

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
March 22, 2011**

PRESENT:	Kenneth Sobel, MD Paul Shore, DDS	Thomas Curran, DDS Robert Lambert, MD
ABSENT:	William Roe, PE Mary Ann Baker, RN	Richard Madl William G. Howard, MD
OTHERS PRESENT:	Robert Page Harry Shepard Rosemary Anthony, RN	Linda Swarthout, RN Karen Lower, RN Terence Lenhardt, MD

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for March 22, 2011 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Minutes from January 25, 2011
3. Budget Status Report through February, 2011
4. Environmental Health Services Reports for January & February, 2011
5. Dental Clinic Statistical Report
6. Hearing Report For Citgo Service Station

The following items were distributed at the meeting:

7. CHHA/PEIP/WIC Report

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2011 MEETING

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Dr. Lambert and seconded by Dr. Curran that the minutes of the January 25, 2011 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted. Motion approved.

AYES:	Robert Lambert, MD Paul Shore, DDS	Thomas Curran, DDS Kenneth Sobel, MD
NAYS:	None	
ABSENT:	William Roe, PE Richard Madl	Mary Ann Baker, RN William G. Howard, MD

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard commented that the Budget Status Report was distributed to the CCBH in prior to the meeting. He noted that the report is final for 2010 and that the books will be closed. He pointed out that actual expenses were down approximately \$400,000 while revenue was down about \$200,000 compared to budget.

3. SERVICES REPORTS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – Thomas Kump was unable to attend the meeting due to the annual conference of Environmental Health Directors. Dr. Curran inquired what prompted the enforcement action on smoking for the VFW, and Mr. Shepard responded that it was probably in response to a complaint about an indoor smoking violation. Dr. Curran also commented on the excellent report from NYS Health Department on the Comprehensive Water Program Review, and he commended Lindsey Brown and the EHS staff for their work.

B. PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING & CLINICS –Mrs. Lower reviewed clinical and CHHA visit activity. She noted that CHHA visits continued to be higher in January and February than the monthly average in 2010, and therapy visits in particular were higher, which is a good indicator of increased visit revenues. CHHA visits are also up due to stability in staffing over the past 6 months and better productivity overall. PEIP visits so far in 2011 have increased slightly over 2010, while WIC enrollment is down slightly although still meeting its targeted enrollment goal.

C. DENTAL SERVICES REPORT –There were no questions or comments regarding the Dental Services Report. Dr. Curran informed the Board that it was expected that most Medicaid clinics will be transitioning to managed care over the next few years.

OLD BUSINESS--There were no Old Business items.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CREATING HEALTHY PLACES GRANT PRESENTATION--Linda Swarthout, Public Health Educator for CCHD, and Rosemary Anthony, RN from Arnot Ogden Medical Center, presented a slide show on the "Creating Healthy Places" grant for which AOMC is the lead agency with a coalition of more than 40 community partners, including the County Health Department. This grant is a successor to the "Eat Well, Play Hard" grant and the "Capacity Building Grant" (Katie Leary Park Project). Objectives of the grant are to promote physical activity and to increase access to and consumption of fruits and vegetables in an effort to prevent obesity and Type 2 diabetes. The grant funding is approximately \$175,000 per year for 5 years. Community partnerships are essential to the success of the grant in meeting its objectives, and a very cohesive, dynamic group of 40 community partners are currently working on projects with more partners expected to be added in the future. Grant projects for 2011-2012 include:

- Rehabilitate, improve and promote two selected parks in Elmira (McKinnon Park and Miller Pond Park);

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- Increase accessibility to these two parks and improve pedestrian safety around the parks;
- Establish three sustainable community gardens in Elmira;
- Recruit two or three restaurants in Elmira to add healthier menu items, appropriately sized portions, and other innovations to promote healthier choices in dining.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HEARINGS--Mr. Shepard reported to the CCBH that a hearing was held on March 16 with a representative from the Citgo gas station on East Church Street in Elmira for a violation involving sale of a tobacco product to a minor. A stipulation offer of \$350 fine was made to the operator who declined the offer and requested a hearing. There was no challenge to the facts presented regarding the sale, but the operator wanted an opportunity to express his opinion about the incident. As hearing officer, Mr. Shepard recommended that a fine of \$350 be imposed.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Dr. Lambert and seconded by Dr. Sobel that a fine of \$350 be imposed on the East Church Street Citgo gas station. Motion approved.

AYES:	Kenneth Sobel, MD Robert Lambert, MD	Paul Shore, DDS
NAYS:	None	
ABSTAIN:	Thomas Curran, DDS	
ABSENT:	William Roe, PE Mary Ann Baker, RN	William G. Howard, MD Richard Madl

3. COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS REPORT – Mr. Page informed the CCBH that the University of Wisconsin "County Health Rankings" report would be released to the public on March 30, 2011. It is anticipated that Chemung County will be among the lower ranked counties in overall health. He will distribute a copy of the report to CCBH members by email next week.

RESOLUTION: With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Dr. Curran and seconded by Dr. Lambert that the CCBH be adjourned until the next regular meeting of May 24, 2011. Motion approved.

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AYES:	Robert Lambert, MD Paul Shore, DDS	Thomas Curran, DDS Kenneth Sobel, MD
NAYS:	None	
ABSENT:	William Roe, PE Mary Ann Baker, RN	Richard Madl William G. Howard, MD

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting: **Board of Health Meeting
May 24, 2011 @ 7:30 PM
Health Department Conference Room**