CALL TO ORDER
BOH Meeting called to order by Dr. Brian Cassetta at 6:03 PM. Quorum established. All members present via Webex.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR June 2, 2020 MEETING

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ken Sobel to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Rosemary Anthony. All in favor. The minutes of the June 2, 2020 Board of Health meeting approved and accepted. Motion approved.

AYES: Gregory Schultz, MD Brian Cassetta, MD James Gensel, PE
Mary Ann Baker, RN Rosemary Anthony, RN Joseph Brennan
Ken Sobel, MD
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

2. Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Report - July 2020
   Public Health Clinics Report, including Resumption of Clinic Services
   Home Health Agency Report, including two (2) policies
   WIC

   Home Health Nursing Staff are trained for COVID swabbing. Fourteen (14) staff members & Nine (9) clinicians are going for testing every week at Chemung County Nursing Facility. These staff members are then able to go into Woodbrook and Bethany Village. Positive asymptomatic testing has not been seen from staff members. Arnot Ogden Medical Center has seen some. COVID duties continue to change, volume is not what it was in March/April but travel and contact tracing has kept the department busy. Environmental Health has been assisting with complaints. Resumption of Clinic Services, Clinic was closed down with the start of COVID, notice of STD’s rising. Clinic is back, with adjusted hours and by appointment. STD patients to call 737-2028, speak with public health nurse who will handle the scheduling and treatment.

3. Budget Report

   COVID expense totals- large portions spent on personnel, for both Chemung County Health Department and NON- Chemung County Health Department employees, Grant programs have also been added because grants wouldn’t allow billing for the time. Having support by county executive office, aging and long-term care nursing employees, MRC Nurses and Volunteers have helped. Employee payments, staff traveling to check on quarantine individuals had a big impact on this expense. FEMA Reimbursement is what we will be holding onto to make it through the rest of this COVID period.

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
1. COVID-19 Update

   Pete Buzzetti gave update on COVID-19 to BOH Members. Graph of Positive Cases from March 23, 2020 thru July 27,2020 show apex was in mid April 2020. From June 29, 2020 to July 24, 2020 43% of these positive cases were travel related. Recent Positive Chemung County Nursing Facility employee has stopped the visitation for residents for the next 28 days. Nursing Facility acted efficiently and effectively with the positive employee. Upon which provided up to 30 contacts. Need to keep in mind what we are doing outside of work. Traveling, just because we can doesn’t mean we should. We are also watching Bradford and Tioga County
Pennsylvania’s governor Wolff did close somethings down which likely stopped a possible uptick happening here. Airports have State Lockboxes set up to collect Travelers forms from passengers, which if not completed passenger could be subject to a fine. Schools, Meetings have been set up to meet with schools to discuss safety planning and precautions when it comes time to open. At a minimum looking at hybrid classes, possibility for all virtual classes depending how infection rate increases or decreases.

2. Review for appointment, Hearing Officer for Chemung County Health Department

Health department is tasked with enforcement of sanitary code. On a regular basis with environment health there needs to be an enforcement sometimes with a fine when education is not working. Shepherds replacement- Kyle Wieder on a temporary basis, Pete Buzzetti and County Attorney wanted to reach out to the board to approve Azfar Farooquee for this position. Farooquee would be given training on/for introduction to programs and sanitary codes as well as Administrative Hearing officer roles and responsibilities. Chemung County Attorney has had conversations with Farooquee and feels that he would be fair and impartial. Jonathan Keough has no reservation on Farooquee taking on this position.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Maryann Baker to approve Azfar Farooquee as Chemung County Health Department's Hearing Officer. Second by Kenneth Sobel. All in favor. Administrative Hearing Office for Chemung County Health Department approved and accepted. Motion approved.

AYES: Gregory Schultz, MD Brian Cassetta, MD James Gensel, PE
Mary Ann Baker, RN Rosemary Anthony, RN Joseph Brennan
Ken Sobel, MD

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Rosemary Anthony and seconded by Kenneth Sobel that this meeting of the Chemung County Board of Health be adjourned.

AYES: Gregory Schultz, MD Brian Cassetta, MD James Gensel, PE
Mary Ann Baker, RN Rosemary Anthony, RN Joseph Brennan
Ken Sobel, MD

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:49 PM

Next meeting: Board of Health Meeting
September 22, 2020 @ 6:00 PM
Health Department Conference Room