CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
April 25, 2017

PRESENT:
Gregory Schultz, MD
Mari Delaney, DVM
James Gensel, PE
Mary Ann Baker, RN
Kevin Wicks, DDS

Robert Lambert, MD
Rosemary Anthony, RN
William G. Howard, MD
Joseph Brennan

ABSENT:
Ken Sobel, MD

OTHERS PRESENT:
Robert Page
Thomas Kump, PE
Peter Buzzetti III
Harry Shepard
Rebecca Becraft, RN

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for April 25, 2017 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2017
3. Environmental Health Services Report for January, February & March 2017
5. Public Health Nursing Report For April 25, 2017
6. STTAC April 2017 Newsletter
7. Health Department Medical Staff By-Laws – Proposed Revisions
8. Influenza Surveillance Data
9. County Health Rankings 2017
10. CHHA Report April 2017
11. Public Health Works Honor Roll Award

CALL TO ORDER
CCBH President Dr. William G. Howard called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM. Since several BOH members were not present at the January 2017 meeting, Dr. Howard asked that all members introduce themselves for the sake of the newly appointed Deputy Public Health Director Peter Buzzetti.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2017 MEETING

There was one correction for a typo on Dr. Wicks’ name in the “attendance” section of the January 24, 2017 minutes.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Dr. Lambert that the minutes of the January 24, 2017 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted as presented and amended. Motion approved.

AYES: Rosemary Anthony, RN
       James Gensel, PE
       Mary Ann Baker, RN
       Mari Delaney, DVM
       Kevin Wicks, DDS

       Gregory Schultz, MD
       William G. Howard, MD
       Robert Lambert, MD
       Joseph Brennan
NAYES: None

ABSENT: Ken Sobel, MD

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard referred to the report for financial activities through the end of December 2016 that has been finalized and was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. Mr. Shepard mentioned that the March 2017 report is in a slightly different format as more sub-account lines have been added to further break down the information presented. He commented that everything has been business as usual. There were no questions for Mr. Shepard.

3. SERVICES REPORTS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Thomas Kump mentioned that there were reports for January, February, and March 2017 sent to BOH members in advance of the meeting. One member questioned an enforcement that was taken for “adulterated food” and wondered what that meant. Mr. Kump explained that he did not have an answer for this particular enforcement action but provided a brief explanation as to what is meant by “adulterated” in terms of food products. He encouraged everyone to visit the Department website where they can see the exact particulars related to any violation that is written. Another member questioned the cow that was presumed positive for rabies in the February Highlights report. Mr. Buzzetti was involved with that case and provided some background information. A question was raised about the conditions at Gush’s Thirsty Bear that prompted the “larger than normal” fine. Mr. Kump explained that this particular enforcement was solely for the violation of the NYS Clean Indoor Air Act. The $500 penalty is the typical fine for this type of violation. Finally, there was a question about the child referenced in the March 2017 report with a blood lead level of 41.5 micrograms per deciliter. Mr. Kump stated that EHS only follows the property where lead hazards are identified and the Patient Services staff follow the child. Ms. Becraft reported that the child is being monitored. The tested level did not quite meet the threshold for chelation, but the case is being watched closely. Mr. Kump added that the property in question had already been placed on a time-table of compliance for the exterior hazards due to a prior referral and that the property owner had been ordered to make corrections to the interior of this particular rental unit. There were no further questions for Mr. Kump.

B. PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS REPORT – Rebecca Becraft commented on the reports distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. First she reported that the number of confirmed influenza cases seems to now be on the downslope. Influenza is still widespread in NYS. The sad news this season is that there have been 8 pediatric deaths in NYS due to influenza. Ms. Becraft distributed the latest report from NYSDOH with influenza case statistics that illustrated the current trend in comparison to past years. She reported that they achieved 100% compliance on
this year’s Performance Incentive Program with regard to communicable disease investigation reports. A Community Baby Shower was held in March with much success. The Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network hosted the event. It was so successful that they will need to find a larger venue for the event next year. Ms. Becraft commented that the group formerly known as the Chemung County AIDS Task Force has changed its name to the Sexual Health Task Force to be more encompassing of the various topics and trends that have emerged. They are gearing up for the Consolidated Program Review which is slated for late August 2017. She also mentioned the STTAC April 2017 Newsletter which was distributed in advance of the meeting. Reference was made to the fact that Steuben County recently adopted a new tobacco-free parks policy that included e-cigarettes. A few CCBH members questioned whether the Chemung County rules or policies could be amended to include the prohibition of e-cigarettes. After some discussion, it was agreed that a resolution would be proposed for consideration.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ms. Anthony and seconded by Mr. Brennan that a recommendation be made to the County Legislature that they consider amending any and all current County policies and local laws related to smoking to also prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in those same locations. Motion approved.

AYES: Rosemary Anthony, RN Gregory Schultz, MD
James Gensel, PE William G. Howard, MD
Mary Ann Baker, RN Robert Lambert, MD
Mari Delaney, DVM Joseph Brennan
Kevin Wicks, DDS

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Ken Sobel, MD

There were no further questions for Ms. Becraft.

C. HOME HEALTH AGENCY REPORT – Lisa Buckley was not able to attend this meeting as she was away at a conference, so Mr. Page discussed the report that was provided in advance of the meeting. Ms. Buckley had just reported at the last CCBH meeting that their CMS Quality of Care Star Rating went from 2.5 stars to 3.5 stars. A star rating higher than 3 indicates that the HHA performed better than average on the measured care practices and outcomes compared to other HHA’s. The most recent ratings for both the Quality of Patient Care and for the Patient Satisfaction has increased to 4 stars which is outstanding. Continued improvements have been seen ever since Ms. Buckley has been involved with the management of the program. Our CHHA is the largest in all of Chemung County and all the staff have been doing an excellent job. There were no questions for Mr. Page.
D. DENTAL CLINIC TRANSITION UPDATE – Mr. Page updated the CCBH on the status on the dental clinic transition. The transition is not going to occur. The Legislature agreed to terminate the contract with RPCN that had been developed to allow for the transition once it became obvious that it was simply not going to happen. This project has been going on for nearly 3 years with barely any progress to show for it. There are many factors that came into play over the course of this project. A positive outcome is that another use for the dental clinic area has been found. The County already has an agreement with the GST BOCES that allows for students to get occupational exposure through the CCNF. The agreement is being expanded to allow GST BOCES to utilize the dental clinic area for their adult dental assistant program. One of the current operatories will be converted to a classroom while 2 other operatories will be used for their hands-on training. They have already started moving in the area and plan to officially start on June 5, 2017. Mr. Page asked Dr. Lambert to briefly discuss Arnot’s role in soliciting interest from area FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Care) agencies on opening a dental clinic in this area as the need is quite great.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DEPUTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TRANSITION UPDATE – Mr. Buzzetti discussed with the CCBH the various activities that he has been involved with since the last CCBH meeting. First he started with a little background on his experiences up until this time. He started in 2007 as a Public Health Sanitarian, and after 7 years was promoted to Supervising PH Sanitarian. He has spent the bulk of his time the 1st calendar quarter assisting with the EHS transition with preparing Jonathan Keough to take on the Supervisor role and helping with the recruitment of a new PH Sanitarian. At the end of March Mr. Buzzetti physically moved his office over to the Gridley Building working closely with Mr. Page. He has been meeting individually with many of the various department managers to get a grasp on all the issues that they deal with on a regular basis. Mr. Page commented that Mr. Buzzetti has been very dedicated to learning the new role and believes that he will do an excellent job.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DENTAL CLINIC & BOCES AFFILIATION – Mr. Page already discussed this earlier in the meeting.

2. MEDICAL STAFF BY-LAWS REVISIONS– Mr. Page discussed that a revised version of the By-Laws was distributed for review prior to the CCBH meeting. Members had some discussion regarding the proposed changes. A question was raised about the removal of a clause related to the practitioner being able to document their physical and mental health status. It was decided that a revision will be made that allows a practitioner to either provide a copy of such documentation that had been made at another facility where they possess privileges, or that they would be allowed to take advantage of the County Health Department’s Annual Health Assessment program.
RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Ms. Anthony that the proposed revisions to the Medical/Dental Staff By-Laws that were prepared in advance of the meeting as well as the newest revision discussed at the CCBH meeting relating to the documentation of the practitioner’s physical and mental health status be adopted as discussed on this date. Motion approved.

AYES: Rosemary Anthony, RN  Gregory Schultz, MD  
James Gensel, PE  William G. Howard, MD  
Mary Ann Baker, RN  Robert Lambert, MD  
Mari Delaney, DVM  Joseph Brennan  
Kevin Wicks, DDS  

NAYES: None  

ABSENT: Ken Sobel, MD  

3. COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS 2017 – Mr. Page discussed the most recent report of the 2017 County Health Rankings for NYS as prepared by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. He commented that there were really no surprises in this latest report and that caution needs to be taken in interpreting the rankings as they can be misleading. There had been some improvements in some of the evaluated factors and the actual rankings were worse than previously reported in other factors. Some of the measurement criteria had changed since the last rankings report, so a direct comparison to the past report can’t fairly be made with all the factors. There are various factors related to the data that would place Chemung County at a low ranking while a neighboring county such as Tompkins County was ranked much higher. The rankings do not imply that if you live in Chemung County you are going to be sick and that if you live in Tompkins County you will be in good health. The data found in the rankings can certainly be helpful for a county in determining where resources would best be applied to affect health improvements in a particular community.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS HONOR ROLL AWARD – Dr. Howard requested to modify the order of the agenda to cover the Public Health Works Honor Roll Award at this time. The CCBH had received a copy of correspondence from the NYSDOH Commissioner to Thomas Kump congratulating him for his selection as an Honor Roll awardee. The nomination for this award was made by Mr. Page based on Mr. Kump’s dedication to the field of public health and for protecting the environmental health and welfare of the residents of Chemung County and New York State. Mr. Kump thanked the CCBH members for their kind words of praise and also thanked Mr. Page for the nomination. He said that it has been an honor to serve in this role and appreciated the recognition.

5. MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS GRANT FROM NACCHO – Mr. Page reported to the CCBH that a grant in the amount of $13,000 had been received to provide training in the County for psychological first aid awareness. Some Department staff due to the roles they hold in the County are required to receive this type of training. Other staff, while not required, will certainly benefit from it. The training is not only for County staff but will be
made available to just about anyone in Chemung County that plays a role what would benefit from such training. The goal is to provide training to at least 1,000 people through this grant. Dr. Joyce Hyatt will be responsible for providing the training.

With the March 2017 meeting being postponed to April 2017, there did not seem to be a need at this time to meet again in May 2017. It was decided that the May 2017 meeting would be cancelled and the next regular meeting would be on July 25, 2017. If action is needed by the CCBH prior to the next regular meeting, a special meeting will be convened.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Gensel and seconded by Ms. Anthony that the next regular meeting of the Chemung County Board of Health scheduled for May 23, 2017 be cancelled such that the next regular meeting will be July 25, 2017, with the condition that a special meeting could be convened if the need arises at the discretion of the CCBH President. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Rosemary Anthony, RN  
James Gensel, PE  
Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Mari Delaney, DVM  
Kevin Wicks, DDS

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ken Sobel, MD

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Dr. Lambert that this meeting of the Chemung County Board of Health be adjourned. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Rosemary Anthony, RN  
James Gensel, PE  
Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Mari Delaney, DVM  
Kevin Wicks, DDS

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Ken Sobel, MD

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:57 PM.

**Next meeting:**  
**Board of Health Meeting**  
**July 25, 2017 @ 7:30 PM**  
**Health Department Conference Room**