CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
January 25, 2022

PRESENT:  
Brian Cassetta, MD  
Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Ken Sobel, MD  
William G. Howard, MD  
Rosemary Anthony, RN  
Gregory Schultz, MD  
Joseph Brennan  
Mari Delaney, DVM  
James Gensel, PE

ABSENT:  
Frank Steed

STAFF PRESENT:  
Peter Buzzetti III  
Sarah Mattison  
Lisa Buckley RN  
Jonathan Keough  
Terence Lenhardt, MD

STAFF ABSENT:

Prior to the meeting, the CCBH received the following:

1. Board of Health Agenda
2. September Meeting Minutes
3. EHS Highlights: September and October
4. PAC Meeting Minutes November
5. Financial Report
6. Enforcement Hearing
7. Board of Health by Laws draft revisions

Mr. Buzzetti announced this meeting will be held in person with some Members/Staff via WebEx, Named Remote Members/Staff.

CALL TO ORDER

BOH Meeting called to order by Brian Cassetta at 6:03 PM. Quorum established.

1. MEETING MINUTES December 2021

Review of minutes of BOH meeting December 7, 2021. Corrections to be made, using track changes and present at next BOH Meeting.

2. EHS REPORT

November Hilite Report: Fairly light besides COVID. Did run rabies clinic in Van Etten. Responded to complaint on local bakery- Macaroons infused with CBD Oil- operator of business did admit to using and all the product that was made was sold for the day already. What was still in store was discarded.

December Hilite Report: 4 specimens sent for testing, resulted in all negatives. Rabies Clinic was held this month. We ran this clinic registration the way we have COVID clinic registration. No need for pre-printed documents, which made for less data entry, less volunteers needed as well, ran smoothly with this change. Retirement of Senior Environmental Specialist for the drinking water program.
Joseph Brennan had questions with the infused edibles. Business on Facebook was mentioning selling infused product but business was not stating using CBD. Will send information to Environmental Health to review.

3. PAC MEETING MINUTES

January Meeting was moved to February. Will send these PAC Minutes with next Board of Health Meeting. Lisa discussed the policies for COVID-19 Response Plan, Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, and Request for Accommodation: Medical Exemption from Vaccination. Also mentioned she will need a vote on the new policy that will be submitted to Board of Health for next meeting.

Joseph Brennan questioned loss of any employee’s due to vaccine mandate. Peter Buzzetti noted that we lost 1 full time and 1 contract employee.

Brian Cassetta questioned reason for exemption, prior infection. Due to CDC addressing significant infection derived protection. Pete Buzzetti noted No, not at this time. Ken Sobel questioned if Length of immunity was mentioned. Brian Cassetta didn’t see it mentioned in the report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Nominating Committee for President and Vice President

Nomination Committee is to be of three members. Ken Sobel suggested looking at who as board members that are attending regularly and see when last held either position. Peter Buzzetti to make this list and send to group.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 UPDATES

Pete Buzzetti brought up PowerPoint with COVID Data, William Howard guessed putting cases per 100 thousand to make comparable to other counties or state data.

2. “Return to Play” for schools

Ken Sobel presented Protocols for Return to play was adopted from experts in UK where isolation/quarantine was 10 days but you could return as early as 7 days with the return to play. Early January updates with isolation to 5 days what was left out was how to return to school. Everyone was jumping on this 5-day release or earlier, but its complicated. Corning Schools appear to be most consistent with how you might interpret with allowing people at 5 days who are asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic to start the return to play protocols but they’re not returning to full activity for another week. Which is looking as asymptomatic is at day 12 post diagnosis before returning to full activity.

ADJORNMENT

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by MaryAnn Baker and seconded by Joseph Brennan that this meeting of the Chemung County Board of Health be adjourned.
AYES:  
Brian Cassetta, MD  
Mary Ann Baker, RN  
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Gregory Schultz, MD  
Joseph Brennan  
Mari Delaney, DVM  
James Gensel, PE

NAYS:  None

ABSENT:  Frank Steed

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 PM

Next meeting:  
Board of Health Meeting  
March 22, 2022 @ 6:00 PM  
WebEx / Livestream