

MONROE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2023

Members / alternates present:

Municipality	Representative	Present
Brighton*	Paul Johnson	✓
Chili*	Larry Lazenby (Alt.	✓
Clarkson*	Peter Selig	
Gates*	Romeo DeLucia (Alt- Zach May)	
Hamlin*	Steve Rutherford	✓
Henrietta*	William Santos	✓
Honeoye Falls *	Andy Less	
Irondequoit*	Deb Muratore	✓
Mendon*	Dave Wetter	
Ogden*	Bill Parkhurst	
Penfield*	Burt Gorton	✓
Perinton*	Mark Gaul	✓
Riga*	Greg Adams	✓
Rochester*	Shalini Beath	✓
Rush*	Donald Root	
Sweden*	Richard Popen	
Webster*	Michael Duminuco (Alt-Richard Seiler)	

*Indicates Voting Member

Agency	Representative	Present
At Large*	Thomas Dooley	
At Large*	Burt Gorton	✓
At Large*	Bill Santos	✓
At Large*	Haines Lockhart	
MC Public Health	Starr O'Neil	✓
MC Public Health	Ryan Parra-Merrell	✓
MC Environmental Services	Clement Chung	✓
MC Environmental Services	Yasmin Guevera	✓
Presenter	Marielena Vélez de Brown	✓
Penfield Conservation Board	Daniel Moore	✓

Meeting location:

- Monroe County Social Services Department
111 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14620
Conference Room 138/142

Call to Order:

- Meeting was called to order at 4:03

Review of Minutes:

- Approved.

Staff Report:

- Active transportation plan public workshop.
- EPA has designated level of PFAS (“forever chemicals”) will be severely restricted. Current levels based on detectable limit.

- Lead & copper rule revisions by EPA coming out soon.
- Legislation proposed to ban menthol cigarettes – likely will not be passing in Monroe County.

Meeting Topic(s):

Introduction and Overview of to the Monroe County Department of Public Health

Marielena Vélez de Brown, MD, MPH

Deputy Commissioner of Public Health

- What is Public Health
 - Science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private communities and individuals. - CEA Winslow
 - Mission statement: the MCDOH provides direct public health services and leadership to ensure improved health status of all MC residents and of the environment.
- Eight divisions
 - Nursing services: immunization clinic, tuberculosis clinic, sexual health clinic, and refugee clinic.
 - Maternal child health: Nurse Family Partnership, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Starlight Pediatrics, Children with Special Healthcare Needs.
 - Epidemiology and Disease Control: disease surveillance, outbreak investigation, county health data, and collaborations outside Department of Public Health.
 - Office of Public Health Preparedness: respond to public health emergencies, create/maintain emergency plans for outbreaks, weather emergencies, and man-made emergencies (Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, acts of terrorism), and run drills and practice exercises.
 - Environmental Health: Sanitation (food, rabies, housing) and engineering (plan review and environmental assessments of water and air quality).
 - Early Childhood Development: Early Intervention, Preschool Special Education.
 - Office of the Medical Examiner: medical investigations, medical examiners, and toxicology.
 - Addiction Services: prevent addition, combat stigma, and provide outreach to overdose survivors.
- Social determinants of health: economic stability, neighborhood and physical environment, education, food, and community and social context.

Other Business / Announcements:

- Committee and Liaison reports.
- Next EMC meeting is April 19th.

Privilege of the Floor:

- Article referencing toxic release inventory: companies must supply information about substances they use per EPA and state regulations.

- Prospect of recording meetings: Discussion for next executive meeting.

Adjourn:

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:36