CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
July 26, 2016

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

ABSENT:
Robert Lambert, MD
Mary Ann Baker, RN
Kevin Wicks, DDS

OTHERS PRESENT:
Robert Page
Lisa Buckley
Kim Davenport, AOMC
Thomas Kump, PE
Rebecca Becraft

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for July 26, 2016 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2016
3. Environmental Health Services Reports for June 2016
6. Legionella Regulation Summary
7. NYS STD Morbidity Overview 2015

The following items were distributed at the meeting:
8. 2015 Fall Tick Surveillance Report
11. STD Info By Group
12. Substance Abuse In Chemung County Report

CALL TO ORDER
CCBH President Dr. William G. Howard called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 7, 2016 MEETING

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Ms. Anthony and seconded by Dr. Schultz that the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted as presented. Motion approved.

AYES:
Ken Sobel, MD
Gregory Schultz, MD
James Gensel, PE
Mari Delaney, DVM
Rosemary Anthony, RN
Joseph Brennan
William G. Howard, MD

NAYES:
None

ABSENT:
Robert Lambert, MD
Mary Ann Baker, RN
Kevin Wicks, DDS
2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard was not able to attend the CCBH Meeting. Mr. Page mentioned that the Budget Status Report through June 30, 2016 was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. He commented that everything has been business as usual. There were no questions for Mr. Page.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Gensel and seconded by Mr. Brennan that the Financial Report submitted by Mr. Shepard be approved and accepted as presented. **Motion approved.**

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being found and to test whether any of them contain the Zika virus. While the species of mosquito that have been known to carry the Zika virus have been found, there have been none that tested positive for the virus. Ms. Becraft commented that there is only one active TB case they are following at this time. She also mentioned that on August 4th the annual Breastfeeding Friendly Awards ceremony will occur at Wisner Park. Finally, she mentioned that they have been working on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to develop priorities and strategies for addressing the top local concerns. Ms. Anthony commented that she was surprised at problem that lead poisoning was in Chemung County and wondered about the current status. Ms. Becraft stated that there have been no recent new cases and their current active caseload is 8 cases. There were no questions regarding the PH Nursing Report that Ms. Becraft summarized.

C. DENTAL CLINIC TRANSITION UPDATE – Mr. Page updated the CCBH on the progress that has been made with the dental clinic transition. A group of representatives from RPCN came to the Health Center last week and performed a walk-through inspection of the dental clinic to assess the options and issues as they move forward with their application. There are two options they can consider under the federal regulations, namely, they could apply to be a full clinic or a neighborhood clinic. The requirements for the neighborhood clinic are less onerous and would be a much faster application period, but limits the clinic to only 3 operatories. The current clinic layout includes 4 operatories so one would be taken out of service which in turn would free up space to meet other facility requirements. Mr. Page voiced optimism that the project finally seems to be moving forward and that there was hope that the new clinic would be operational sometime in 2017.

OLD BUSINESS
NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. OPIOID USE AND INTERVENTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY – Ms. Anthony introduced Kim Davenport, who is the Systems Director of Behavioral Health at AOMC. Ms. Davenport provided a handout to those in attendance. She explained that she has been involved in all forms of substance abuse issues in our community. There was a report prepared by Castlight Health that listed the percentage of employees (at employers that utilize Castlight) using opioids and Chemung County was ranked in first place. There are two State prisons and 2 major hospitals that represent the largest employers in Chemung County from which this ranking could have been impacted. While there is question as to whether Chemung County is the worst in the country with regard to opioid use, there is no question that opioid use and abuse is a problem in our area. Many efforts have been made already and much effort and focus is being made on the problem and how it can be addressed. There are now specialists being assigned to the ER’s that will be able to evaluate for substance abuse. An addiction task force has been created. A new treatment algorithm has been created to evaluate and treat substance abuse. There had been too many patients that were slipping through the cracks and not getting the
treatment needed for one reason or another. The focus now is to minimize as many as possible from slipping through the cracks and getting them the help that they need. They have been working closely with Trinity of Chemung County that is a local addiction treatment center. Closer monitoring of opioid prescriptions is occurring. The hospitals are trying to make it possible for detoxing to occur in the ER’s. They have been working with the GME (Graduate Medical Education) Program to get more resources to fight this battle.

2. COOLING TOWER REGULATIONS FOR LEGIONELLA CONTROL— Mr. Kump reported that last summer there was a Legionella outbreak in NYC that prompted the NYSDOH Commissioner to issue emergency regulations aimed at cooling towers. Those requirements were only effective for one year and required owners of cooling towers to register on a State database, perform preliminary sampling, and develop management plans. However, rather than just re-issue the emergency regulations, the State decided to create permanent regulations to address this issue. Draft regulations were published for public comment in the Spring and as of July 6, 2016, the final regulation known as Part 4 took effect. A summary of the new regulations was included in the CCBH mailing in advance of the meeting. Part 4 is broken down into two subparts, namely Subpart 4-1 that established provisions for cooling towers and Subpart 4-2 that provided additional water system requirements for all general hospitals and residential healthcare facilities. The cooling tower regulations will be enforced jointly by both the local health departments and the NYSDOH. Subpart 4-1 requirements include routine Legionella culture and bacterial sampling, notification to LHD if samples exceed a set limit, inspection of cooling towers at various intervals, and maintenance of all records for at least 3 years. Subpart 4-2 will be enforced in full by the NYSDOH.

3. TICK SURVEILLANCE REPORT – Mr. Kump discussed the report that was distributed at the CCBH meeting with the latest tick surveillance data. He mentioned that for the past several years the NYSDOH had conducted tick surveillance at Sullivan’s Monument (Newtown Battlefield State Park). However, in 2015 a new sampling site was added to now include Mark Twain State Park (Soaring Eagles Golf Course). The 2015 results for Sullivan’s Monument were almost identical to the results from the prior year, showing an infection rate of about 45.3% for Borrelia burgdorferi which is the causative agent for Lyme disease among the 53 adult ticks collected. Since this is the first year for sampling at Mark Twain State Park, there is nothing to compare the 30.8% infection rate to for this smaller sampling amount. The main message received is that there are still ticks in the area that carry the causative agent for Lyme disease so it is important for anyone that takes part in outdoor activities to take measures to prevent exposure to ticks and to inspect their bodies directly after outdoor activities to see if they have acquired any ticks on their bodies. There was some discussion among the practitioners on the CCBH as to the difficulties they encounter in diagnosing a case and prescribing treatments and in dealing with the varying approaches used by different healthcare providers. Ms. Becraft provided some statistics on the number of Lyme disease cases in Chemung County. In 2014 there were 30 confirmed cases by definition and in 2015 there were 62. Because there are now more than 50 cases confirmed within a calendar year, Chemung County is now qualified to be a sentinel county. The practitioners confirmed that they have been seeing more cases over the last few years. Dr. Delaney said that she has been seeing cases over the last several years in her pet patients and that could be how some human
patients are getting exposed, namely, through their outdoor pets that are bringing infected ticks into the home.

4. **STD MORBIDITY IN STATE & CHEMUNG COUNTY** - Ms. Becraft commented on 3 separate documents that were provided to the CCBH. One document illustrated the number and percentage of cases in 2015 for NYS in comparison to the cases in 2014 for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia which showed increases in all three. The second document showed results for just Chemung County with further breakdowns by age and sex of the patients. She reported that not long ago they were not seeing any cases of syphilis, but it seems to be making a comeback now. Statistically speaking, the trend we are seeing in Chemung County is reflective of the trend statewide. Ms. Becraft added that they have had 3 positive HIV cases thus far in 2016. She also reported that we are now providing STD services to the County Jail with our nurse practitioner Hannah Foster. There is discussion of trying to expand the STD services offered as there seems to be a large demand for it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION:** With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Ms. Anthony and seconded by Mr. Gensel that the CCBH be adjourned until the next regular meeting of September 27, 2016. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:**
- Ken Sobel, MD
- Gregory Schultz, MD
- James Gensel, PE
- Mari Delaney, DVM
- Rosemary Anthony, RN
- Joseph Brennan
- William G. Howard, MD

**NAYES:**
- None

**ABSENT:**
- Robert Lambert, MD
- Mary Ann Baker, RN
- Kevin Wicks, DDS

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

**Next meeting:**
Board of Health Meeting
September 27, 2016 @ 7:30 PM
Health Department Conference Room