

Chautauqua County Board of Health
MINUTES

Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:00 p.m.
Location: HRC 4th Floor Conference Room, 7 North Erie Street, Mayville, NY 14757
Scribe: Hannah Abram
YouTube Live Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6-qQ-HZ9ic>

ATTENDANCE:

BOH Members	P/A	BOH Members	P/A	Others Present	Title
Dr. Faulk*	E	Dawn Columbare	P	Jessica Wuerstle	Environmental Health Director
Matt Hanley	P	Kenneth Dahlgren	P	Dr. Berke	County Physician
Rick Ketcham	P	Dr. Kidder	P	Hannah Abram	Administrative Aide, Board of Health Scribe
Dr. Khan	P	Dr. Krahn	P		
Lacey Wilson*	P	Dr. Pender	P		
<i>*non-voting member</i>		Legislature Proctor	P		
		Mark Tarbrake	P		

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Khan.
Privilege of the Floor	none
Approval of 7/18/24 Minutes	Krahn made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction (an error of who seconded a motion). 2 nd by Ketcham; all in favor; motion carried.
New Business: Agreements to Settle	Agreements to settle were reviewed. As usual, there were several public water supply violations. These are facilities failing to submit their monthly water report. There were three Enforcement Plan violations. The violations were made by a facility who sold a tobacco product to an individual under the age of 21. No action needs to be taken at time.
Old Business: Sanitary Code	The Human Services Committee members have expressed interest in supporting updates to the local Sanitary Code to improve health, safety, and protection. It was requested that the Board read and review the code to begin the updating process. A few hard copies were available at the July meeting, a PDF copy is available on the county website. It was recommended that a goal be made in 2025 to form a committee consisting of both the Environmental Health division and the Board of Health to review and begin the process of updating the code. A copy of the Erie County Sanitary Code was provided at the meeting as a reference to the Board.
Director's Report:	<u>New York Alerts:</u> Recently in the North County there was a water main issue that was monitored by the Environmental Health Division. Environmental Health sent out an alert through a NYS subscription platform

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called New York Alerts which allows authorized users to send out alerts to amplify awareness of certain issues happening within the community. The Environmental Health team then followed up in proper protocol with a full press release of the situation.

Jamestown "Encampments"

The Health Department has been in a number of meetings with partner agencies and the City of Jamestown about there is a lot of community and coalition work happening around this subject matter. The United Ways of Chautauqua County are helping to facilitate a community, stakeholder approach to understanding the underlying issues that are contributing to this issue. The Health Department has not been at the forefront of this issue, as it is a City Code Enforcement initiative, but has been providing technical assistance to Jamestown's Division of Planning and Development.

Overdose Fatality Reduction

There has been a 51% reduction of overdose fatality within the county so far this year, as compared to last year. It was noted that 70-80% of overdose deaths include a stimulant. New York State is at a 13% reduction and there is a 10% reduction nationally.

Community Health Improvement Plan/Community Health Assessment 2025

NYS has re-designed the template and procedural standards to improve its "usability" and applicability. It aims to improve alignment with hospital assessment requirements. Chautauqua County will be due to comply by December 2025. Proper sampling and distribution of the surveys will be prioritized in 2025 as well as updates to the Sanitary Code, which was discussed under Old Business.

Pediatric Dental Services Update and Next Steps

The Health Department staff (Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany), Dr. Pender, Senator Borrello, and County Executive Wendel attended a virtual meeting with the Dean of UB Dental School. The Dean and support staff did pledge to work with the Health Department to ensure that service continues to be provided to our communities. Adjustments and improving efficiency will be prioritized.

Strategic Planning & 2025 Budget Preparations

In 2025, an abbreviated version of the Department's strategic plan, developed by the Public Health Director with the assistance of division leaders, will be presented to the Board. The priority areas within this plan will include:

Staffing – A proposed increase for Early Intervention 'Case Manager (Health)' positions.

NYS Public Health Fellowship Program – Four Fellows have started their work at Chautauqua County in four different priority areas. They will be working with the County for two years. Their services are no cost to the county, they are completely salaried through NYS. The Health Department is very excited and looking forward to working with the Fellows.

	<p>Lead Rental Registry - There is an estimate of approximately 6 NYS funded staff to be added to the Lead Rental Registry. Spacing is limited on the 4th Floor for the Health Dept. Additional space will be looked into to by working closely with community partners and DPF to help accommodate the new staff.</p> <p><u>Funding Updates</u> There are two main sources of funds that come into the county, one source is OASAS funds that are made available through the Local Government Unit (Mental Hygiene) and the second is Attorney General funds. JUUL Settlement Funds will also be coming to Chautauqua County. These will mostly be funneled through school districts and BOCES. County Contractor, Steve Kilburn will be presenting more on this topic, and on the development of a Prevention Plan, prioritizing primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention interventions at the next Board of Health Meeting.</p>
Other:	<p>RAM Remote Area Medical offered free dental and vision care for anyone who attended their event.</p> <p>The list for the 2025 Board of Health Meeting dates was requested to be distributed at the November meeting.</p>
Adjournment:	<p>Khan made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm.</p>
Future Meeting Dates	<p>January 16, 2025; March 20, 2025; May 15, 2025; July 17, 2025; September 18, 2025; November 20, 2025</p>

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