

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
June 2, 2020**

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Buzzetti III Jonathan Keough
Rebecca Becraft, RN Lisa Buckley, RN

STAFF ABSENT: Kyle Wieder Terence Lenhardt, MD

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Board of Health Agenda for June 2, 2020
2. Board of Health Minutes for Jan. 28, 2020
3. Professional Advisory Committee Minutes for May 2020
4. General COVID-19
5. General Infection Control

Mr. Buzzetti announced this meeting will be held via Webex and will be livestreamed through the county's livestream technology. The meeting will be saved to the Chemung County website at chemungcountyny.gov

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR Jan. 28, 2020 MEETING

Review of minutes of BOH meeting Jan. 28, 2020.

RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Jamie Gensel to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Mary Ann Baker. All in favor. The minutes of the Jan. 28, 2020 Board of Health meeting approved and accepted. **Motion approved.**

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

2. SERVICES REPORTS

A. PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS REPORT – Rebecca Becraft provided a report that was distributed to the BOH in advance of the meeting. All Public Health programs and clinics have been suspended since the middle of March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our response has been entirely focused on follow-up of positive patients, case investigations and contact tracing. Data has been collected and reported daily. Staff from other county offices were enlisted to assist with the efforts. To date we have had a total of 110 positive patients in Chemung County. We are currently in the process of planning for the reopening of Public Health clinics. Discussion held regarding criteria for testing and how it has become more readily available. Discussed the cost of testing. Insurance should reimburse for testing based upon the diagnosis code used.

B. HOME HEALTH AGENCY REPORT – Lisa Buckley provided a report in advance of the meeting. The Home Care Agency updated the Infection Control Plan to include COVID under the Droplet Precautions. A separate COVID-19 Response Plan was written. These policies were reviewed and approved by the Professional Advisory Committee and Dr. Lenhardt. Dr. Howard questioned if smallpox should be included in the policy as it has been eradicated from the world. After discussion, it was agreed to include it as part of crisis planning. Suggestion to add COVID-19 under Contact Precautions also.

RESOLUTION: Motion made by Dr. Howard to accept the Infection Control Plan and the COVID-19 Response Plan as written with the pending change under Contact Precautions. Second by Jamie Gensel. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

Lisa Buckley commended the Home Care staff for participating in swabbing of nursing home staff at Elcor and making home visits to provide care for COVID positive patients in the community.

D. WIC – The WIC report was submitted within the Professional Advisory Report of May 2020. The state has extended WIC services remotely until the end of June. This makes it easier for many families to update their benefits and has proven to be successful. It is still an option to see clients by appointment in certain instances. Dr. Howard asked if there will be any consideration for remote services to continue in the future to reduce the no show rates. Mr. Buzzetti has not gotten any specific guidance but would not be surprised if tele-options were incorporated in future plans.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Update

Peter Buzzetti gave an update on COVID-19 to BOH members. We were initially publishing data reports twice a day and now have been able to reduce to once daily as the volume slowed down. To date there have been over 6600 tests with 110 positive cases. A graph of data over time reflects that the 16th of April was most likely the apex with nine new cases in one day. We have seen a lower volume of new cases in the past few weeks. There have been a total of eleven new cases in the past month. The NYS COVID-Tracker is an online resource for data. We are part of the Southern Tier Region. Metrics must be met per region for reopening. A description of the metrics for reopening are on the NY Forward website. We are hoping to meet all the metrics for Phase 3 and 4. The County Executive has been supportive of the Health Dept. and Public Health staff. We still need to be cautious and use social distancing, face masks and handwashing. We are anticipating a Wave 2 and actively planning for it.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 PM.

Next meeting: **Board of Health Meeting**
July 28, 2020 @ 6:00 PM
Health Department Conference Room