

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
Jan 28, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Gregory Schultz, MD Mari Delaney, DVM  
Kevin Wicks, DDS Brian Cassetta, MD  
James Gensel, PE Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Rosemary Anthony, RN

**ABSENT:** William G. Howard, MD Joseph Brennan  
Ken Sobel, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** Peter Buzzetti III Jonathan Keough  
Rebecca Becraft, RN Lisa Buckley, RN  
Terence Lenhardt, MD

**STAFF ABSENT:** Kyle Wieder

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Board of Health Agenda for Jan. 28, 2020
2. Board of Health Minutes for Dec. 3, 2019
3. BOH-Financial Report for Jan. 28, 2020
4. Environmental Health Services Report for November, December 2019
5. Professional Advisory Committee Minutes for January 2020
6. Director's Report for Jan. 28, 2020
7. MMWR Update of E-cigarette or Vaping Product Use
8. Coronavirus Fact Sheet

**CALL TO ORDER**

BOH Meeting called to order by Dr. Mari Delaney, DVM at approximately 6:00 PM.  
Quorum established.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR Dec. 3, 2019 MEETING**

Review of minutes of BOH meeting Dec. 3, 2019.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Jamie Gensel to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Dr. Schultz. All in favor. The minutes of the Dec. 3, 2019 Board of Health meeting approved and accepted. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Gregory Schultz, MD Mari Delaney, DVM  
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James Gensel, PE Mary Ann Baker, RN  
Rosemary Anthony, RN

**NAYES:** None

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## 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Peter Buzzetti reviewed the financial report for 2019. The 'percent elapsed' of 91.67% indicates that there are still some pending financial claims for 2019. No questions or comments.

## 3. SERVICES REPORTS

- A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** – The report for EHS was submitted for November and December 2019 inclusive and sent to BOH members in advance of the meeting. Jonathan Keough, Environmental Health Director reported for EHS. Jonathan provided rabies statistics for the past five years for comparison. The number of animals vaccinated at rabies clinics was very similar to last year. Enforcement actions are lower and this will be discussed later in the meeting. There has been an increase in lead case inspections as expected, especially within the 14901 and 14904 zip code areas. Work continues on the Legionella investigation, primarily collecting data.
- B. PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS REPORT** – Rebecca Becraft provided a report that was distributed to the BOH in advance of the meeting. An Emergency Preparedness drill will be conducted on Friday Jan. 31, 2020 at the Health Dept. This will test our ability to receive shipment of pallets of medication, track inventory and distribute to PUSH POD sites. The Public Health nurses will be conducting educational meetings for local providers to increase use of Expedited Partner Therapy in patients who test positive for chlamydia. Cancer Services data for 2019 has been completed and there were a total of thirteen new breast and colorectal cancer diagnoses identified through the program.
- C. HOME HEALTH AGENCY REPORT** – Lisa Buckley provided a report in advance of the meeting. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has initiated a new reimbursement model called PDGM as of Jan. 1, 2020. This will reduce the billing cycle to 30 days. It will require more detailed coding and specific diagnoses. Training is ongoing with this new payment model. Increased rates for all home care services were approved by the Legislature and went into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. The Home Health agency remained at a 5 star rating for Quality of Patient Care and Patient Satisfaction from CMS. They continue to be the leading home care agency not only in Chemung County but in New York State.
- D. WIC** – The WIC report was submitted within the Professional Advisory Report of November 2019. Peter Buzzetti reported that the WIC outreach location at the Human Resources Building was not well attended this past year. The WIC Director is looking to explore new sites in 2020, possibly one on the Southside of Elmira and one in Horseheads.

#### **4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Peter Buzzetti, Public Health Director, submitted a Director’s report for January 2020 prior to the meeting. A new Public Health Law allows adoptees aged 18 or older to receive a copy of their pre-adoption birth certificate as of Jan. 15, 2020. Chemung County residents making requests to Vital Records will be referred to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) office to process these requests. This is due to the lack of possession of the documents necessary to process these requests.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Influenza Update**

There has been an early, rapid rise in Influenza cases this season starting in late December 2019. There are a greater number of cases than usual at this time. Case rates continue to rise. There have been almost equal numbers of Type A and Type B reported. The trivalent and quadrivalent vaccines are protective against H1N1 and B/Victoria strains that have been predominant this season.

##### **2. Enforcement Process presentation**

Jonathan Keough presented an overview of enforcement actions used at food service establishments by Environmental Health Sanitarians. He detailed the levels and categories of violations, including ‘Red’ critical violations and ‘Blue’ violations. The primary focus is to gain compliance through education. Sanitarians will offer additional education with no associated fees. Enforcement is progressive and meant to be fair and consistent. As a result of these efforts, the EHS office has seen less critical violations overall and less enforcement actions. There has been discussion regarding mandating standardized training for food workers.

##### **3. Vaping Ban and E-cigarette or Vaping product use-Associated Lung Injury (EVALI)**

Peter Buzzetti referenced the MMWR ‘Update on Product, Substance-Use, and Demographic Characteristics of Hospitalized Patients in a Nationwide Outbreak of E-cigarette, or Vaping Product Use’. Of the respondents, 82% reported using THC-containing products. The findings in the report are subject to several limitations including lack of information about product substances.

##### **4. Novel Coronavirus**

Peter Buzzetti gave a presentation on the Novel Coronavirus to BOH members. First identified in December in Wuhan, China, this is a rapidly evolving situation that is changing daily. This coronavirus strain is spread through respiratory secretions and can cause fever, cough, shortness and pneumonia. Travelers from Wuhan, China entering the U.S. are being evaluated for illness. To date, five cases have been identified in the U.S. The Health Dept. is closely monitoring the situation.

