

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
January 28, 2014**

PRESENT:	Gregory Schultz, MD Robert Lambert, MD	Richard Madl Ken Sobel, MD
ABSENT:	Mary Ann Baker, RN Paul Shore, DDS	William G. Howard, MD James Gensel, PE
OTHERS PRESENT:	Robert Page Melissa Klossner John Varga, DVM	Thomas Kump, PE Rosemary Anthony, RN John Barry

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for January 28, 2014 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2013
3. Environmental Health Services Report for December 2013
4. Financial Report through December 2013
5. Dental Services Report for November & December 2013
6. CHHA 3rd Quarter 2013 Financial Report
7. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Report – December 2013
8. Composition of Board of Health Correspondence
9. Hepatitis Case Statistics – State & Local

The following items were distributed at the meeting:

10. Statewide Influenza Surveillance Report – January 23, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, Immediate Past President Dr. Robert Lambert called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 3, 2013 MEETING

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Dr. Sobel and seconded by Mr. Madl that the minutes of the December 3, 2013 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted as presented. **Motion approved.**

AYES:	Gregory Schultz, MD Robert Lambert, MD	Richard Madl Ken Sobel, MD
NAYES:	None	
ABSENT:	Mary Ann Baker, RN Paul Shore, DDS	William G. Howard, MD James Gensel, PE

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Page mentioned that the Budget Status Report through December 31, 2013 was distributed to the CCBH prior to the meeting. He commented that everything has been business as usual. From an accounting presentation point of view, we are still in fiscal year 2013 and will be until the early to middle part of March 2014 when the books will officially be closed for 2013. The accounts are currently reflecting revenue less than budgeted, but expenses are also coming in under budget. By the time that the year is finalized, it will be pretty close to break even. There were no further questions for Mr. Page.

3. SERVICES REPORTS

- A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** – Thomas Kump mentioned that the report for December 2013 was included in the mailing to BOH members in advance of the meeting. A question was raised regarding whether the bats at St. Joseph's Hospital were being found inside the building. Mr. Kump reported that they were. He also noted that the administration and staff at the hospital have been providing the utmost cooperation and have sought guidance from EHS. A comment was made about the child with the high blood lead level. Mr. Kump reported that the child recently was tested with an even higher level and had to be admitted to a hospital in Rochester for chelation. EHS and PS worked closely with the physician as well as DSS Child Protective Services to assure that the child was not placed in any further danger. The child is currently in lead-free foster care until a more permanent housing solution can be found. There were no further questions for Mr. Kump.
- B. CHHA UPDATE & CLINIC ACTIVITIES** – Melissa Klossner commented on the 3rd Quarter 2013 CHHA Financial Report that was distributed to the CCBH prior to the meeting. The statistics show a marked improvement in the efficiencies of the CHHA. Mr. Page commented that credit for the improvement goes to both the management and staff in the CHHA. A consultant has been contacted to review whether therapy services for the CHHA could be improved to provide further economic efficiencies. In response to a question from the CCBH, Ms. Klossner stated that they have been accepting all the appropriate admissions. She also spoke on the most recent Weekly NYS Influenza Activity Report. Most of the 27 confirmed cases in Chemung County have been Type A. There were no further questions for Ms. Klossner.
- C. DENTAL SERVICES REPORT** – Mr. Page mentioned that there were two reports distributed in the CCBH mailing for Dental Services including the November & December 2013 reports. Activity at the clinic has been pretty consistent and unremarkable. He reported that they have been working with the Rochester Primary Care Network (RPCN) on turning over operation of the dental clinic. The Network seemed intrigued with the concept of this clinic as this is currently an

underserved area of the Western Region. The RPCN would have a much better Medicaid reimbursement rate than what our clinic has at more than twice the rate. The concept involves the RPCN contracting with Chemung County for our current dentist and dental hygienist. That would continue until they both hit their retirement dates in 2014. The next step is for the RPCN Board to meet and provide direction to the RPCN Executive Director on how to proceed. At the present time, if this concept does not materialize, there is not currently a “plan b” for addressing the dental clinic. All we can do is take it one step at a time. There were no further questions for Mr. Page.

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARD MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION - Mr. Page referred to the correspondence that was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting relative to the composition of the CCBH. Based on current NYS Public Health Law, the Board of Health must have 8 members, unless modified through local law based on the wording of the County charter. Mr. Page has been working with the attorney for the County Legislature to set in motion the appropriate actions so that the CCBH membership can be increased to 10 members. This will provide for more diversity on the CCBH as well as creating the potential for reaching a quorum for scheduled meetings. At this point, Dr. Gregory Schultz has filled the position vacated by Dr. Thomas Curran.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PRESENTATION ON OPIATES, HEPATITIS, & SYRINGE EXCHANGE – Mr. Page introduced John Barry who is the Executive Director of the Southern Tier AIDS Program. Mr. Barry discussed the content of the handouts that were provided to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. He discussed the prevalence of use/abuse of opiates in our County as well as particulars on what is involved with a syringe exchange program (SEP). Statistics were provided on the number of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) cases in Chemung County compared to other neighboring counties. According to comments by Mr. Barry, HCV is much easier to transmit than HIV. There were a lot of questions and comments throughout the presentation. Mr. Barry explained that in order for the STAP to apply for funding in the future, the true extent of the problem needs to be documented. He is seeking financial assistance from the NYSDOH to conduct a needs assessment in the form of a community survey. He requested the endorsement of conducting the survey from the CCBH.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Dr. Sobel and seconded by Dr. Lambert that the CCBH endorse the concept of the STAP conducting a needs assessment in Chemung County to determine the extent of the problem related to opiate use and abuse as well as the prevalence of persons infected with HCV. **Motion approved.**

AYES:

Gregory Schultz, MD
Robert Lambert, MD

Richard Madl
Ken Sobel, MD

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NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mary Ann Baker, RN
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2. COMMENDATION FOR DR. CURRAN– Mr. Page initiated discussion among the CCBH regarding the issuance of a formal commendation to Dr. Thomas Curran who served the CCBH and the community as a whole for several years. The timing at the December meeting did not allow for an appropriate acknowledgement of Dr. Curran’s dedicated service.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by the Board as a whole, and seconded by the Board as a whole, that Dr. Thomas Curran be commended for his selfless dedication to the Chemung County Board of Health, the Chemung County Dental Clinic, and the community over the more than 25 years that he has been a member of the Chemung County Board of Health. His tireless and passionate efforts to promote dental health, not only in Chemung County but throughout New York State, have been remarkable. His compassion and commitment to dental health issues, especially for children, have distinguished him across the State as a leader and advocate for dental health issues. Dr. Curran’s services as a member and officer of the Board of Health and his years of volunteer work as oral surgeon for the Dental Clinic make him highly deserving of recognition from the Chemung County Legislature. The Board of Health respectfully recommends to the County Executive and Legislature that a special resolution of commendation and appreciation should be issued to Dr. Curran. **Motion approved.**

AYES: Gregory Schultz, MD
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NAYES: None

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3. BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE REPORT – Mr. Page discussed the report that was provided to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. The NYSDOH conducts periodic surveys of residents’ opinions and attitudes toward personal health issues and compiles the data. Mr. Page suggested that the CCBH review the material and then plan on discussing at the next CCBH meeting. Ms. Anthony pointed out that one has to be cautious in comparing reports from year to year. A different data collection methodology has been used most recently, so the current report can only be compared to reports from 2011 and forward.

ADJOURNMENT

