

CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
May 24, 2022

PRESENT: Mary Ann Baker, RN Ken Sobel, MD William G. Howard, MD
 Rosemary Anthony, RN Frank Steed Mari Delaney, DVM
 James Gensel, PE

ABSENT: Brian Cassetta, MD Gregory Schultz, MD Joseph Brennan

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Buzzetti III Sarah Mattison Jonathan Keough
 Terence Lenhardt, MD Jessica Holton

STAFF ABSENT: Lisa Buckley, RN

Prior to the meeting, the CCBH received the following:

1. Board of Health Agenda
2. January Meeting Minutes
3. December Meeting Minutes
4. EHS Highlights: January and February
5. PAC Meeting Minutes February
6. Vaccination for Employees Policy
7. Financial Report
8. BOH Appointment Information, President and Vice President

Mr. Buzzetti announced this meeting will be held via Zoom, and be posted to website as unable to get the needed access for Livestream.

CALL TO ORDER

BOH Meeting called to order by William Howard, MD at 6:00 PM. Quorum established.

1. MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2022

Review of meeting minutes March 22, 2022.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by X and seconded by X to approve the March meeting minutes. All in favor. The Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2022 approved and accepted. **Motion Approved.**

AYES: Mary Ann Baker, RN Ken Sobel, MD William G. Howard, MD
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NAYS: None

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2. EHS Hilites

not much with rabies this month. We didn't have a free rabies clinic we have been struggling to get back to this with enough space to accommodate everyone. First clinic will be June 4th. 2 lead referrals. – we didn't close any cases. 2 enforcement actions taken during April. No ATUPA checks conducted. NYS conference virtual on April 28-29th not a lot of updates but did get legislative and new restrictions on pesticide applications as well regulated and unregulated children camps. Lead in school drinking program.

Next meeting would like to discuss amending fee structure for enforcement actions.

3. PAC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Buzzetti mentioned that Mrs. Buckley was unable to attend this meeting. Dr. Howard had a minor correction for minutes on page 2 last sentence underperformance improvement plan. Dr. Howard also had a question for the graphs on page 4, if they are available online. Mr. Buzzetti did indicate that the graphs are done in house and the County Executive will post and make public, and we will potentially be able to post regularly with the update to the county site. Dr. Howard also asked if these numbers are reflective from county or state numbers. Ms. Mattison stated that these numbers are county numbers, and are PCR lab reported numbers that do not include any self-reporting data. Dr. Howard commented on the numbers being slightly different from the dashboard, wanted some clarification on the data. Ms. Mattison noted that the average for this was made slightly different as it was the average of the seven (7) days leading up to the 24th of April. Dr. Howard wanted to clarify the definition for fully vaccinated, that was referring to the residents on page 5. Ms. Mattison provided the definition for fully vaccinated to be an individual who completed primary series, which is different from up to date which means all booster(s) for which you are eligible.

Mr. Buzzetti asked if there was any questions or comments on the additional attachments in regards to the policies. Mrs. Anthony would like to hold for Mrs. Buckley. Documents will be resent prior to the July meeting.

Ms. Mattison wanted to make note of the policy for Vaccine storage. Update to an already existing policy, we just made minor changes to the individual policy we wanted to include the additional measures that we have in place with the data loggers for the cooler(s), and the maintenance schedule that will be completed for the equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Updated Board of Health by-laws provided by mailing

Mr. Buzzetti reminded the board we worked on finalizing updates in December and they are posted on the website. Board of Health by-laws will be revisited again per the by-laws in December. Dr. Howard had question on credentialing of medical dental staff. Mr. Buzzetti stated that this isn't something that has been done it was lost, as we've been spoiled with Dr. Lenhardt, it wasn't done as it should've been. We will not be going to run a dental clinic, so we can discuss the removal of credentialing of any dental staff. Dr. Howard questioned if a look at Dr. Lenhardt's credentials will be needed with this change. Mr. Buzzetti stated this will be something we will discuss later in the meeting, agenda item added and not sent out to the members, as it was a last minute add.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 UPDATES

Mr. Buzzetti asked the members if they would like that data week prior or just day of, the difference is it won't be the most up to date numbers. Ms. Baker is fine with it, Dr. Howard comment it would only be a difference of 1 week per 1 day. Ms. Anthony – would rather have most up to date information to catch current trend. Mr. Buzzetti said we will do the week ahead and see how that works, if it is possible we will also try to make the updates day off. After July we can make a better decision on this.

Mr. Buzzetti reviewed the graphs with the board members.

Mrs. Anthony had non-COVID question, surveillance happening in regard to monkeypox that has gone from one (1) case to a suspected number of six (6) cases within the United States. Ms. Mattison has been working with the Public Health team and got a list of FAQ's and put out a press release on this subject. The press release that is being put out not in a manner to cause panic but to have open eyes, and encourage those with exposure to stay home and contact the dr.

2. Lead Presentation Update

Overview: Last Thursday Resolution from BOH, also went to committee meeting (Ms. White, Mr. Keough, Ms. Mattison, and Mr. Buzzetti attended) Members motioned that they approve. Mr. Buzzetti mentioned that everyone appears to be supportive. We have submitted for the grant expansion as well as the creation of two (2) positions that will be needed to support the grant.

3. County Health Rankings

Everyone looked at, it goes without saying we had 1 year better and then last 2/3 iterations went down a bit, how these are made a lot of community factors... poverty is a huge piece to this... demo from county you see the interplay to find these numbers Volunteer education campaign for STIs Anthony-we noticed years ago with poverty and unemployment these got towards tobacco and obesity state told us don't pick mental health— discouraging difficult to move to real issue

4. CHIP & CHA Update

Dawn and Public health team working with community partners and Common Ground Health (Rochester) to get a deep dive on local data. Real efforts put worth with some of our new positions in our team. Community health assessment is going to be an abbreviated one, we were unable to put into play anything from the past community health assessment and all the needs were still the same. Will be working on smoking, smoking mothers and obesity, this will be turned in end of this year more formal document at upcoming meeting, mental health played a big part - we are lucky to have this group part of the county

5. Tick borne disease data

Last meeting Dr. Sobel had questions, regarding tickborne diseases. Ms. White was able to pull this data. Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, and Erlichiosis have increased over the years due to the winters not having the same colder temperatures needed to freeze out the ticks.

6. Dr Lenhardt Retirement *

Planning retirement in 2023. Dr. Lenhardt has enjoyed his time on the board, impressed with board members, and various department within HD. State does everything to make things difficult, but has always seen great work from the board members and HD staff members. Thank everyone, Dr. Lenhardt will be leaving with great happiness! Need to allow someone who can give the attention that he won't be able to give, being out of town for 6 months of the year. Dr. Lenhardt was embarrassed to be unsure on who to recommend for this position. Mr. Buzzetti mentioned that We don't have medical personnel who's as responsive, and that this will be a transition.

ADJORNMENT

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr Sobel that this meeting of the Chemung County Board of Health be adjourned.

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: Brian Cassetta, MD Gregory Schultz, MD Joseph Brennan

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:12 PM

Next meeting: **Board of Health Meeting**
 July 26, 2022 @ 6:00 PM