brian stated there are two new bills that have been proposed in the Senate, SB 100, and SB 232. SB 100 would provide patient access to testing and require insurance companies to provide certain coverages. SB 232 would create a standard protocol for schools when a student has a tick bite.
4. **Member Updates** –

Brian Snyder- Brian stated that the art contest awards ceremony was at the beginning of the month and there was a fantastic turnout. He also stated that Hemlock Farms Conservancy is currently working on a trail safety video for hikers.
Dr. Ollar – Dr. Ollar shared information on a new lab test that can determine if someone has true neurological problems or if it is a TBD.
5. **Public Outreach** – Pike County Aging stated they have 5 Senior Centers around the County and stated the task force could come to the centers and share information on ticks. Brian stated he will be in contact to see about scheduling times for these events.
6. **Other Business** – Dr. Mattos introduced Melissa Stash to the task force and asked her to share her story with the group. Melissa stated that her 4-year-old son had recently been bitten by a tick and was very sick. When she took her son to the pediatrician the doctor would not do any testing for TBD's and stated transmission of a TBD is very rare. The doctor stated that all the symptoms her son was showing were normal for a standard sickness. Melissa was introduced to Dr. Mattos through a friend and when the tests were conducted her son was diagnosed with a TBD. The task force then had a discussion on how there needs to be additional required education on ticks and TBD's for doctors.

Motion to Adjourn by Brian Snyder seconded by Laura Orben. All in favor. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be on Thursday, June 22nd at 10am