

CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
July 24, 2007

PRESENT:	Paul Shore, DDS Christopher Friend, PhD (arrived 7:35 PM) William Roe, PE	William G. Howard, MD Mary Ann Baker, RN Thomas Curran, DDS
ABSENT:	Ken Sobel, MD	Robert Lambert, MD
OTHERS PRESENT:	Robert Page Thomas Kump, PE Terence Lenhardt, MD Jan Chytilo, American Cancer Society	Lou Ann Corsi Harry Shepard Lindsay Winters, Reality Check

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for July 24, 2007 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Minutes from June 5, 2007
3. Environmental Health Services Report for May & June 2007
4. Hearing Minutes – Angie’s Inn
5. Proposed Environmental Health Fee Schedule

Items distributed during the meeting:

6. Clinical & Home Visiting Services Report dated July 24, 2007
7. Budget Status Report for June 2007
8. Letter From Deputy County Executive Relative To Smoking Prevention
9. Dental Clinic Statistical Summary For June 2007

Dr. Howard called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Mr. Roe and seconded by Dr. Curran that the minutes of the June 5, 2007 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted. Motion approved.

AYES:	Paul Shore, DDS Thomas Curran, DDS Mary Ann Baker, RN	William G. Howard, MD William Roe, PE
NAYS:	None	
ABSENT:	Robert Lambert, MD Christopher Friend, PhD	Ken Sobel, MD

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard commented that he had nothing to add to the Budget Status Report distributed just prior to the meeting for June 2007. The Dental Clinic budget is taking a big hit this year. There were no questions for Mr. Shepard.

3. SERVICE REPORTS

- A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** – Thomas Kump had nothing to add to the May & June 2007 reports that were included in the CCBH mailing. There were no further questions for Mr. Kump.

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- B. PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING** – Lou Ann Corsi commented on the Clinic Services report dated July 24, 2007 that was distributed during the meeting. Staffing is down right now for various reasons. Programs are still running the best that they can with the resources available.
- C. DENTAL CLINIC** – Mr. Page reported that the Dental Clinic re-opened on July 16th. However, it is closed this week due to a dentist that is on vacation and a hygienist that is on medical leave. Dr. Curran voiced his distress with the staffing situation and was disappointed that this was not addressed in advance. He was under the impression that the proposed hygienist position for the Dental Sealant/Referral Program would be in place and could be used in the absence of the existing hygienist that is on leave. Mr. Page explained that the Dental Clinic has experienced a series of problems ever since the March 2007 fire. This is not an easy task to accomplish and there are many complicating factors involved. It was recently learned that the Dental Sealant/Referral Program would not be fully funded by the grant. Legislative approval locally must first be obtained followed by approval from NYSDOH. Discussion between staff and CCBH ensued regarding the procedures that need to be followed in order to get this program up and running. Dr. Howard capped the discussion with the fact that this issue will not be able to be resolved at this CCBH meeting and that all involved participants need to get together to reach some agreement on how this must proceed and work toward getting more consistent responses from the NYSDOH. Mr. Page did report that the County Legislature has given authorization to hire a full-time hygienist and that the process is already underway.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. REPORT ON RECONSTRUCTION & RE-OCCUPANCY** – Mr. Page reported that the project is actually ahead of schedule. The biggest hurdle upcoming is the telephone conversion from Building 8 of the Elmira Psychiatric Center back to the Gridley Health Center. That conversion is scheduled for August 24th with re-occupation of the Health Department tentatively scheduled for August 27th (if all goes well with the phone conversion). The new air handling unit for the facility is scheduled to be placed on July 26th. Contractors involved with this project have done an outstanding job. Sue Oliver, Clerk of the Works from Fagan Engineers, has done a remarkable job in facilitating and trouble-shooting the multiple facets of this project. All players involved with this project have worked extremely well together and the final product will be very nice. Approximately \$350,000.00 of the project will be funded as local-share and included several enhancements to the restoration project that simply made sense to do while all the other fire-related work was being performed.
- 2. TOBACCO AWARENESS COALITION PROPOSAL** – Mr. Page presented a letter from Deputy County Executive Michael Krusen to the CCBH for review and consideration. He and the County Executive were both out of town and unable to attend the meeting. The letter served as support for CCBH action to recommend that the Legislature adopt a resolution to prevent children's exposure to secondhand smoke in Chemung County public parks and playgrounds. The CCBH discussed the merit of such a resolution and appreciated the support that the County Executive's office was giving to this important endeavor.

RESOLUTION: On a motion made by Dr. Shore and seconded by Ms. Baker, the Chemung County Board of Health hereby resolves that a recommendation be made to the County Executive for presentation to the County Legislature supporting local legislation that would limit and/or prevent children's exposure to secondhand smoke in Chemung County public parks and playgrounds, including but not limited to Harris Hill, Park Station, and the Fairgrounds. This resolution also requests the County Executive to make communication with all municipalities in the County encouraging them to adopt similar measures in their parks and playgrounds. Motion approved.

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3. **DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM** – Mr. Page already discussed this topic sufficiently during the Dental Clinic report portion of the CCBH meeting.
4. **PANDEMIC FLU PLANNING** – Mr. Page referenced the guide that was distributed to the CCBH at the last meeting. The reference material included information from the World Health Organization (WHO) on global pandemic phases and the stages for Federal government response. It is believed that the decision to close schools would come from the State level of government. This could occur in waves or uniformly across the State. Other decisions that will have to be made locally include whether or not to close businesses, cancel public gatherings, and/or otherwise limit movement around the community. The Chemung County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee is prepared to develop recommendations on the actions that should be taken. The County Executive would be the primary person making the decisions. This type of emergency may require more frequent meetings of the CCBH to develop recommendations for the County Executive. All that is expected right now of the CCBH is to have an awareness of this information. This topic has not been in the media much at all of recent, but it is still considered to be a threat and our local committee continues to prepare for it.
5. **KENNEDY VALVE LEAD FUND GRANT APPLICATION** – Mr. Page reported that there has been a slight change since the last report to the CCBH on this matter. Within a matter of days prior to the deadline for submission of the proposal to the Attorney General's office, it was decided that the City of Elmira would be the lead agency for application to the State for this project. The scope and focus of this project will not change from the original proposal. The project will still involve the goal of increasing the number of children screened for blood poisoning by providing pediatrician offices with on-site testing equipment. Another part of the program will be for Environmental Health Services to provide free on-site testing of homes for lead paint hazards. There is a need for this in the community. Funding will be available to eligible applicants for remediation work if a lead hazard is identified. Even though the City of Elmira will be the lead agency, the Health Department will be providing vital support services for this project and it will cover all of Chemung County, not just the City of Elmira. It is expected that decision will be made by September 2007 as to whether we are awarded a contract to perform these services.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **NYS CENTER FOR SUDDEN INFANT DEATH** – Ms. Corsi explained to the CCBH that this program existed years ago but for some unapparent reason was discontinued. It was learned that there is currently funding available for up to three visits to persons that recently experienced the loss of a child. It is realized that this won't solve any of the problems that might be encountered in this situation, but it will help to get the people to the proper agencies that can offer further support and assistance. The NYSDOH has provided training to some of our staff. This program is already in progress and seems to be working well.
2. **HEARING: ANGIE'S INN** – Mr. Shepard discussed the minutes of the recent hearing that was held on June 27, 2007 for Angela Rocchi doing business as Angie's Inn in the Town of Southport. The nature of the violation is failure to maintain disinfection equipment on the public water supply serving her establishment that serves the public. The respondent failed to attend the hearing. The recommendation of Hearing Officer Shepard was that a fine of \$500.00 be ordered against the respondent since this is a repeat violation and because they failed to attend the hearing. The business has since closed and is no longer open for business with no intention of opening in the future. Discussion ensued relative to the respondent's ability to pay the penalty.

RESOLUTION: On a motion made by Dr. Curran and seconded by Mr. Roe, the Chemung County Board of Health hereby resolves that a fine of \$500.00 be ordered against the respondent with the condition that the penalty be suspended as long as the respondent does not operate a food service establishment. Motion approved.

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: Robert Lambert, MD Ken Sobel, MD

3. **IMMUNIZATION SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT** – Ms. Corsi reported that the 2006-2007 immunization survey results are in and are quite remarkable. It demonstrates that Chemung County is doing well in terms of making sure children are receiving the necessary immunizations.
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEE SCHEDULE** – This item was added to the agenda after the original agenda had been distributed to members of the CCBH. Mr. Kump requested that the CCBH pass a resolution adopting the recommended changes to the Environmental Health Services Fee Schedule. The last comprehensive modification to the fee schedule occurred in the summer of 2005 and this is primarily intended to keep pace with inflation so that major increases won't be needed further into the future. It was pointed out that most increases were nominal with the exception of the fee for replacement septic systems. While the fee for a replacement septic system construction permit increased by \$45.00, the fee for a new system decreased by \$10.00. This balancing of the fees is intended to get the fees to more closely cover the actual cost of performing the services. Also, a site evaluation fee is not charged for replacement septic systems.

RESOLUTION: On a motion made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Dr. Shore, the Chemung County Board of Health hereby resolves that the Environmental Health Services Fee Schedule as proposed be adopted by the CCBH and will become effective September 1, 2007 Motion approved.

AYES: Paul Shore, DDS William G. Howard, MD
Thomas Curran, DDS William Roe, PE
Mary Ann Baker, RN Christopher Friend, PhD

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Robert Lambert, MD Ken Sobel, MD

With no further business to conduct, Dr. Howard adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 PM

Next meeting:

**Board of Health Meeting
September 25, 2007 @ 7:30 PM
Health Department Conference Room**