

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
May 22, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Gregory Schultz, MD William G. Howard, MD  
Mari Delaney, DVM Rosemary Anthony, RN  
Mary Ann Baker, RN

**ABSENT:** Joseph Brennan Kevin Wicks, DDS  
James Gensel, PE Ken Sobel, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** Peter Buzzetti III Tom Kump  
Harry Shepard Lisa Buckley, RN  
Rebecca Becraft, RN Terence Lenhardt, MD

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for May 22, 2018 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2018
3. Director's Report May 22, 2108
4. BOH Financial Report May 22, 2018
5. Environmental Health Services Report for April 2018
6. Public Health Dept. Report For May 22, 2018
7. CHHA Report May 22, 2018
8. Lead Coalition Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2018
9. POD Summary Report
10. Resolution for Dr. Lambert
11. Introduction to Liquid Nitrogen infused desserts

**CALL TO ORDER**

CCBH President Dr. Gregory Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Quorum established.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 10, 2018 MEETING**

Minutes of BOH April 10, 2018 meeting reviewed.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Howard and seconded by Mary Ann Baker that the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted as presented. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Gregory Schultz, MD William G. Howard, MD  
Rosemary Anthony, RN Mari Delaney, DVM  
Mary Ann Baker, RN

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Joseph Brennan Kevin Wicks, DDS  
James Gensel, PE Ken Sobel, MD

## **2. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. Harry Shepard stated the 2017 report is now complete. We are now a few months into the new budget year. The report reflects a 6 week lag on bills. Expenses are reflected as of the end of February. No questions.

## **3. SERVICES REPORTS**

**A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** – Tom Kump provided the EHS report for April 2018. No questions or discussion. He also reported receipt of the annual tick surveillance letter from NYSDOH. Of the ticks collected in Chemung County, approximately 40-46% were positive for Lyme. There is a marked increase in Anaplasma detected in ticks- 20% of nymphs and 10% of adults were positive. Mari Delaney, DVM also reported that she is seeing this reflected in lab tests done in her veterinary practice.

**B. PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS REPORT** – Rebecca Becraft provided a report that was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. There was an investigation of a confirmed measles exposure in an international traveler who dined at Old Country Buffet on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM. Employees were required to show proof of adequate vaccination prior to return to work. No subsequent cases of measles were reported at the end of the incubation period.

**C. HOME HEALTH AGENCY REPORT** – Lisa Buckley provided a report in advance of the meeting. One RN resigned in May and will be replaced by a per diem RN with home care experience. The CHHA nurses participated in the county POD held on April 26, 2018. The re-hospitalization rate is down from 25% to 19.4%. The state average is 16.7%. Timeliness on initiation of care has improved. The CHHA is working with the transition care team at the Arnot.

**D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – A resolution has been submitted to the legislature in recognition of Dr. Lambert's service on the BOH. Mr. Buzzetti expressed his appreciation of the efforts of staff and the community agencies for their participation in the POD. Staff were enthusiastic. We were able to identify strengths and weaknesses of our plan. Mr. Buzzetti discussed the EHS transition plan as Tom Kump retires this month.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Lead Coalition**

Pete Buzzetti updated the Board on the progress of the Lead working group. A decision has been made to break the group into committees with a public advocacy, housing and financial focus in order to set specific goals. The committees will also have an educational

component to form a consolidated message. The Health Dept. website and Facebook page are being updated with current information. The partnership between WIC and Public Health continues as children are being referred for lead testing after their WIC appointment. To date, thirty tests have been done from WIC referrals in 2018. Mr. Buzzetti reported on a meeting held in March between the Health Dept., DSS, the Fraud Dept., Elmira City Code and EHS. They have begun collaborating to improve housing standards. They plan to meet quarterly.

## **2. POD**

Mr. Buzzetti presented the final POD statistics. We met our goal of hourly throughput. A total of twenty-one different organizations participated and were vital to the success of the POD. There were no technical issues that day. We are fortunate to have two interns this summer and they will inventory the POD trailers and supplies.

## **3. BOARD REPLACEMENT**

Dr. Schultz has contacted Dr. Brian Cassetta to inquire of his interest in Board membership and he is willing. Dr. Shultz recommends Dr. Cassetta to replace the empty Board position.

**RESOLUTION:** Motion made by Rosemary Anthony that Dr. Cassetta be nominated to replace the vacant Board position. Seconded by Dr. Howard. All in favor. Pete Buzzetti will notify the legislature of the nomination. **Motion approved.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. “Dragon’s Breath” liquid nitrogen frozen dessert**

Mr. Buzzetti presented information from the annual state directors of environmental health conference regarding a new fad food item that is being sold to consumers at fairs and carnivals called Dragon’s Breath. Food items are soaked in liquid nitrogen and ingested to simulate ‘breathing smoke’. Discussion of the dangers, especially to children if the residue is swallowed. Tom Kump states some counties are requiring a HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Plan) prior to permitting. Discussion.

**RESOLUTION:** Dr. Howard made a motion for Chemung County to ban the use of liquid nitrogen used for consumers in novelty snack form. Seconded by Mari Delaney. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

### **2. Increasing Number of Board of Health members**

Dr. Schultz discussed the possibility of increasing the number of Board members by one person. This would facilitate establishing a quorum and also provide membership for future succession. Dr. Schultz suggested increasing the number from 10 to 11 members. Pete Buzzetti stated this is possible under Public Health Law. Inquiries will be made by Dr. Schultz. Suggestion made to change the current meeting time. Discussion.

**RESOLUTION:** Motion made by Mary Ann Baker to change the BOH meeting time from 7:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Seconded by Mari Delaney, DVM. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

**3. Electronic Death Registration System**

Harry Shepard states that Phase II for the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) covering unattended deaths and coroner cases begins in June. Death certificates must be filed within 72 hours. The program has been going very well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Howard and seconded by Mary Ann Baker that this meeting of the Chemung County Board of Health be adjourned. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Gregory Schultz, MD William G. Howard, MD  
Rosemary Anthony, RN Mari Delaney, DVM  
Mary Ann Baker, RN

**NAYES:** None

**ABSENT:** Joseph Brennan Kevin Wicks, DDS  
James Gensel, PE Ken Sobel, MD

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

**Next meeting:** **Board of Health Meeting**  
**July 24, 2018 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Health Department Conference Room**