

Chautauqua County Board of Health  
MINUTES

**Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** HRC Bldg., 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Mayville  
**Scribe:** Sherri Rater

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>BOH Members</b>	<b>P/A</b>		<b>P/A</b>	<b>Others Present</b>	<b>Title</b>
Tom Erlandson	P	Mark Tarbrake	P	Dr. Berke	County Physician
Dr. Tallett	A	Dr. Ney	P	Christine Schuyler	Public Health Director/Secretary
Dr. Hewes	P	Dr. Khan	P	Kristen Wright	Assistant County Attorney
Natasha Souter	P			Bill Boria	Environmental Health, Senior Water Resource Specialist
				Sherri Rater	Administrative Assistant to Public Health Director
				Breeanne Agett	Epidemiology Manager
				Wendy Douglas	Director of Patient Services

<b>Call to order</b>	The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Erlandson at 6:00 p.m.
<b>Privilege of the Floor</b>	None
<b>Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2017</b>	Minutes were approved by Mark Tarbrake, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ney, all in favor.
<b>New Board Member</b>	Today we welcome Dr. Tariq Khan as our newest member to the Board of Health. Dr. Khan is a pediatrician in Jamestown.
<b>Election of Officers</b>	Dr. Ney nominated the current Vice President, Tom Erlandson for president. Mark Tarbrake moved to nominate Dr. Ney for the position of Vice President. Motion approved by Dr. Hewes, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Natasha Souter, all in favor. Christine Schuyler notes that we are still waiting for the County Executive to appoint a representative member of the legislature, preferable someone from the Human Services Committee. We should have a nomination next month.
<b>Review of Bylaws</b>	A few changes were suggested with the most significant being from article II, section I. After much discussion it was agreed to some minor changes. A motion was made to accept the totality of the bylaws as revised by Natasha Souter, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Mark Tarbrake, all in favor. A copy of the revised bylaws has been attached to the minutes.

<p><b>Agreements to Settle</b></p>	<p>Bill Boria reviewed the agreements to settle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section one, Violation of Par 5-1, Section 5-1.5(b) Table 11 of the NYS Sanitary Code Respondent as supplier of public water, failed to submit results of Microbiological Minimum monitoring requirements for the said public water supply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were five violations all of which settled.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section two, Violation of Part 5-1, Section 5-1.72 of the New York State Sanitary Code – respondent, as supplier of public water, failed to submit results of Chlorine monitoring for said public water supply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were six violations, all of which settled</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Establishments have to report drinking water on a regular basis by monitoring disinfection levels daily and submit them monthly. Establishments also have to monitor for bacteria and have to monitor monthly or quarterly depending on the size of the business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section three, Violation of Article 13-E, Section 1399, of the New York State Public Health Law – in that the respondent permitted indoor smoking of cigarettes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was one establishment found in violation and it has settled.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Section four, Article III, Section 1 of the Sanitary Code of the Chautauqua County Health District – respondent accepted transfer of property without the examination and issued certification by the Public Health Director, for the water supply and/or sewage disposal system serving the property. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were eleven. Seven have settled and four will be personally served with paperwork.</li> <li>○ There are about 500 property transfers per year. The number of violators is low considering the volume of transfers that Chautauqua County incurs on an annual basis. Boria explains that the Department is currently notified by searching the property transfers from the County Clerk’s tax maps and comparing them to water sewage surveys. Most of the transfers that go unreported are cash or land contract deals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>We recently had a frequent offender that was not paying his fines. The offender is a property owner who rents subsidized housing. The subsidized housing is paid to him through the Fiscal Division of the Department. We entered an agreement with the offender to use his subsidy to pay down his fines. This is a unique way that the Department has found to collect funds owed from violators.</p>
<p><b>Director’s Report</b></p>	<p>-Schuyler reports on the current Public Health vacancies. In Environmental Health we have one sanitarian, a public health technician and one clerical position that are in the process of being refilled. Nursing is still hiring for the jail. Currently the Nursing Division has two part time RPNs and one LPN to fill as well as one resource assistant and a clerk.</p> <p>-We received a two year extension to our Family Planning grant. The NYSDOH stated this is due to uncertainty at the federal level. They want to see us increase volumes at our own Family Planning Clinics. New this year, we are permitted to subcontract for some of the clinical services and this will help us build sustainability throughout the community.</p> <p>-We have become a Health Home Care Coordination Provider for children within our Early Intervention Program. By doing this, we will receive a considerably higher pay rate than what we receive for EI Service Coordination alone. This is necessary especially when working closely with children in foster care.</p> <p>-State Budget: Despite efforts by NYSACHO to increase Article 6 Public Health State Aid and base grants,</p>

	<p>Governor Cuomo has proposed to maintain Article 6 Public Health State Aid at 36% of salaries (no fringe benefits) and maintain base grant amounts. The Governor's proposal is to take 30 separate line items and put them into four categories which would be disease prevention, maternal child health, health workforce and health outcomes and advocacy programs and then cut it by 20%. Last year our public health programing was cut by 20%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Printed copies of the Sanitary Code were distributed. The Sanitary Code is available to view on our website as well.</li> <li>-Wendy Douglas reports that state grants have been cut consistently by 10-20% and deliverables are uphave only increased. We are being asked to do more with less.</li> <li>-Current funding for our Maternal and Infant Health Programs through NYS DSRIP is slated to decrease or be eliminated. The programs are critically important and other sources of funding will be sought.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Open Floor</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Bill Boria reports that Governor Cuomo has allocated \$65M to address harmful algae blooms in 12 lakes in the state. Chautauqua Lake is one of those lakes. Initially \$500,000 will be allocated to each lake to develop an action plan for harmful algae blooms.</li> <li>- Boria reports that Environmental Health needs to update its GIS computer system that stores nearly 18,000 records because the old GIS application is no longer available. The original quote was \$100,000 to purchase the software. A plan was developed with our County IT department to develop a program using internal staff that will allow us to upgrade for around \$30,000, saving the county \$70,000.</li> <li>-Boria updated the Board on sewer projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-There will be an extension to the south and center sewer district that runs from Goose Creek to just past Stow which will include a number of private septics, one large campground and other commercial facilities. \$7.5M is needed in grant funds for this project. So far we have secured \$5M. If the remaining \$2.5M is not secured in 2018, the \$5M already secured may be lost.</li> <li>-Chautauqua Lake wastewater treatment plants which include South and Center, Chautauqua Institution, North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District and Chautauqua Heights Sewer District are investing \$17M into upgrading their plants.</li> <li>-Findley Lake has voted down the formation of a sewer district so we are moving aggressively into our mandatory septic system inspection program in this area.</li> <li>-The Town of Ripley will get funding to extend sewers from Shortman Road to Route 5 to the PA state line. It will pick up a number of private homes, a campground and other businesses. Erlandson adds that there is a health benefit to public sewerage in that we are eliminating the possible risk to homeowners from contaminating their or their neighbor's drinking water with private septic. Berke adds that there is an economic benefit as it could attract new homes and businesses to come to the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Breeanne Agett gave a presentation on STDs tracked by NYS. Currently NYS tracks syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. Chautauqua County's syphilis rates are lower than average. We ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in gonorrhea and in the 4<sup>th</sup> quartile among the state. Chlamydia is the second most common communicable disease in the county that's reportable to New York State. We see about 503 cases a year on average. We saw a 32% increase among 15-19 year olds from 2010-2016 and a 186% increase among 30-39 year olds during the same time period. Frewsburg, Dunkirk and Jamestown schools more than doubled their rates. The burden of Chlamydia is among females; however our male population has a higher rate of Chlamydia than the rest of the state. NYS DOH looked at Chlamydia infections in children ages 10-19 from 2012 -2014 in school district throughout NYS. For</li> </ul>

	<p>each school district they compared the rate of Chlamydia among females ages 10-19 in school districts throughout the state with the state average. In our county there are three schools that have more than doubled the number of expected cases. Frewsburg, Dunkirk and Jamestown had at least twice the number of expected cases of Chlamydia among females. Forestville, Falconer, Southwestern, Cassadaga Valley and Silver Creek had a rates ranging from 120-200% increase of expected cases. Schuyler notes that this data is compelling and states that within the past two weeks the Department has been in contact with Dunkirk, Jamestown and Falconer schools to discuss the data and brainstorm initiatives to prevent the spread of disease. All three districts are very receptive to being proactive. Dr. Khan indicates he feels the disease may be spreading more due to an increase in females having multiple male partners at one time. It was noted that Dunkirk, Jamestown, Falconer, Frewsburg and Westfield schools all have higher pregnancy rates. Dr. Khan states the pregnancy rates are not as high as the STD rates. Much discussion was had regarding sex education in the schools. Dr. Berke indicates that in 1982 Chautauqua County ranked third highest in the state for teen pregnancy. At that time programs were implemented and the rates dropped. Since then there has been less of a push and the Project Know project is outdated, therefore contributing to the increase in unprotected sexual activity. Discussion was had regarding Hepatitis C and the correlation of that with the ongoing drug epidemic. Dr. Berke indicates that most of the positive Hepatitis C cases that he sees in his office are linked to drug use. Concerns were discussed regarding early pregnancy screening for Hepatitis C and drug use in an effort to prevent infection of Hep C to the newborn and to try to get help for the patient so that they can overcome their drug addiction and allow their newborn to have less complications and withdrawal symptoms at birth. Schuyler will draft a recommendation for the board to review recommending providers test prenatally early on for Hep C and drug use and that all women and newborns be tested again at the hospital at time of delivery.</p> <p>-The Board also recommended that staffing levels be maintained as critical public health work must be done and we must have the workforce to do it. A letter of recommendation for the County Legislature to maintain staff at its current level will be drafted by Schuyler.</p>
<p><b>2018 Board meeting dates</b></p>	<p>April 19, 2018, July 19, 2018 and October 18, 2018</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Natasha Souter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Khan @ 7:58 p.m.</p>