Present:

Robert Lambert, MD
Kevin Wicks, DDS
Gregory Schultz, MD
Ken Sobel, MD
Rosemary Anthony, RN
Joseph Brennan

Absent:

James Gensel, PE
Mary Ann Baker, RN
John Varga, DVM
William G. Howard, MD

Others Present:

Robert Page
Rebecca Becraft
Terence Lenhardt, MD
Thomas Kump, PE
Harry Shepard

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for February 2, 2016 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2015
3. Environmental Health Services Reports for November & December 2015

The following items were distributed at the meeting:

7. Chemung County Children Lead Testing Data 2015
8. Microcephaly Rates Map

Call to Order

In the absence of CCBH President Dr. William G. Howard, Vice President Dr. Gregory Schultz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes for December 1, 2015 Meeting

Resolution: A motion was made by Dr. Lambert and seconded by Dr. Sobel that the minutes of the December 1, 2015 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted as presented. Motion approved.

Ayes: Robert Lambert, MD
       Kevin Wicks, DDS
       Gregory Schultz, MD
       Ken Sobel, MD
       Rosemary Anthony, RN
       Joseph Brennan

Nayes: None

Absent: James Gensel, PE
        Mary Ann Baker, RN
        John Varga, DVM
        William G. Howard, MD
2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard mentioned that the Budget Status Report through December 31, 2015 was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. He commented that everything has been business as usual. From an accounting point of view, we are still in fiscal year 2015 for a few more weeks. There were no further questions for Mr. Shepard.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Dr. Lambert and seconded by Dr. Sobel that the Financial Report presented by Mr. Shepard be approved and accepted as presented. Motion approved.

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3. SERVICES REPORTS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Thomas Kump mentioned that reports for November & December 2015 and January 2016 were included in the mailing to BOH members in advance of the meeting. Legislator Brennan mentioned that there seemed to be a lot of repeat violations and questioned if any more is done with those facilities. Mr. Kump responded that EHS just initiated a new quality assurance plan that includes the requirement to conduct a re-inspection for any facility where there are 3 or more critical violations cited and/or 10 or more non-critical violations cited. He further explained that whenever there are repeat violations, in addition to the Stipulation Offer, a re-inspection of that facility will occur within a specified timeframe after the enforcement has been closed. Dr. Lambert noted that there seemed to be some rather high blood lead levels reported that required chelation. Ms. Becraft commented that there are currently 14 open elevated blood lead cases right now and that in the last year there have been 3 children that required chelation. Mr. Kump added that a large percentage of the cases are in the City of Elmira where the housing stock is very old and not maintained as well as could be. He said that when a child has been admitted to a hospital for chelation, the treating physician will not generally discharge the child until it is assured that the child will be going to a home where there are no lead hazards present. EHS conducts an assessment of the property to verify this. There were no further questions for Mr. Kump.
RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Lambert that the Environmental Health Services Reports presented by Mr. Kump be approved and accepted as presented. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Robert Lambert, MD  
Ken Sobel, MD  
Kevin Wicks, DDS  
Rosemary Anthony, RN  
Gregory Schultz, MD  
Joseph Brennan

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** James Gensel, PE  
John Varga, DVM  
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**B. PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS REPORT** – Rebecca Becraft discussed the 2015 lead case summary report that was distributed to the CCBH at the beginning of the meeting. There were a total of 1,839 lead tests performed with 95 of those being 10 micrograms per deciliter or greater. Ms. Becraft also commented on the Public Health Nursing Report that was distributed to the CCBH at the beginning of the meeting. There have been a total of 4 laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza in Chemung County so far this season. The CDC issued a release declaring that the Influenza season is now designated as “severe”. It should only be a matter of time before the same designation is issued by the NYSDOH Commissioner. She mentioned that the Twin Tiers Breastfeeding Network has opened a Baby Bistro at a couple of local libraries on a monthly basis. They hope to expand it to more locations in the future. Ms. Becraft reviewed a few other items from her report including activities related to cancer screenings and the Vaccine For Adults program. There were no further questions for Ms. Becraft.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ms. Anthony and seconded by Dr. Lambert that the Public Health Nursing Report presented by Ms. Becraft be approved and accepted as presented. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Robert Lambert, MD  
Ken Sobel, MD  
Kevin Wicks, DDS  
Rosemary Anthony, RN  
Gregory Schultz, MD  
Joseph Brennan

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** James Gensel, PE  
John Varga, DVM  
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OLD BUSINESS

1. DENTAL CLINIC TRANSITION - Mr. Page updated the CCBH on the progress of the transition of the dental clinic to RPCN. There has been no activity of substance to report at this time, so the status remains the same as reported at the last CCBH meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. EXPANSION OF STD CLINIC SERVICES TO COUNTY JAIL – Ms. Becraft reported that years ago PH nurses would go to the jail to provide STD services. The NYSDOH then ruled that if this were to continue it needed to be done by a Nurse Practitioner. CCHD entered into an agreement with a nurse from Arnot Ogden (Hannah Foster) to provide those services on a limited basis. The County Sheriff as well as NYSDOH approved the plan. The plan was implemented about 3 weeks ago and seems to be working well. The total time from initial concept to final implementation was about 6 months.

2. TUBERCULOSIS EXPOSURE CASE – Ms. Becraft provided the CCBH with information on a recent case of tuberculosis that they have been following. Chemung County generally only gets involved in 1 to 2 cases per year. Once a person is identified as having tuberculosis, much work is done by PH Nursing staff to assure that there is minimal exposure to the general population and in tracking down persons that may have been exposed to get them tested. The implicated person relocated outside of NYS before an official diagnosis could be made, so the actual case was not considered to be a Chemung County case. In spite of that, much time was spend by PH Nursing staff in the investigations and tracking of this individual and those with whom they had contact.

3. ZIKA VIRUS INFORMATION – Ms. Becraft discussed the Zika virus and provided a copy of a map showing the rates of microcephaly over time in the Americas and the Caribbean. There are currently only 3 laboratories in the U.S. that can test for the Zika virus, one of those three is the Wadsworth Laboratory of the NYSDOH. The CDC has developed an algorithm for determining who should be tested. The Zika virus first originated in 1947 but it just became the central topic in the news within the last month or so. New information is being released on a daily basis regarding the Zika virus from both the CDC and the NYSDOH. It is expected that the Zika virus will remain in the news and on the P.H. radar for the foreseeable future.

4. REPLACEMENT FOR DR. VARGA ON CCBH – While there has not been an official resignation received from Dr. Varga, it has been learned that he is no longer in the area and has relocated out of state. This would be considered a “presumed” resignation. Before he left, Dr. Varga suggested Dr. Schuller as a replacement. Mr. Page discussed this with Dr. Schuller who showed interest in being nominated to serve on the Board of Health. After the replacement suggestion was made, it was learned that Dr. Schuller is a retired dentist whereas Dr. Varga is a veterinarian. With no prejudice implied toward the dental profession, there was interest from the CCBH that local veterinarians be surveyed to see if there is any interest in nomination to the Board since there is not currently a veterinarian on the Board with the departure of Dr. Varga.
ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Dr. Sobel and seconded by Dr. Lambert that the CCBH be adjourned until the next regular meeting of March 22, 2016. Motion approved.

AYES: Robert Lambert, MD
      Kevin Wicks, DDS
      Gregory Schultz, MD
      Ken Sobel, MD
      Rosemary Anthony, RN
      Joseph Brennan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: James Gensel, PE
        Mary Ann Baker, RN
        John Varga, DVM
        William G. Howard, MD

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Next meeting: Board of Health Meeting
March 22, 2016 @ 7:30 PM
Health Department Conference Room