

**CHEMUNG COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
July 24, 2012**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Thomas Curran, DDS William G. Howard, MD Mary Ann Baker, RN	William Roe, PE Paul Shore, DDS Richard Madl
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robert Lambert, MD	Ken Sobel, MD
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Robert Page Harry Shepard Terence Lenhardt, MD	Thomas Kump, PE Melissa Traub

Prior to the meeting the CCBH received the following:

1. Agenda for July 24, 2012 CCBH Meeting
2. CCBH Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2012
3. Environmental Health Services Report for May & June 2012
4. Hearing Officer Report – Queen City Elks Lodge
5. Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey

The following items were distributed at the meeting:

6. Budget Status Report through June 30, 2012
7. Dental Clinic Reports for May & June 2012
8. Revised Agenda for July 24, 2012 CCBH Meeting
9. CHHA Statistics through June 30, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Roe called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2012 MEETING**

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Curran and seconded by Ms. Baker that the minutes of the May 22, 2012 Board of Health meeting be approved and accepted as presented. **Motion approved.**

<b>AYES:</b>	Thomas Curran, DDS William G. Howard, MD Mary Ann Baker, RN	William Roe, PE Paul Shore, DDS Richard Madl
<b>NAYS:</b>	None	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robert Lambert, MD	Ken Sobel, MD

## **2. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Harry Shepard mentioned that the Budget Status Report through June 30, 2012 was distributed to the CCBH just prior to the meeting. Mr. Shepard noted that he has returned to the old version of the report with a few minor revisions in contrast to the report that was provided at the May 2012 meeting. There were no further questions for Mr. Shepard.

## **3. SERVICES REPORTS**

**A. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** – Thomas Kump mentioned that the reports for May and June 2012 were included in the mailing to BOH members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Kump also informed the CCBH of an ongoing investigation into a near-drowning that had occurred on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Horseheads Village Pool. The victim was a 5-year-old female that was at the pool with the Broad Street Summer Cohesion (SC) group. The pool was staffed as per the minimum requirements of the NYS Pool Code. There were also at least 4 counselors from SC present at the pool. Around 12:30 PM a pool lifeguard noticed a child floating face-down in the water. He attempted to get the attention of the child with no success. He alerted his guard colleagues that he was going in for a rescue which then prompted the rest of the guard staff to evacuate the pool. The child was unconscious and unresponsive upon first contact by the guard. The victim was removed from the pool and CPR was immediately commenced upon the child victim by 2 of the pool lifeguards. The emergency communications (9-1-1) center was called and EMT's arrived shortly thereafter. The child was revived and transported to Arnot Ogden Medical Center, but was later transferred to a hospital in Rochester. Because the SC group claims that they are a "drop in" program, they were not under a Subpart 7-2 Children's Camp permit that is issued by the County Health Department. Mr. Kump then provided a summary of the investigation of the incident that was being conducted by EHS. He also reported that a conference call had been held with the Western Regional Office of the NYSDOH which had recommended that the SC swimming activities should be suspended temporarily while a review of swimming supervision and procedures was conducted. NYSDOH also expressed its position that SC should be classified as a children's camp subject to Subpart 7-2 regulations, and EHS staff agreed, based on the description of the SC program as it is known to EHS staff. Without actually taking a vote on the matter, unanimous consent of those present was in agreement with NYSDOH's recommendations to suspend swimming activities temporarily and reconsider whether the program should be under permit as a children's camp. On an unrelated matter, a question was raised from the EHS Highlights Report as to why such a large percentage of the high risk food service establishments had already been inspected in comparison to the targeted goal for the medium and low risk establishments. Mr. Kump explained that high-risk establishments are required to have two inspections per year whereas the other establishments are only inspected once per year. Therefore, the majority of the high risk establishments should have been inspected at the mid-point of the year because they will be expected to be

visited again before the end of December. There were no further questions for Mr. Kump.

**B. CHHA UPDATE & CLINIC ACTIVITIES** –Melissa Traub reported that there was a report for CHHA Statistics through June 30, 2012 distributed just prior to the meeting. They are once again back up to full staffing. She said that they currently have one of their staff go to each of the hospitals one day per week as a means of attempting to increase our census. Dr. Curran voiced a concern that there are a lot of acronyms on the Statistical Report and wondered if it was possible to spell out some of the acronyms so that there was less confusion about what it all meant. Ms. Traub agreed to try to make that happen. There were no further questions for Ms. Traub.

**C. DENTAL SERVICES REPORT** – Mr. Page mentioned that there were two reports distributed just prior to the meeting for Dental Services for May & June 2012. He said that there was a good chance that the dental clinic could be impacted by the managed care program that is expected to be up and running later this year. On the issue of the Dental Sealant Program, Mr. Page reported that the program could be affected by the major changes coming this fall in the Elmira City School District (ECSD) with regard to the elementary schools configurations. Dr. Curran offered an update on the status of the Dental Sealant and Dental Certificate Programs. Dr. Curran made numerous attempts to get something set up in ECSD this fall with little success. So no activity in ECSD is expected until after the first of the calendar year at the earliest. However, there have been discussions with both the Horseheads School District and the Elmira Heights School District to see if it was possible to spend the first semester in those schools. Discussions will continue to pursue those options. There were no questions for Mr. Page.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**1. UPDATE ON BLOCK GRANT FOR SEPTIC AND WELL SYSTEMS** – Mr. Page stated that the County Health Department, with the assistance of Arbor Housing & Development is applying for a grant to assist low-income property owners with replacement of failing septic systems or faulty private drinking water supplies. The application is due by the end of July and grant awards will not be made until later in 2012. It is important to point out that much of the legwork has already occurred with regard to obtaining legislative approval and conducting public hearings. So if it is learned that we were successful in obtaining the grant, we will be that much farther ahead in the process of implementing the grant program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. HEARING REPORT FOR QUEEN CITY ELKS LODGE** – Mr. Shepard stated that a hearing was held at the request of Queen City Elks Lodge in response to a Notice of Violation that was issued to them for failing to keep and utilize a proper thermometer for measuring the temperature of potentially hazardous foods as well as for violations for

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room temperature storage of potentially hazardous foods. Mr. Shepard reported that the respondent failed to attend the hearing even though they had specifically requested a hearing in writing. Shortly after the hearing Mr. Shepard received a call from Queen City Elks asking about the hearing. It seems there was a breakdown in communications or a simple misunderstanding on the part of the Lodge. A \$200 Stipulation Offer was issued and declined by the facility. Based on the nature of the violations and the fact that this group is a not-for-profit, Mr. Shepard suggested to the CCBH that for the procedural violation, that a provisional dismissal of the fine be made if the operator agrees to have at least 5 of its kitchen volunteers attend a training at the EHS offices within 30 days of notice by EHS or else pay a penalty of \$150, and for the equipment violation, that a provisional dismissal of the fine be made if the operator agrees to purchase a thermocouple digital thermometer approved by EHS within 30 days of notice by EHS or else pay a penalty of \$150.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Howard and seconded by Ms. Baker that the recommendations of the hearing officer against Queen City Elks Lodge be approved and accepted as presented. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Thomas Curran, DDS William Roe, PE  
William G. Howard, MD Paul Shore, DDS  
Mary Ann Baker, RN Richard Madl

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Robert Lambert, MD Ken Sobel, MD

**2. BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SURVEY** – Mr. Page discussed a document that was submitted to the CCBH in advance of the meeting that was the results of a Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. He said that it was purely informational at this point in time. He recalled the Community Health Rankings report that was released earlier in the year. This is a follow-up to that report. A different survey technique was employed and it will be comprised of more recent data. That report is expected to be released at some point in the next month or so. A copy will be provided to the CCBH as soon as it becomes available.

**3. MEDICAL STAFF PRIVILEGES** – Mr. Page reported that a recent survey by NYSDOH of the Communicable Disease Clinic at the CCHD showed a few deficiencies that the Department is expected to correct or show progress toward correction prior to a re-survey in the near future. Supposedly a patient came to the Clinic for an exam and was referred to another provider due to a mistake in following an outdated policy on the treatment of pregnant patients. From that misunderstanding, the Clinic was informed by NYSDOH of the need to enhance the supervision and availability of credentialed professionals or substitutes for times when the primary credentialed professional is not available. Mr.

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Page requested that the CCBH consider approval of privileges for Dr. Corbalan, who currently has privileges at the Chemung County Nursing Facility as well as the local hospitals. Discussion of privileges for Jennifer Wagner, NP occurred, but after consideration of the type of credentials she possessed, no recommendation was made for Ms. Wagner at this time.

**RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Curran and seconded by Dr. Shore that medical staff privileges be granted to Francisco Corbalan, MD for the Chemung County Health Department. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Thomas Curran, DDS William Roe, PE  
William G. Howard, MD Paul Shore, DDS  
Mary Ann Baker, RN Richard Madl

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Robert Lambert, MD Ken Sobel, MD

**4. WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNIZATION** – Pertussis (Whooping Cough) has been getting a lot of national media attention as the number of cases this year has seen a dramatic increase. This could be due in part to the lack of adult booster vaccinations. The Department had a supply of vaccine from last fall that was still current and thus decided to schedule some clinics to provide the vaccine on a first-come, first served basis until the vaccine was depleted. There are no plans to re-stock the vaccine once the existing supply has been used up. There seemed to be a lot of people that showed up for the clinic that was held at the Department this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION:** With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Dr. Curran and seconded by Dr. Howard that the CCBH be adjourned until the next regular meeting of September 25, 2012. **Motion approved.**

**AYES:** Thomas Curran, DDS William Roe, PE  
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Mary Ann Baker, RN Richard Madl

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Robert Lambert, MD Ken Sobel, MD

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The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 PM.

**Next meeting:**

**Board of Health Meeting  
September 25, 2012 @ 7:30 PM  
Health Department Conference Room**