

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Sept 25, 2018**

PRESENT: Ken Sobel, MD William G. Howard, MD
Joseph Brennan Brian Cassetta MD
Kevin Wicks, DDS James Gensel, PE
Rosemary Anthony, RN Mary Ann Baker, RN

ABSENT: Gregory Schultz, MD Mari Delaney, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Buzzetti III Harry Shepard
Rebecca Becraft, RN Lisa Buckley, RN

STAFF ABSENT: Terence Lenhardt, MD

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Board of Health Agenda for September 25, 2018
2. Board of Health Minutes July 24, 2018
3. Board of Health Financial Report September 25, 2018
4. Environmental Health Services Report for July-August 2018
5. Professional Advisory Minutes September 2018
6. Director's Report for September 25, 2018
7. Chemung County Board of Health By-Laws draft
8. FDA Advises Consumers to avoid eating Nitrogen infused desserts

CALL TO ORDER

CCBH Meeting called to order by Dr. Ken Sobel at approximately 6:00 PM. Quorum established.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 24, 2018 MEETING

Review of minutes of BOH July 24, 2018. No questions or comments.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Mary Ann Baker to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Rosemary Anthony. All in favor. The minutes of the July 24, 2018 Board of Health meeting approved and accepted. **Motion approved.**

AYES: Ken Sobel, MD William G. Howard, MD
Joseph Brennan Brian Cassetta MD
Kevin Wicks, DDS James Gensel, PE
Rosemary Anthony, RN Mary Ann Baker, RN

NAYES: None

ABSENT:

Gregory Schultz, MD

Mari Delaney, DVM

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Harry Shepard presented the report for financial activities that was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. Revenues and expenditures are within 1% of 2017 through August 31st. Financial report reviewed by board members. No questions.

3. SERVICES REPORTS

- A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** – Two reports for EHS were submitted for July and August 2018 and sent to BOH members in advance of the meeting. Pete Buzzetti reported for EHS as acting Director. Pete reports a vacancy for one Sanitarian. The projected replacement for EHS Director is doing well and outperforming expectations. Pete is confident in his ability to handle the position. Pete was invited to a governor’s workgroup on Tick-Borne diseases last week. A newly identified Asian Longhorned tick has been found in New York State. It is currently considered to be a greater threat to livestock than to humans. The Chemung County Health Dept. website will be updated with the most current information about ticks. One board member questioned what the term adulterated meant on an Enforcement report. Adulterated means contaminated.
- B. PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS REPORT** – Rebecca Becraft provided a report that was distributed to the CCBH in advance of the meeting. Rebecca reported that the 2017 Lyme disease statistics are now available. Chemung County had 115 confirmed and probable Lyme disease cases reported last year. STD rates are up nationally and in New York state. The CDC reports a steady increase in rates nationally for the past four years.
- C. HOME HEALTH AGENCY REPORT** – Lisa Buckley provided a report that was provided in advance of the meeting. The agency is currently down three full-time RN’s. Recruiting RN’s is difficult due to the entry level pay. The pay scale is determined per NYSNA Union contract. The contract is due to be renewed next year. Lisa reports that rehospitalization rates spiked from May to July but came down significantly below that national average in August after some proactive measures. NYSACHO has started a work group for Home Health Agencies to evaluate and improve services. Lisa will be participating in this work group. Lisa will be traveling to Albany this week for a conference on Emergency Preparedness in Home Health Agencies.
- D. WIC** – The WIC report was submitted within the Professional Advisory Report of Sept. 2018. E-WIC will be starting in October 2018. Benefit cards will be issued instead of checks. The WIC office has implemented a texting system to contact

parents. It is working out well. Staff can both send and receive texts to notify parents of appointments.

E. DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Pete Buzzetti, Public Health Director submitted a Director’s report for September 25, 2018 prior to the meeting. The FDA has issued an advisory to consumers regarding nitrogen infused desserts. These items were banned in our county. No requests for permits have been received. Other counties in NYS have joined Chemung County in banning the permitting of these items. The Lead Coalition is planning on applying for a HUD grant to make funds available for improvements to homes to make them lead safe. The tentative plan is to have the grant application ready by June 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tobacco 21

STTAC presented to the legislature on August 27, 2018 regarding Tobacco 21. It was very well received with many questions and positive feedback. STTAC has compiled a spreadsheet of other localities that have implemented T21 laws in NY State. Most have written their own laws. Some have added a local certification component. One other possibility is to make changes to the current county ATUPA law.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Revision of By-laws

Proposed BOH by-laws were reviewed by members. Change number of members from 10 to 11 voting members. Also, a quorum shall be the presence of at least 5 of the voting members of the Board.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Dr. Howard to approve the revised by-laws dated Sept. 25, 2018. Second by MaryAnn Baker. All in favor. Motion approved.

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NAYES: None

ABSENT:	Gregory Schultz, MD	Mari Delaney, DVM
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2. Conducting ATUPA compliance checks at exclusively electronic cigarette sales facilities

Pete Buzzetti explained that although E-cigarettes are included in the current ATUPA law, yearly compliance checks are not specifically required for electronic cigarette sales. The law gives the county the latitude to conduct such compliance checks but it does not state that such checks must be done yearly. EHS would like to conduct yearly compliance checks for vendors of electronic cigarettes.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Rosemary Anthony to support yearly compliance checks for vendors of electronic cigarettes in Chemung County. Seconded by Dr. Howard. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

3. Other

A board member inquired about the issue of mold in schools. Pete Buzzetti explained that there is no specific code for mold. That problem is addressed through property maintenance codes. EHS is able to do a visual inspection. They also have a sling psychrometer that can measure relative humidity. EHS has not received any complaints about schools. The public may contact EHS with concerns. Complaints are anonymous.

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:	Ken Sobel, MD Joseph Brennan Kevin Wicks, DDS Rosemary Anthony, RN	William G. Howard, MD Brian Cassetta MD James Gensel, PE Mary Ann Baker, RN
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NAYES: None

ABSENT:	Gregory Schultz, MD	Mari Delaney, DVM
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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 PM.

Next meeting: **Board of Health Meeting
December 4, 2018 @ 6:00 PM
Health Department Conference Room**