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MINUTES

February 10, 2016

The 843rd meeting of the Cattaraugus County Board of Health was held at The Point Restaurant, 800 East State Street, Olean, New York on February 10, 2016.

The following members were present:

Dr. Joseph Bohan	David Smith
Dr. Zahid Chohan	James Snyder
Dr. Giles Hamlin	

Also present were:

Kevin D. Watkins, MD, MPH, Public Health Director
Mark Howden, County Attorney
Richard Helmich Jr., County Legislator
Robert Neal, County Legislator
Howard VanRenssalle, County Legislator
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Debra Lacher, Secretary to Public Health Director
Eric Wohlers, Director of Environmental Health

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bohan. The roll was called and a quorum declared.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Health (BOH) meeting held on December 8, 2015, it was seconded by Dr. Chohan, and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Chohan to approve the Professional Advisory minutes from the meeting held on November 18, 2015, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously approved.

"Public Health for Healthy Communities"

Dr. Bohan informed the board about the death of Mr. Curtis Perkins, former board member who recently passed away. He was a board member for 24 years, representing Cattaraugus, New York and he hardly ever missed a meeting. He is survived by his wife Nancy, and four children. He served on the board from 1987 through 2011. Mr. Snyder made a motion to dedicate today's meeting in honor of Mr. Perkins, Dr. Chohan seconded and it was unanimously approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Dr. Watkins reported that there has not been a lot of influenza in Cattaraugus County. During the week ending January 30th, NYS reported that there were 589 laboratory cases of confirmed influenza, which is a 42 percent increase over last week. He stated that influenza A (H1N1) appears to be the most common influenza isolated at this time. He added that statewide, there were 129 patients hospitalized with laboratory confirmed influenza, a 34 percent increase over last week and that there have been no influenza associated pediatric deaths reported this season. Dr. Watkins informed the board that influenza activity most often peaks in February and can last through May. He went on to say that if a patient is suspected of having influenza the patient should be offered anti-viral medication within 48 hours of being symptomatic however, vaccination continues to be the first and most important prevention for influenza. Dr. Witte encouraged all to receive the influenza vaccine if they have not yet done so as the 2015-2016 influenza vaccine has proven to be very effective.

Dr. Watkins informed the board that there have been multiple conference calls regarding the Zika Virus with both the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). He stated that a recent conference call with NYSDOH provided direction on how providers can get free Zika virus testing for patients who traveled to one of the endemic areas where Zika virus transmission is most active. He added that preauthorization of testing by the Local Health Department (LHD) where the patient resides, will be required of all health care providers requesting this test. He stated that testing for NYS residents will be conducted at Wadsworth laboratory and the test should be conducted for: pregnant women who traveled to an area with active Zika virus transmission while pregnant; non-pregnant women and men who develop (or developed) compatible symptoms during or within 4 weeks of travel to an area with active Zika virus transmission; and all persons who traveled to an area with active Zika virus transmission who present with Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Dr. Watkins went on to say that Zika virus is one of the flavivirus which is related to the Dengue virus, West Nile Virus, and the Yellow Fever virus and it has been declared a global health emergency by the World Health Organization (WHO). He added that Zika virus was first isolated back in 1947 in rhesus monkeys located in Zika, Uganda and first identified in humans in 1968.

He remarked that Zika virus is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito, specifically the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito which is usually found in a tropical region such as Africa, Central and South America and the Pacific's. Another type of mosquito that can transmit the Zika virus is the *Aedes albopictus* mosquito and this mosquito species can be found in a tropical region and has been identified in parts of New York State; Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, and Orange counties and in New York City. *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes are also called the Asian tiger mosquito because of its black and white striped legs, and small black and white striped body. He remarked that this particular mosquito have been known to be day time biters and they have the potential to move north in New York State.

Dr. Watkins stated that the most common symptoms of the Zika Virus is an acute fever, maculopapular rash, arthralgia (joint pain), myalgia (muscle pain), and conjunctivitis. He stated that Zika virus is a mild disease and four out of five people who are bitten by a Zika infected mosquito are usually asymptomatic. He added that Public Health Officials are concerned about a possible link between the virus and a rare, serious birth defect called microcephaly. There is still no proven causation of microcephaly due to Zika virus at this stage he remarked, but prior infections with other viruses is a hypothesis that is being studied to explain the recent cluster of babies born with microcephaly and mothers who are infected with Zika virus during their pregnancy. Microcephaly is a genetic abnormality in which the size and development of the infants' head is significantly smaller than the heads of other children of the same age and sex and children with microcephaly often have developmental issues.

Dr. Watkins stated that until we know more we are recommending that women who are pregnant, trying to become pregnant, or women of child bearing age take precautions in order to reduce their risk of exposure to the Zika virus. In addition, males who have traveled to or live in an area with active Zika virus transmission and are sexual partners of pregnant women should abstain or consistently and regularly use latex condoms during each sexual encounter during the woman's pregnancy.

Dr. Watkins went on to say that although mosquito-based surveillance is the preferred method for monitoring or predicting West Nile virus outbreaks, it is not the preferred method for monitoring or predicting Zika virus, it is more efficient to detect cases in people. He added that Cattaraugus County Health Department (CCHD) will continue to work with New York State Department of Health in order to track the distribution of the *Aedes albopictus* mosquitos in order for us to enhance our surveillance here in Western New York. CCHD will investigate suspect cases of Zika Virus within our county. He went on to say that an aggressive measure for prevention is educating the public about eliminating containers of water and conducting larvacide treatment before the beginning of the mosquito season.

Dr. Bohan asked if blood samples would be taken at the Cattaraugus County Lab and then sent to the Wadsworth Clinic. Dr. Watkins stated that at this time NYSDOH have only identified hospital labs as collection sites. However, CCHD plans to add its lab as a collection site when the opportunity arises. Dr. Chohan asked if this particular mosquito has been found in Western New York. Dr. Watkins stated that this particular mosquito has not been found in Western New York, however our concern is that the mosquito may travel, by car or by way of an infected person. He stated that early reports indicates that a mosquito can bite an infected person and transmit that virus to an uninfected person which could cause an epidemic in that area.

A video was shown on Eye Witness News portraying a young lady from Gowanda whom at age 15 became addicted to opiates which then led to a heroin addiction. Later she was able to beat her addiction and is now helping and mentoring others to do the same. Dr. Watkins informed the board that Erie County was sounding the alarm on this issue as the number of deaths related to opiate use was on the rise.

Dr. Watkins added that due to the lack of resources we have not been able to get a handle on the trafficking of heroin in Western New York. He stated that there are reports of increased calls to emergency responders for assistance due to opiate overdoses. Dr. Watkins stated that in 2013 there were two cases of opiate related deaths in Cattaraugus County. In 2014 there were no cases of opiate related deaths reported, however there were several attempted suicides in 2014 and reports indicates that several victims reported that they attempted suicide because they were tired of chasing heroin and losing their livelihood. Provisional data indicates that there were three opiate related deaths reported in 2015 therefore we suspect that we are seeing a rise in opiate and heroin use in Cattaraugus County.

Dr. Watkins stated that most first responders and law enforcement officers are now equipped with the opiate antidote called Narcan. He stated that we have only trained approximately 300 first responders and law enforcement officers and we have a lot more to train. Community training at Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. for friends and family members of likely opiate users continues to be a bright spot of our community. Nearly 315 friends and family members have currently been trained and equipped with Narcan at the Southern Tier Overdose Prevention Program (STOPP). Drug task force meetings have been taking place trying to combat this problem and our jails are housing a number of drug offenders. There are only 37 beds available in treatment centers within our county. These treatment centers are at 99 percent capacity at all times. Outpatient services are less effective when the patients return to their same environment and temptation over powers their urge to quit.

A task force has been looking into a medicated assisted treatment program for heroin users. One drug in particular, called Vivitrol, is being tossed around to assist inmates upon discharge from jail. Vivitrol blocks the opiate receptors and along with outpatient treatment, it has proven to be quite beneficial for those wanting to get off heroin. The setback for this particular drug is its high cost, approximately \$300 per dose and patients need one dose per month. The side effects of the drug is another setback.

Dr. Watkins summarized by stating we need to continue to work on the reduction of trafficking of heroin within our county. We must find the resources in order to increase the number of inpatients beds within our county and increase the use of medicated assisted treatments. We will continue to work with policy makers to come up with some kind of legislation and funding for resources. Dr. Bohan stated that there has been one death per day in New Hampshire due to drug overdose. New York State law, called "Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing Act" (I-STOP) has now limited the number of opiate prescriptions a physician can prescribe.

The new 2016 Clinic Immunization Fee schedule was distributed for approval by the board. There were a few changes in the rates schedule due to the fluctuating costs of immunizations. A motion was made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Dr. Chohan and was unanimously approved by the board to accept this new fee schedule. In addition, Dr. Watkins also requested that the board allow him to send before the legislature the department's 2015 uncollected debts in order to write this debt off of the department's accounts receivables. The total amount requested to write off is \$18,291.00 which is a \$1,039.00 increase from what was written off in 2014. The breakdown consists of: Home Care \$9,468.00; Family Planning \$6,239.00; Immunization Clinic \$201.00; Water \$1,938.00; Laboratory \$445.00. Dr. Watkins explained that these fees are mostly from patients who are required to pay a portion of their medical cost, called "patient-pay".

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder to send this request to the legislators, the motion was seconded by Dr. Hamlin and unanimously approved.

Mr. Neal asked if we had comparison heroin overdoses to those happening in Chautauqua County. Dr. Watkins said no but he would be glad to research this information.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Mr. Porter reported on the following enforcement cases from a hearing held on December 10, 2015.

DOCKET 15-034

Shane Davies, 891 Bray Rd., Arcade, NY 14009

Violation: SCCCHD Chapter II Part 16 Section 16.4.1 on May 13, 2015. A point discharge was observed which does not meet design standards. Respondent was notified of the violation via letter dated May 20, 2015 and given a deadline of July 20, 2015 to correct the violation. Respondent has not complied.

Administrative Hearing: 12-10-15

Public Health Sanitarian: Rhonda Kelley appeared for CCHD and was sworn in.

Respondent: Respondent appeared.

Recommendation: Allow the respondent a continuation until May 30, 2016 for repair of the violation.

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder to accept this recommendation, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously approved.

DOCKET 15-035

Linda DeBoy, 4006 Humphrey Rd., Great Valley, NY 14741

Violation: Sanitary code of the Cattaraugus Co. Health District Chap 2 Part 24 Section 24.2.5 Respondent failed to submit the required rabies vaccination certificate for her dog by the prescribed date following a biting incident on September 13, 2015.

Administrative Hearing: 12-10-15

Public Health Sanitarian: Eli Rust appeared for CCHD and was sworn in.

Respondent: Respondent did not appear but had signed the offered stipulation containing conditions for a civil compromise and sent the same to the Health Dept. by first class mail.

Recommendations: That the respondent pay the \$75.00 civil compromise as a fine by 3-31-16. If the fine is not paid by this date a \$10.00 per day per diem will be assessed.

A motion was made by Dr. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Snyder and unanimously approved to accept this recommendation.

Mr. Porter reported on the following enforcement cases from the hearing held on January 12, 2016.

DOCKET 15-037

John Tucker, 3138 Ream Rd., Cuba, NY 14727

Violation: Respondent failed to confine his dog on his property for 10 days when directed by the Health Dept. following a biting incident.

Administrative Hearing: 1-12-16

Public Health Sanitarian: Richard Dayton appeared for CCHD and was sworn in.

Respondent: Mr. John Tucker communicated with CCHD personnel but was called into work (snow plowing) and unable to appear.

Recommendation: That the \$75.00 civil compromise offered be changed to a \$75.00 fine and must be paid on or before 3-31-16. A \$10.00 per day per diem will be levied for every day not paid. Nursing division will follow up with post-exposure treatment.

Dr. Hamlin made a motion to accept Mr. Porter's recommendation, seconded by Dr. Chohan, and unanimously approved.

DOCKET 15-038

The Pressbox, 110 W. State St., Olean, NY 14760, Mr. Christopher Kranock, Owner

Violations: 10NYCRR Subpart 14-1.170 Floors are not smooth, durable, and non-absorbent in the unapproved kitchen and storage area. 10NYCRR Subpart 14-1.171 (a) walls, ceilings in severe disrepair, leaking roof/collapsing ceiling, peeling paint and substantial water damage present in the unapproved kitchen and storage area. 10NYCRR Subpart 14-1.180 (a) unapproved kitchen and storage area are not clean, littered with garbage/debris. 10NYCRR Subpart 14-1.180 (b) numerous articles unnecessary to the operation and maintenance of the food service establishment present in the unapproved food storage and preparation areas.

Administrative Hearing: 1-12-16

Public Health Sanitarian: Richard Dayton appeared for CCHD and was sworn in.

Respondent: Respondent Christopher Kranock, owner appeared and was sworn in.

Recommendations: (1) Respondent pay a \$100.00 fine.
(2) Respondent select whether the storage area in question is going to be a storage area only with no food service operations or a food service operation area only. Area to be in compliance with respondent's choice per State Sanitary Code and be inspected by CCHD personnel.
(3) Both fine and storage area must be complete by 3-31-16 or a \$10.00 per day per diem will be levied.

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Dr. Chohan to accept this recommendation, and was unanimously approved.

NURSING DIVISION REPORT: Mrs. Andrews reported that there were (8) cases of Gonorrhea for January 2016, last year there was a grand total of (21) cases. Due to the increase in these numbers we are doing some social media advertising, or awareness to inform the public about sexually transmitted diseases.

She stated that there were also (13) newly identified cases of chronic Hepatitis C, (4) of these were from the baby boomer age group and the rest were from a younger age group. There were (2) post-exposure rabies cases, (1) was due to a fisher cat, and (1) was due to a dog. The individual bitten by the dog has refused to take part in the vaccination process even though it has been approved, in this case, a declination letter has been sent and we are waiting for the individual to sign the declination letter.

Mrs. Andrews reported that the process of selecting a new electronic medical record (EMR) software is coming to a close.

She informed the board that the family planning division is now providing educational programs to the inmates at the county jail, and educational packets are given upon release.

Mrs. Andrews stated that homecare nurses has participated in an Interact Process Training with the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. The goal is to be included in an equipment upgrade to improve usage of the telehealth or telemedicine visits to patients that are home bound.

Mrs. Andrews summarized by stating all of the nurses that are out in the field have received the narcan training.

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION REPORT: Mr. Wohlers reported that the department is completing their water system inspections. These inspections, required by the State, are to be completed by the end of the State's fiscal year, which ends in March.

He added that this is also the time of year that the public water systems sampling schedules are updated. The testing requirements are very complicated.

Mr. Wohlers informed the board that the Environmental Health division will man a booth at the Olean Home show in April. He remarked that it is a good opportunity to provide public education on a number of the health department's programs.

Mr. Wohlers also informed the board that there is a new amendment to a department of labor law that now requires contractors who go into homes and complete assessments for mold, or who does remediation for mold, to be licensed. He added that mold is caused by a moisture problem and very often, turns into an enforcement issue which will be referred to the code enforcement officer of that town.

He stated that the community development block grant is set to expire in a few months. We are still in the process of completing a few projects from the remaining fund balance. Two additional septic systems will be put out for bid in the beginning of March, giving the contractors time to complete the projects prior to the award end date.

In the budget there is money to complete the usual mosquito program like always. There will be no change in procedure for trapping, identifying, sorting, and then shipping the mosquitoes to the state virus lab for virus testing. In the past the state lab has tested for West Nile Virus, and EEE virus however, Zika virus will be an additional virus that they will test for this year.

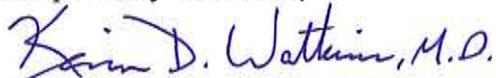
Mr. Wohlers informed the board that there is an amendment to the children's camp regulations for campers who have developmental disabilities, this new amendment will have to be followed by all camp sponsors.

Dr. Bohan asked if there were any new business:

Mr. Smith commented that the topic of heroin abuse has come up a lot today, and Gowanda was featured in that newscast that Dr. Watkins has spoken about. There is a task force that has been meeting each weekend to talk about different approaches to deal with this problem. Megan Irish, the student whom Dr. Watkins referred to in the newscast, was a student in the Gowanda school system. He stated that as part of her rehabilitation she shares her story with others, and if the board is open to hearing her story, it will be one of the most powerful things ever heard. Mr. Smith stated he would be glad to arrange her speaking at the next board meeting; Dr. Bohan and Dr. Watkins both confirmed that they would be more than happy to have her as a guest speaker.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Chohan, and seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin D. Watkins, M.D., M.P.H.

Secretary to the Board of Health

CLINIC IMMUNIZATION RATES

Effective (proposed) 3/1/2016

Sliding Fee Charges only

Commercial Insurance has a 30% mark-up

CPT Code	IMMUNIZATION	ICD 10 Code	2015 Vaccine only		Admin		2016 Vaccine only	
			Actual Cost 2015	Sliding Fee Payment 2015	Sliding Fee	Ins	Actual Cost 2016	Sliding Fee Payment 2016
90471	Administration, single injection (15 mins.)				\$10.00	\$53.58		
90472	Administration, two or more injections (Daily Maximum)				\$15.00	\$107.16		
G0008	Administration, flu - (Medicare Code)		Actual	Sliding Fee			Actual	Sliding Fee
G0009	Administration, PPV - (Medicare Code)		Cost 2015	Payment 2015			Cost 2016	Payment 2016
90715	Adacel - Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (TdaP) Ages 11-64 years	Z23	\$32.50	\$33.00			\$34.32	\$35.00
90714	Decavac - Tetanus, Diphtheria (Td) - Ages 7 and older	Z23	\$35.42	\$36.00			\$25.77	\$30.00
90651	Gardasil 9 (HPV vaccine) - Female - Age 11-26 Male - Age 11-21	Z23	\$156.60	\$157.00			\$170.63	\$171.00
90632	Hepatitis A - Ages 19 and older	Z23	\$47.83	\$48.00			\$47.83	\$48.00
90746	Hepatitis B - Ages 20 and older	Z23	\$38.72	\$39.00			\$38.72	\$39.00
90636	Hepatitis A & B (twintrix) - Ages 18 and older STD	Z23	\$71.04	\$72.00			\$71.04	\$72.00
90281	Immune Globulin - General (usually 2cc for travel) Hep A exposure	Z23	\$37.19/2cc	\$38.00/2cc			\$37.19	\$38.00/2cc
90658	Influenza 19 yrs and older	Z23	\$15.40	\$25.00			\$15.88	\$25.00
90662	Influenza - High Dose (Medicare only)	Z23	\$29.06	\$0.00			\$30.99	\$0.00
90713	Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV)-2 months and older	Z23	\$27.94	\$28.00			\$30.17	\$31.00
90738	Japanese Encephalitis	A83.0	\$236.35	\$243.00			\$236.35	\$243.00
90733	Meningococcal (A/C/Y/W135) Menomune MPSV4 Ages 2 years and older	Z23	\$119.49	\$120.00			\$123.07	\$124.00
90734	Meningococcal Conjugate Menveo - Ages 2-55	Z23	\$97.59	\$103.00			\$97.78	\$103.00
90734	Meningococcal Menactra	Z23					\$104.91	\$105.00
90620	Bexsero	Z23	\$154.40	\$155.00			\$153.65	\$155.00
90707	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) - Ages 1 and older	Z23	\$62.11	\$63.00			\$60.48	\$63.00
90670	PCV 13	Z23	\$148.97	\$149.00			\$158.82	\$159.00
90732	Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (Pneumovax) - Ages 2 and older	Z23	\$64.92	\$65.00			\$77.32	\$78.00
90375	Rabies Immune Globulin	Z41.8	\$417.90/2cc	\$418.00/2cc			\$572.32	\$573.00
90675	Rabies Vaccine-Post Exposure	Z23	\$222.52	\$223.00			\$225.76	\$226.00
90675	Rabies Vaccine-Pre Exposure***	Z23	\$222.52	\$223.00			\$225.76	\$226.00
90384	Rhogam	Z23	\$107.38	\$117.00			\$107.38	\$117.00
90691	Typhim - Ages 2 and older	Z23	\$72.13	\$73.00			\$85.70	\$86.00
90715	Boostrix (TdaP) - Ages 10-18	Z23	\$33.01	\$33.00			\$33.01	\$33.00
90716	Varicella - Ages 1 and older	Z23	\$100.58	\$101.00			\$106.82	\$107.00
90717	Yellow Fever - Ages 9 months and older	Z23	\$114.84	\$115.00			\$136.44	\$137.00
90736	Herpes Zoster (Zostavax) - Ages 60 and older	Z23	\$170.33	\$171.00			\$194.17	\$195.00

**Contracted Municipalities provided a 50% discount on Rabies Pre-exposure for Dog Control Officers