CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
March 26, 2019

PRESENT: Gregory Schultz, MD
Mari Delaney, DVM
Joseph Brennan
Ken Sobel, MD
Rosemary Anthony, RN

ABSENT: William G. Howard, MD
James Gensel, PE
Brian Cassetta, MD
Kevin Wicks, DDS
Mary Ann Baker, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Buzzetti III
Lisa Buckley, RN
Terence Lenhardt, MD

STAFF ABSENT: Rebecca Becraft, RN
Kyle Wieder
Jonathan Keough

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:
1. Board of Health Minutes for January 22, 2019
2. Board of Health Agenda for March 26, 2019
3. Board of Health Financial Report March 26, 2019
4. Environmental Health Services Report for January-February 2019
5. Professional Advisory Minutes March 2019
6. Director’s Report for January 22, 2019
7. List of red and blue violations per State Sanitary Code
8. 2019 County Health Rankings
9. 2019 Health outcomes
10. 2019 Health factors
11. 2019 County Health Rankings-data
12. MMWR-Interim Estimates of Influenza vaccine effectiveness
13. Chemung County Influenza update
14. Board of Health by-laws –draft
15. Lead Coalition educational message

CALL TO ORDER
CCBH Meeting called to order by Gregory Schultz, MD at approximately 6:00 PM. Quorum established.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 22, 2019 MEETING

Review of minutes of BOH January 22, 2019. No questions or comments.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Dr. Sobel to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Dr. Delaney. All in favor. The minutes of the January 22, 2019 Board of Health meeting approved and accepted. Motion approved.
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AYES: Gregory Schultz, MD
      Rosemary Anthony, RN
      Joseph Brennan

Mari Delaney, DVM
Ken Sobel, MD

NAYES: None

ABSENT: William G. Howard, MD
        Kevin Wicks, DDS
        James Gensel, PE
        Mary Ann Baker, RN
        Brian Cassetta, MD

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Peter Buzzetti presented the report for financial activities that was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. Mr. Buzzetti stated that the fiscal year has closed. Harry Shepard has done a great job with managing the budget this year, as he has in past years. Mr. Buzzetti pointed out the percentage of total budget spent on personnel costs. No questions.

3. SERVICES REPORTS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (EHS) – Two reports for EHS were submitted for January and February 2019 and sent to BOH members in advance of the meeting. Peter Buzzetti reported for EHS in place of Jonathan Keough who is at a Legionnaires” Disease conference in Albany. As a follow up from questions at the previous meeting, Peter explained the difference between Red (critical) violations and Blue (non-critical violations). The number one cause of a Red violation is ill food handling practices. Corrective action on Red violations typically begins before the EHS leave the establishment. Joseph Brennan questioned if the fines for repeat offenders should be increased. Peter explained that their focus is more on education than the punitive actions. He went on to explain that although they are encouraged to focus on the Red, critical violations, they feel that addressing the blue violations before they become red violations is crucial. Peter stated that they could look into increasing the fines. Rosemary Anthony questioned if it is mandatory that food handlers be vaccinated for Hepatitis A. Peter responded that at this time, they are not required to be vaccinated. Dr. Sobel questioned the amount of time that it takes to do an inspection. Peter explained that it varies anywhere from 1-3 hours.

B. PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS REPORT – Rebecca Becraft provided a report that was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. Peter Buzzetti reported for Public Health, as Rebecca Becraft is also at the Legionnaires Disease conference in
Albany. There are new regulations regarding the inspection process and outbreak investigation. Both Environmental Health Services and Public Health play a vital role when there is a Legionnaire case in the county. The ability to work collaboratively is extremely beneficial to both departments. As a response to a question posed at the last meeting, Peter explained that cancer Services covers breast, cervical and colorectal cancer. There were no questions regarding the Public Health report.

C. HOME HEALTH AGENCY REPORT – Lisa Buckley provided a report in advance of the meeting. She is anxious to work closely with Kyle Wieder, the new Supervisor of Fiscal Services, tracking both expenditures and revenue. She stated that they are waiting on approval from the county human resources department on the go ahead to fill their vacant temporary full time RN position. They received the provider preview report for last quarter’s quality of care star rating. They maintained their 4.5 star. These results will be published on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in April. At that point they will be able to see where they stand in comparison to the other two certified home care agencies in Chemung County. Rosemary Anthony commented that the Home Care agency should be commended on the work done to maintain their star rating.

D. WIC – The WIC report was submitted within the Professional Advisory Report of Jan. 2019. Peter Buzzetti reported for WIC. WIC has opened a new site in the DSS building. Although they did not have any scheduled appointments they were pleased to have one walk in. They are hoping that the new location will be helpful to those who may have transportation issues. Our WIC numbers are down slightly which is in line with the state and national numbers also being down. WIC is now using a card similar to a debit card instead of the previously issued checks.

4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Peter Buzzetti, Public Health Director submitted a Director’s report for, 2019 prior to the meeting. He announced that Jonathan Keough has been officially approved as then new Director of Environmental Services. Kyle Wieder is replacing Harry Shepard. The title of the position has been changed from Deputy Public Health Director to Supervisor of Fiscal Services to more accurately reflect the duties that he will be performing. Kyle has experience in the treasurer’s office, as well as the purchasing department. This is beneficial since there was only time for a brief training period with Harry. Mr. Buzzetti provided information on a recent visit and tour of the Health Department by members of the Chemung County Legislature.
OLD BUSINESS

1. Recreational Marijuana - update

On 2/8/19 Bill Schrom, Chemung County Sheriff, came out against the sale of marijuana in Chemung County. The county executive, Christopher Moss, has verbalized his intent in the opting out clause. There was general discussion among the members on the effect on Chemung County if the recreational use/possession of marijuana is legalized, but the sale is not. If Chemung County opted out, Mr. Buzzetti believes Environmental Health Services would not be tasked with regulating recreational marijuana. Rosemary Anthony questioned if the sale of CBD oil was regulated and if the product itself was regulated. The consensus of the group was that it is not. Mr. Buzzetti agreed to look into it further and report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. County Health Rankings

2019 Health Rankings have been released. Unfortunately they do not reflect all of the hard work done by the Health Department. In a few areas Chemung County has improved and in declined in others. Peter Buzzetti provided a side by side comparison between Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, Tioga and Broome Counties. Chemung County’s results appear to be in line with results Broome County’s. The Chemung County Health Department takes the lead on many coalitions that are directed toward improving these rankings. There are good working relationships from different agencies on these coalitions, for example Brian Hart has been very helpful on the Opioid Task Force. DSS is working with City Code enforcement on rental properties in need of lead abatement.

2. Effectiveness of influenza vaccination and number of influenza cases in Chemung County 2018-2019

The interim estimates of 2018-2019 seasonal influenza Vaccine effectiveness rate in United States is approximately 47% which is improved from last year’s rate of 36%. The number of reported cases is on the decline. The last published data is, as of March 9, 2019, there were 661 laboratory confirmed reported cases in Chemung County. 650 were type A and 11 were type B.
3. Update of By-Laws to update ex-officio member title

Mr. Buzzetti recommended to the board to update the By-Laws changing the title of Deputy Public Health Director to Supervisor of Fiscal Services.

**Motion made by Rosemary Anthony to update the By-Laws as recommended. Seconded by Dr. Delaney. All in favor. Motion approved.**

4. Education message of the Chemung County Lead Coalition

The Lead Coalition continues to meet monthly and has made great strides. The coalition has information posted on the Health Department’s web site. They are putting together a team who will go out into the community to do education on primary prevention and how through working together we can eliminate lead poisoning in Chemung County. Mr. Buzzetti stated that he is both personally and professionally proud of the work that the coalition has done so far.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Rosemary Anthony, RN and seconded by Mari Delaney, DVM that this meeting of the Chemung County Board of Health be adjourned. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:**
- Gregory Schultz, MD
- Rosemary Anthony, RN
- Joseph Brennan
- Mari Delaney, DVM
- Ken Sobel, MD

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:**
- William G. Howard, MD
- James Gensel, PE
- Brian Cassetta, MD
- Kevin Wicks, DDS
- Mary Ann Baker, RN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:04 PM.
Next meeting: Board of Health Meeting
May 21, 2019
Health Department Conference Room