Present: Thomas Curran, DDS  
William G. Howard, MD  
Ken Sobel, MD  
William Roe, PE  
Paul Shore, DDS

Absent: Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Richard Madl  
Robert Lambert, MD

Others present: Robert Page  
Thomas Kump, PE  
Harry Shepard  
Melissa Klossner

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for May 22, 2012 CCBH Meeting  
2. CCBH Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2012  
3. Environmental Health Services Report for April 2012  
4. Dental Clinic Reports for March & April 2012  
5. Budget Status Report through April 30, 2012  
6. CHHA Statistical Report for First Quarter 2012  
7. CHHA Financial Report for First Quarter 2012  
8. Tick Surveillance Report 2012  
9. Professional Advisory Committee Minutes - January 2012

Call to order

Mr. Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

1. Approval of minutes for April 3, 2012 meeting

Resolution: A motion was made by Dr. Curran and seconded by Dr. Shore that the minutes of the April 3, 2012 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted as presented. Motion approved.

Ayes: Thomas Curran, DDS  
William G. Howard, MD  
Ken Sobel, MD  
William Roe, PE  
Paul Shore, DDS

Nays: None

Absent: Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Richard Madl  
Robert Lambert, MD
2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard mentioned that the Budget Status Report through April 30, 2012 was distributed to the CCBH in the mailing prior to the meeting. The format is different than usual as it is printed from the new County financial management system. It is much longer with more information provided. Members of the CCBH requested that Mr. Shepard condense the new report down into a format that was similar to past reports. Mr. Shepard responded that he would develop something for the next meeting in July. There were no further questions for Mr. Shepard.

3. SERVICES REPORTS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Thomas Kump mentioned that the report for April 2012 was included in the mailing to BOH members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Kump had nothing further to add to what was presented. There were no further questions for Mr. Kump.

B. CHHA UPDATE & CLINIC ACTIVITIES – Melissa Klossner referred to the CHHA Statistical Report and acknowledged that both referrals and admissions are up in 2012 versus the same reporting period in 2011. She also reported that the number of visits was down in 2012, but part of the reason for that was due to operational efficiencies that were enacted. Ms. Klossner needed to leave the meeting early due to another commitment, so she also presented a report that was scheduled to be discussed as New Business item 2. The CHHA First Quarter 2012 Financial Performance Dashboard was presented and discussed. This particular report compares the latest calendar quarter with the same quarter in 2010. Data for 2011 was not available at the time the report was put together, but future reports will include data from the prior 2 years. One important item to note is that the CHHA has been meeting the referral demand and has not had to turn referrals away. There were no further questions for Ms. Klossner.

C. DENTAL SERVICES REPORT – Mr. Page mentioned that there were two reports distributed electronically in advance of the meeting for Dental Services for March & April 2012. Mr. Page noted that the CCNF dentist will be retiring in June 2012. To address that need, Mr. Page has been in discussions with Dr. O’Connell who is the part-time dentist that currently works on Fridays in the CCHD Dental Clinic. They are going to try an approach whereby the dental clinic will fully utilize the morning hours for appointments and will keep the afternoon hours clear so that Dr. O’Connell will be able to see CCNF residents at that time. There were no questions for Mr. Page.

OLD BUSINESS

None
NEW BUSINESS

1. TICK SURVEILLANCE REPORT & LYME DISEASE – Mr. Kump stated that the NYSDOH has conducted tick surveillance at Sullivan’s Monument over the last several years. Those reports have been shared with the CCBH in the past. A new report was just received in April 2012 with data from both the 2010 and 2011 tick surveillance. The percentage of ticks testing positive for the pathogen that causes Lyme disease has decreased over the levels observed in 2009. However, the fact that the pathogens have been found in ticks means that we still need to be diligent in our efforts to educate the public on the dangers of ticks and to provide precautionary measures that they can take. A question was raised as to whether anyone was utilizing the services at AOMC for tick identification. Dr. Howard said that he has not been using it, but rather has been providing prophylaxis for patients that meet the respective criteria. Dr. Curran reported that he had heard a report that tick populations are expected to increase this season. This is all the more reason to be mindful of ticks and to be aware of preventive measures that can be taken.

2. HOME HEALTH AGENCY QUARTERLY REPORT – Discussed earlier in meeting.

3. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES – Mr. Page reported that there was a regional exercise called FLurricane (Finger Lakes hurricane) involving hospitals, health departments, emergency management, nursing homes, and others. This was the 3rd annual exercise to be held. The scenario was a major hurricane that stalls over the area with major precipitation and winds. Several institutions in the area needed to decide whether they would shelter-in-place or evacuate. The goal was to evaluate the process and determine what resources would be needed to implement their actions. The CCNF decided that it was best to shelter-in-place as there were insufficient emergency vehicles available to evacuate all the residents in the time that was allotted. Next year’s drill will be even more intense and may involve actual simulations of evacuations. There were a lot of good lessons to come out of this exercise. One clear point made was that the State’s assumptions on evacuations would not necessarily work upstate like they did in NYC. We also did an evaluation of our local COOP (Continuity Of Operations Plan) and realized that some assumptions made in the original plan would not be effective so new strategies will need to be developed and revisions made to the COOP. Finally, an exercise was done with the CHHA involving a triage of the existing census to see how many current patients would need to be admitted to a medical facility, how many could be referred to stay with family or friends, and how many would not be in harm’s way and could still be visited after the storm dissipates. Dr. Howard mentioned that there were financial issues that surfaced after the last flood and wondered whether they had been resolved yet. Mr. Page mentioned that those same questions and issues came up during the exercise but that no answers were received yet. Mr. Page also reported that the CCHD was planning to apply for free vaccine from the NYSDOH in order to conduct an exercise whereby mass flu vaccinations are provided using the electronic management system. As a side note, Mr. Page added that a few years ago the NYS Public Health Law was changed to allow pharmacists to administer the flu vaccine. There were a total of 2,246 doses of flu vaccine.
administered by pharmacists in Chemung County during the last flu season. So that program has proven to be quite effective.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION:** With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Dr. Curran and seconded by Dr. Howard that the CCBH be adjourned until the next regular meeting of July 24, 2012. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:**
- Thomas Curran, DDS
- William G. Howard, MD
- Ken Sobel, MD
- William Roe, PE
- Paul Shore, DDS
- Paul Shore, DDS

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:**
- Mary Ann Baker, RN
- Richard Madl
- Robert Lambert, MD

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:00 PM.

**Next meeting:**
- Board of Health Meeting
- July 24, 2012 @ 7:30 PM
- Health Department Conference Room