

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 25, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Paul Shore, DDS William G. Howard, MD  
Christopher Friend, PhD Mary Ann Baker, RN  
William Roe, PE Ken Sobel, MD  
Robert Lambert, MD

**ABSENT:** Thomas Curran, DDS

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Page Lou Ann Corsi  
Thomas Kump, PE Terence Lenhardt, MD

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for September 25, 2007 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Minutes from July 24, 2007
3. Environmental Health Services Report for July & August 2007
4. Hearing Minutes – Prem’s Mobil
5. Home Visiting Services Report dated 9/18/07
6. CCBH Meeting Schedule 2008
7. Summary of Payments for Dental Services 2005-2006

Items distributed during the meeting:

8. Budget Status Report for August 2007
9. Dental Clinic Financial & Statistical Reports for July & August 2007
10. Dr. Curran’s Report on Unduplicated Medicaid Patients for Chemung County

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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Dr. Friend that the minutes of the July 24, 2007 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted. Motion approved.

**AYES:** Paul Shore, DDS William G. Howard, MD  
William Roe, PE Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Robert Lambert, MD Ken Sobel, MD  
Christopher Friend, PhD

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Thomas Curran, DDS

**2. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Harry Shepard was unable to attend the CCBH meeting due to illness. A written report was distributed just prior to the meeting. There was no further discussion on the financial report.

**3. SERVICE REPORTS**

- A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** – Thomas Kump mentioned that there were both the July & August 2007 reports included in the CCBH mailing. He also pointed out that EHS has obtained several hundred radon test kits for distribution and use within Chemung County. This is a result of a grant that was obtained from the NYSDOH to address the radon problem in the area. It is known that radon exists in certain areas of the county, specifically, in the valley areas where the soil is quite permeable. There are several approaches that can be used to

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reduce radon levels in a home. Once the weather changes and conditions are more conducive to performing radon testing, a press release will be issued to notify the public on the availability of the test kits.

- B. PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING** – Lou Ann Corsi commented on the Home Visiting Services report dated September 18, 2007 that was included in the mailing. The main focus of recent has been the TDAP clinics that have been well attended due to the new State requirements for children to be immunized in order to attend school. Other than that, all else is generally unremarkable. A question was raised about the upcoming flu season and whether plans have been made. Ms. Corsi reported that all vaccine ordered has already been received. Actually, CCHD ordered vaccine through a cooperative agreement with 7 other counties in the Western Region to assure that all our neighbors also had sufficient vaccine so that we wouldn't experience problems like in the past when there was insufficient vaccine in some counties. At this point, it is believed that the CDC will be quite liberal in their guidelines as to whom should be eligible to receive the vaccine this season.
- C. DENTAL SERVICES REPORT** – Mr. Page reported that the Dental Clinic Statistical Summaries were included in the packet provided by Mr. Shepard. He also mentioned that Dr. Curran was sorry that he was not able to attend the meeting and asked that a copy of a report (prepared by Dr. Curran) be distributed to the CCBH. According to Mr. Page, Dr. Curran does not dispute the statistical data provided in the upper portion of the page in the Dental Services Report included in the CCBH mailing, but does question the data provided on the lower half of the page. Dr. Curran's report was intended to clarify and/or correct the information provided in the prior report. Dr. Howard commented that we all have to keep in mind that the services we provide through the CCHD are dependent on the resources we have available and that the Dental Clinic is not a State-mandated program. We need to remember this as we allocate time and resources to all programs and be sure to keep focus on the priorities. One item pointed out by the statistics was the difference in what is paid to private dentists versus that paid to the Article 28 facilities in Chemung County. This has been discussed with the State in the past and they agreed that the Article 28 rates are abominable and that if something isn't done to rectify the situation it is expected that many Article 28 clinics may close. Mr. Page explained that the Dental Sealant program has been moving ahead but that the State will take about 6 months to issue an approval for the work-plan. A new hygienist has been hired in the dental clinic. However, County administration has made it quite clear that they are not willing to take on the full cost of the Dental Sealant program in the interim.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONCLUDED** – Mr. Page reported that the project has essentially been completed. A short tour of the newly renovated facility will be provided after the meeting is adjourned. Fagan Engineers provided Sue Oliver to work as the Clerk of the Works for the project and she did an outstanding job of hiring good contractors and following through on all the details needed to get the job completed in a quality manner in a very short period of time. Ms. Oliver worked closely with Mr. Kump in his role as the County Building Code Enforcement Officer to make sure that problems were addressed and that all applicable codes were being met. As of August 27<sup>th</sup>, the building was totally re-occupied even though some staff were still in the unpacking process and contractors are working on punch-list items. The overall cost of the project is approaching the \$2 million mark. Approximately \$350,000 of that was County-share for items that were not directly related to the fire. The big-ticket item was replacement of the air handling unit. Dr. Howard remarked that the CCBH owes a big thanks to the staff and leadership of the CCHD for all their efforts throughout this entire effort.
- 2. SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IN COUNTY PARKS** – Mr. Page suggested that Dr. Friend report to the CCBH on the recent legislative action relative to smoking restrictions in county-owned parks. Dr. Friend reported that the Chemung County Legislature is overwhelmingly in support of the smoking ban and will most likely propose even more stringent measures in the future. Mr. Page said that the ban is due to take effect November 1<sup>st</sup> in the three county-owned parks. There will be a designated smoking area at each site. Dr. Howard questioned if there was anything further that the CCBH should do to make sure that more initiatives are addressed. Mr. Page and Dr. Friend both agreed that there is nothing further that the Board needs to do at this point as there was a lot of support by the Legislature. Dr. Friend believes that this topic will certainly be revisited after the budget is passed. Dr. Howard suggested that we contact the Elmira Psychiatric Center to receive guidance from them on how they were so successful in implementing a "smoke-free campus" at their facility.

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3. **DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM GRANT** – Mr. Page already discussed this topic sufficiently during the Dental Clinic report portion of the CCBH meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **ELMIRA HEIGHTS TCE SOIL VAPOR INTRUSION** – Mr. Kump explained to the CCBH that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has been working in the Horseheads/Elmira Heights area on investigating whether soil vapor intrusion is a problem in any of the homes near an inactive Superfund site. While all the on-site remediation at the Facet/Purolator site has been completed, the USEPA is revisiting former sites to conduct testing of nearby homes. Several homes were tested in December 2006 and March 2007 and they did detect TCE (trichloroethene) in a few of the homes. Due to this finding, they decided to expand the testing area and solicit the cooperation of about 200 homeowners in that area. A Public Availability Session (PAS) was held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Edison High School. Representatives from the NYSDOH and the NYSDEC were on hand as well as the DEHS. A webpage on the Department’s website was created to provide additional information to concerned residents. Mr. Kump said that he will keep the CCBH updated as he learns any more information on this investigation.
2. **HEARING: PREM’S MOBIL** – Mr. Shepard was not able to be present at the meeting, but prepared a summary of the hearing as well as his recommendation to the CCBH relative to the case against Prem’s Mobil regarding an alleged sale of tobacco to a minor. Mr. Shepard’s recommendation was to levy a fine against Prem’s Mobil in the amount of \$1,000. A Stipulation Offer was issued to Prem’s Mobil for \$500. The respondent declined the Stipulation Offer and requested a hearing. Although there were several unfortunate circumstances presented by the respondent at the hearing, Hearing Officer Shepard felt that the main focus of the case is whether tobacco was sold to a minor. The evidence presented by all parties convinced Mr. Shepard that a violation occurred and that a suitable penalty should be assessed based on the fact that this is not the respondent’s first violation of this particular law.

**RESOLUTION:** On a motion made by Ms. Baker and seconded by Dr. Shore, the Chemung County Board of Health hereby resolves that a fine of \$1,000.00 be ordered against the respondent for selling a tobacco product to a minor. Motion approved.

**AYES:** Paul Shore, DDS William G. Howard, MD  
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Robert Lambert, MD Ken Sobel, MD  
Christopher Friend, PhD

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Thomas Curran, DDS

3. **AWARD TO CCBH FROM STTAC** – Mr. Page presented an award to the CCBH on behalf of the Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition (STTAC) in recognition of their initiatives to prevent smoking in Chemung County.
4. **CCBH MEETING SCHEDULE** – Mr. Page pointed out that a schedule for the upcoming year was included in the mailing for information purposes so that members can mark their calendars.

With no further business to conduct, Dr. Howard adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 PM

**Next meeting:**

**Board of Health Meeting  
December 4, 2007 @ 7:30 PM  
Health Department Conference Room**