Chautauqua County Board of Health
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Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
Location: HRC Bldg., 4th floor conference room, Mayville
Scribe: Sherri Rater

ATTENDENCE:

BOH Members	P/A	BOH Members	P/A	Others Present	Title
Dr. Erlandson	P	Elisabeth Rankin	P	Jay Young	
Dr. Khan	P	Natasha Souter	A	Nan Jones	
Dr. Kidder	P	Dr. Tallett	P	Wayne Jones	
Dr. Ney	P	Mark Tarbrake	P	Kenneth Dahlgren	Tobacco Free Chautauqua Cattaraugus Allegheny
Andrew O'Brien	A			Bree Agett	Epidemiologist, HHS

Others Present	Title		
Christine Schuyler	Secretary, Public Health Director, HHS	Shelly Wells	Public Health Planner, HHS
Mark Stow	Director of Environmental Health, HHS		
Sherri Rater	Scribe		

Call to order	The meeting was called to order by President Tom Erlandson at 6:01 p.m.
Recognition of Dr. Roland Hewes	Dr. Roland Hewes has stepped down from the Board of Health after 51 years of service to the Board. Chautauqua County is honored to recognize Roland Hewes, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) for his exemplary volunteer service on the Board of Health of the Chautauqua County Health District from August 9, 1968 to January 17, 2020. Dr. Hewes was also presented with a Chautauqua County Certificate of Appreciation signed by County Executive PJ Wendel.
Privilege of the Floor	None
Approval of November 21, 2019 Minutes	Tallett made a motion to approve the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes, 2nd by Tarbrake. All in favor; motion carried.
Review of Bylaws	The bylaws were reviewed. The only significant change is that in 2019 the Legislature did approve the increase in size of membership from nine members to up to 11 members. There were three areas that needed updated with number of members and the number for a quorum. Tallett made a motion to accept the bylaws as amended. Kidder 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.
Election of Officers	Our current President is Dr. Erlandson and our current Vice President is Dr. Ney. Both have served for two consecutive years and are eligible to serve for one more year. Tarbrake made a motion to keep Dr. Erlandson and Dr. Ney on as President and Vice President respectively. Khan 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.

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Code of Ethics Training	The 2020 code of ethics training sheet was signed off on by members present at the meeting.
Financial Disclosure Affidavit Reminder	Please complete and submit the 2020 financial disclosure affidavit and mail to the County Executive's Office by the April 30, 2020.
Agreements to Settle Review	Agreements to settle were reviewed. There were six violators who failed to submit bacteria test results, one who failed to collect a third quarter disinfection byproduct sample, and six violators who failed to submit monthly water reports.
Community Health Improvement Plan	Schuyler, Bree Agett and Shelly Wells gave an overview of the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. This has been a project that has taken extensive amounts of time and resources. The Assessment and Plan are used county and state wide for a variety of projects and help us to get a good handle on what is really going on with the health of our community. The Assessment provides information on the County's demographics like poverty, gender, school districts, income levels, health conditions, disease rates, morbidity and mortality rates. The plan was made in conjunction with many community partners based on the three top priority areas that were selected for our County. The full documents can be viewed on our website. A big focus is on working with community partners and planning with programs already established in the community. We have a total of 20 goals within categories of preventing chronic disease, promoting wellbeing, preventing mental and substance abuse and promoting healthy women, infant and children. In addition there are 33 interventions, which are initiatives we are working on under the guidance of the state. To help us, we are working with 23 partner agencies and organizations. There are a lot of great initiatives out there that are evidence based, so instead of creating new programs, we are working with our partners to see how we can improve upon what we are already doing in order to meet the core needs of our community. Some partnership examples are: **Chautauqua Leadership Institute** – Partners brought together to address maternal substance use and children who are suffering as a results of prenatal substance exposure. There are 17 partners involved in this initiative from local government, hospitals, doctor's offices, pediatricians, mental health providers and providers of child services. The goal is to educate the community about the need to screen infants and children young to assess learning and development needs early, before school is the best time to intervene and to intervene universally. **Chronic Disease** with a goal of increasing access to health and affordable food and beverages – Erie 2BOCES , Chautauqua County Health Network, Cornell Cooperative Extension are working together to implement programs within schools. Core groups include the ICE8 Program, SNAP Ed curriculum for youth, and interventions that are promoted through the Creating Healthy Schools Grant. **Board of Health** initiative which is pursuing a local tobacco retail licensing law in conjunction with Tobacco Free Chautauqua Cattaraugus Allegheny. So there are a lot of different initiatives. Ken Dahlgren of Tobacco Free adds that he works with Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegheny Counties and states Chautauqua County should be commended for their work, especially since Bree Agett has come along. A lot of the effectiveness is due to how seriously Chautauqua County takes this process. These programs are woven

	into each other. It's not something that is worked on every few years; they are continually working on it. Erlandson: How do you do it with such a small staff? Wells: We just split it up and start. As exhausting as it was, at first I thought we would never be done but at the end you really have a great picture of the community. Some counties only have three goals, where Chautauqua County has 20. Ney: If you only had time for three goals which would they be? Wells: Nutrition, mental wellbeing and the maternal, infant, and child health. Schuyler: Being able to integrate social services and health increased the strength of our partnership. This integration is unique to Chautauqua County and so that really gives us a leg up.
Old Business: Farmer's Mill, Sherman, NY	Stow: The Farmer's Mill rat report was submitted. The County worked in collaboration with the Village of Sherman to successfully complete this project. The good news is there were less rats than what we thought. There were slightly under 100 kills which may not account for some that were cannibalized or may have gotten scooped up with the rotting feed. It turns out these rats have been around for many years and the Mill workers just dealt with them. It's no surprise that when the Mill closed the population went unchecked. Clearly it was a public health nuisance and it needed to be addressed by this body and clearly if no action was taken it would have mushroomed into a much larger problem. The Village took care of removing the feed from the building once the rats were taken care of. Regarding repayment to the County, we take first position for recouping money from the Mill in their bankruptcy proceeding.
Old Business: Tobacco Policy Update	Dahlgren presented the Board with seven existing laws that other counties in NYS have in place which include restrictions on retailers near schools, local licenses that must be renewed annually and are not transferable. Others state all tobacco must be sold at full retail price. Dahlgren indicates that the Reservation is abiding by the federal tobacco 21 law. There was discussion that something should be done at the local level and we should set the standard high. Dahlgren: A good starting point is to distance retailers from schools. Most officials will agree to something that will prevent access to kids. Schuyler: If we are going to do it we need to look at the data again and tailor a local law or sanitary code amendment that truly is tailored for the needs of our county to make a difference. We have enough data to support that and the legislature hopefully will see that. There is a state law on the table to restrict pharmacies from selling tobacco and flavored vaping products. If this goes into effect the State will be responsible for enforcing that. There are currently no local restrictions on tobacco retailers. Retailers must obtain a state permit, but nothing at the local level. Schuyler: We have to look at nicotine and the addiction. We are fighting addiction at every turn in our community and it's starting with nicotine. It gets our kids so hooked. When the clean indoor air act was created years ago, it was to protect employees. At that time it was determined that a non-smoking bartender in a smoking bar smokes an equivalent of 26 cigarettes in an 8 hour shift. Today a Juul cartridge delivers as much nicotine in one cartridge as 20 cigarettes. Half of our high school kids are vaping. Now that addictive part of their brain has been triggered and so when the alcohol and opioids come into play these kids are even more vulnerable. Kids are getting all that

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	nicotine in intense amounts at a much earlier age than they used to. Kidder: Do vaping products require a separate license? Dahlgren: Since December, retailers must have a license to sell vaping products. Stow: ATUPA violation range is $350 to $1500. Dahlgren: If you have local licensing, you can set the fines up to $2000 at the cost of enforcement based on the expense to the department. Kidder: I think we should set the standard high. For example, when two businesses close then only one permit is renewed. Dahlgren states that parents think if they get their kids to vape they won't start smoking, but that is just not true. Khan: Based on the information that Ken Dahlgren has presented to us, I think that Newburgh, NY's tobacco policy is a very proactive one and that we should take a look at. Erlandson: Should we put together a standing committee? Perhaps we should table that for the next meeting.
Old Business: Lead Screening Levels Update	Stow: Since October we have had 40 new lead cases which put us at about 120 a year if we continue at these rates. Before the new regulations went into effect, we typically would have about 12 cases in one year. Needless to say our workload has increased exponentially. With that we have hired one additional sanitarian and one technician to assist. We are pulling out the old cases to get them cleared and so we can move onto our new workload. Lisa Schmidtfrerick-Miller submitted the following written report that was given by Stow: 1. The WNY NY Lead Poisoning Prevention Resource Center is working with providers in Chautauqua County to increase testing rates in health care practices. 2. HHS Staff are participating in Lead Task Force at Jamestown Public Schools. 3. We've stepped up our efforts with organizations serving children including WIC and Chautauqua Opportunities. 4. We continue to educate community stakeholders on the issue of childhood lead poisoning and how to prevent it. Khan: Lead remains a challenge. Since October 2019 Insurances will not reimburse 100% for in house finger prick lead testing. The only way to get insurance to pay is to do a venous draw which is required for confirmation. The problem is you don't get the test results back until the next day, after the patient has left the office. Much discussion was had about how the finger prick is not as reliable as a venous draw, but using the finger prick method with the machine in the office allows for instant results.
Old Business: Wind Energy	Erlandson: A letter was sent to towns from the Board of Health with recommendations regarding industrial wind turbines. Have we had any response from the towns? Schuyler: We have not had any response. Erlandson: We have had requests from other counties wanting to know what we sent, but nothing from the towns. Kidder: What are our other options? Erlandson: We had some other options but right now nothing has been done. Perhaps we will know more at the next meeting.
Director's Report: Christine Schuyler	**<u>Coronavirus</u>** We have been inundated with preparing for the novel Coronavirus. There are no confirmed cases in NYS and no one is under surveillance in Chautauqua County. One of the main responsibilities is the requirement for isolation and quarantine. People traveling from China are being funneled through 11 airports in the Nation, two of which are

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	near us - JFK and Newark. Anyone coming in is screened and will be isolated within their home county. We will be notified by State Health, border patrol and/or the CDC. We will have to assess the person's residence and provide necessary supports depending on the level of risk which will determine whether or not we need to physically see the person, make food arrangements, separate bedrooms, bathrooms. If someone is being isolated for the 14 day incubation period there are no restrictions on their family members as long as there is no exposure. If someone's household is not appropriate then it is up to us to find a place for people to be able to be quarantined. We are working on that. There is new guidance for schools and health care providers. State commissioner calls were had on Saturday and Sunday. There are counties as close as Allegheny that have had to quarantine and monitor. We are hopeful that we are now passed the point of international students coming back from Christmas break. Businesses have already stopped travel to China by any of their employees. We are as prepared as we can be. Everything is in place other than a few details like where to shelter quarantined patient if their home is not suitable. Another option is to move family members to other housing so that the person needing quarantined can stay in the home. There are two cruise ships that are quarantined. Hopefully more people are aware of the preventative measures like hand washing, covering your cough, etc. What's deadly about Coronavirus is the Pneumonia that can come after. **New Electronic Medical Record** We are in process of implementing a new electronic medical record, Medent. It is for the Public Health Clinic and Jail. This is the first for the Jail to have anything but paper files. This is a huge improvement. **Coroner Program** We have a new coroner Ken Haley, who will serve on a part time basis. One of our full time coroners has reduced his hours to part time so no additional FTEs were created. **Consolidated Monitoring Review** NYS Department of Health comes in the week of 5/11/20 for their consolidated monitoring review. They used to come at different times throughout the year to review individual programs, but now they all come together and so they will be here the entire week reviewing the Health Division as a whole. **Buprenorphine** Agett – we are very close to inducting new patients with buprenorphine in the jail. We are finalizing policies and procedures for correctional health staff to begin treating new patients and not just patients coming in with a script from an outside provider. **Jail** The Jail population as at about 150 inmates and about 50 of those are federal inmates. Bail reform has decreased the jail population greatly. The justice system needs reform, but Schuyler does not feel that increasing federal inmates in the county jail is a good solution. The reimbursement rate the federal government pays to house an inmate per day is not worth the actual cost and the associated cost of putting these criminals into our local jail population.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Dr. Tallett. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.
Future Meeting Dates	March 19, 2020; May 21, 2020; July 16, 2020; September 17, 2020; November 19, 2020

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