

Chautauqua County Board of Health  
MINUTES

**Meeting Date/Time:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** HRC Bldg., 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, Mayville  
**Scribe:** Sherri Rater

**ATTENDANCE:**

BOH Members	P/A		P/A	Others Present	Title
Tom Erlandson	P	Mark Tarbrake	P	Dr. Berke	County Physician
Dr. Tallett	P	Dr. Ney	A	Christine Schuyler	Public Health Director/Secretary
Dr. Hewes	A	Dr. Khan	P	Mark Stow	Director of Environmental Health
Natasha Souter	P	Elisabeth Rankin	A	Breeanne Agett	Epidemiology Manager
				Sherri Rater	Administrative Assistant to Public Health Director
				Eric Zavinski	Reporter, Jamestown Post Journal

<b>Call to order</b>	The meeting was called to order by President Tom Erlandson at 6:02 p.m.
<b>Privilege of the Floor</b>	None
<b>Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2018</b>	Minutes were approved by Dr. Tallett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Khan, all in favor.
<b>Agreements to Settle</b>	Mark Stow reviewed the agreements to settle. Most of the agreements to settle are for people operating without a permit. We did have a significant sewage violation on Morris Road that was headed into the wetlands and indirectly into the lake. We were able to address this issue yesterday.
<b>High Acre Mobile Home Park</b>	The Park is in violation of New York State Sanitary Code Part 5, Subpart 5-1. It does not have enough interconnections within their water supply to keep the volume demands satisfied within the park. The park currently functions on three zones. If one of the zones goes down, units connected to that zone are out of water. In 2015 an agreement to settle was entered which stated the Park needed to get approved engineering plans in 2016 and a July 2017 deadline to get the improvements constructed and certified by an engineer, which they failed to do. The corrective plan addresses the Park's issue in that the whole system will be connected so if one treatment system goes down the others will supply sufficient volume to the park. The correction is not that simple and is expensive. There are 140 lots in the park, our largest park in the county. We reached out to them a couple

	<p>days ago to let them know that the matter was going to be brought before the Board at tonight’s meeting for possible Board of Health action. As a result a new agreement was entered. They agreed to pay \$1,000 by October 19, 2018 and to pay a \$10,000 fine if all improvements are not completed by 4pm on October 18, 2018.</p> <p>After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Tallett to issue a Board of Health order adopting the terms of the Agreement to Settle. If the Park does not comply they are in violation of a Board of Health Order. N. Souter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.</p>
<p><b>Brian Carlson Order</b></p>	<p>In April 2018, the Board issued an order directing Mr. Carlson to complete the certification of his well and septic system. Mr. Carlson is cooperating with the Department. He has paid a \$500 penalty and a well and septic survey was conducted. The septic will be certified. Environmental Health is working with Mr. Carlson on some issues with the water well. The Board has agreed to allow the Environmental Health Division to continue to work with Mr. Carlson and provide an update of their progress at the next Board of Health Meeting.</p>
<p><b>Dragon’s Breath / Liquid Nitrogen Puffs</b></p>	<p>Dragon’s Breath is a snack made with liquid nitrogen and gets its name because the snack can make a person breathe “smoke” — condensed moisture from your own breath — out of both their nose and mouth and can cause respiratory distress if ingested incorrectly. Chautauqua County does not have anyone selling Dragon’s Breath at this time. There is a food outlet selling liquid nitrogen cereal puffs at the Galleria Mall in Buffalo. A memo from NYSDOH was issued. Kristen Wright contacted NYSDOH today who stated they are actively looking at it and state may make a decision today. The State is being thoughtful about the writing of it because right now it is cereal puffs but it could be other types of food. One way to serve the cereal puffs is to pour the liquid nitrogen over the puffs. If a person ingests the residue at the bottom of the bowl they could get very sick. Clinton County has banned it. If NYSDOH doesn’t take action we may want to do something on a local level.</p>
<p><b>Director’s Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Environmental Health received a notice of application for funding of public water systems in eight towns where they will work together. The grant will allow the municipalities to purchase more advanced equipment that they will share. This will allow the towns to better respond to water main breaks and other water related issues. The grant is part of the County Executive’s \$20M grant application.</li> <li>-Harmful Algae Blooms (HABS) are present. Lakewood Beach is currently closed. There have been a couple of cases of swimmers itch reported.</li> <li>-NYSDOH issued an advisory regarding congenital syphilis. We have not seen any cases in Chautauqua County however there has been an increase of 167% state wide in 2017 which is significant. Preliminary data indicates that this trend will continue. The Capital Region and Hudson Valley are among the high rate areas. This is a case of unprotected sexual activity. NYSDOH recommends all women be screened. Additionally, disparities exist amongst women accessing prenatal care. Hispanic women are three times as likely to not receive prenatal care as non-Hispanic women and Hispanic/African American women are 15 times as likely to not receive prenatal care.</li> <li>-Maternal Infant and Child Health Program – Nurse Family Partnership received additional funding through Catholic Health Partnership to bridge funding while the state works through billing issues with Medicaid.</li> <li>-Jail medical has come a long way. We are working to improve our collaborative relationship with mental health and substance abuse services within the Jail.</li> <li>-IPRO, a contracted agency by the State to audit the Title X Family Planning Program, was here recently. Results of the audit are not in but we think we did well. NYSDOH reviews all Family Planning Programs throughout the state. Of this review Chautauqua County has the highest ranked percentage out of any provide statewide of women who are leaving the office with an effective contraceptive plan. N. Souter recommends that the Board of Health commend the staff involved in this program. Our office provides this service to clients who are mainly</li> </ul>

	<p>uninsured or cannot get in anywhere or are very young, so having that degree of success in preventing unwanted pregnancies is remarkable. C. Schuyler will draft a letter to issue on behalf of the Board of Health. C. Schuyler adds that we are very proactive when it comes to the long acting reversible contraceptives, which is the key to preventing unplanned pregnancies. When you take out the compliance factor of people trying to remember to take a pill every day, the long acting reversible contraceptives are very appealing to young women. A young woman can get through high school and college on a 5 year contraceptive. We are working with local OB/GYNs and Hospitals to educate them on things like offering new moms interested in a reliable contraceptive the option to have an IUD injected right in the hospital before they are discharged. At times, women who come in for their six week checkup are already pregnant again. Additionally, Shelly Wells, Junior Planner, has made tremendous inroads with the Amish population which is an area that has a history of preterm births, low birth weight and infant mortality. The work Shelly is doing is incredible. She has figured out the right people to talk to and is helping to educate the Nurse Practitioners, Midwives and even the women themselves. Having that in can really help to improve a sector that has been very difficult to reach in the past.</p> <p>-NYSDOH issued data regarding the opiate overdose prevention program. Our rate for overdoses has significantly decreased. At one time we were higher than the state average. We are now lower than the state average. More people have been admitted for treatment in OASAS certified chemical dependence treatment programs than in the past. We are doing more to save people's lives through prevention education, naloxone training and use, and access to treatment.</p> <p>-Link to NYSDOH potential impact for regulating marijuana in NYS. NYSDOH has issued a report in support of a regulated marijuana program for age 21 and over. NYSDOH has indicated that the potential benefits outweigh the potential cons of such a program. C. Schuyler is disappointed that NYSDOH's report did not address how this affects child welfare and childhood poisonings including an increase in inadequate guardianship reports due to children not being cared for because of more open access to a drug that impairs their ability to care for their children. A lot of it came down to the tax revenue; however, according to other states that have legalized marijuana, the tax revenue is not as significant as they projected. Legalizing it will bring the cost on the street down. It seems to be a dollars and cents issue. Adjoining states is an issue as it is a federal felony to bring it across state borders. Marijuana is harder to test than alcohol and will be an issue for driving impairment. As the report cited, an improvement in arrest/incarceration disparities may be seen. There will be a lot of public health and social welfare impacts if this goes forward.</p> <p>-The Immunization Action Program was audited by state and passed with 100% compliance.</p> <p>-Shelly Wells, Junior Planner, was selected to serve as a member of the NACCHO's Healthy Living and Prevention Workgroup through 2020. She will be working on the national level to improve health and strengthen our communities.</p> <p>-Bree Agett, Epidemiologist, was selected as the 2018 YWCA Woman of Achievement Award in the Health, Wellness and Fitness category.</p> <p>-The Coroner Program will be transferred to Health and Human Services on July 28, 2018. Bree Agett will work with Chris Schuyler on this. We spent a half day at the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office last week and learned a tremendous amount about how they operate and their suggestions on how we can improve our local program. Policies and procedures are being put into place.</p> <p>-Starting on 2019 budget preparations. Very early in the process so nothing more to report at this time.</p>
<p><b>2018 Board meeting dates</b></p>	<p>The last board meeting of the year will be held on October 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Dr. Tallett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. Souter @ 6:53 p.m.</p>

