



# CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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## MINUTES October 3, 2018

The 869<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cattaraugus County Board of Health was held at The Point Restaurant, 800 East State Street, Olean, New York on October 3, 2018.

The following members were present:

Dr. Joseph Bohan

Theresa Raftis

Dr. Zahid Chohan

Mayor David Smith

Dr. Giles Hamlin

James Snyder Sr., Legislator Chair

Sondra Fox, RN

Kathryn Cooney Thrush, NP, MSN

Richard Haberer

Also present were:

Kevin D. Watkins, MD, MPH, Public Health Director

Eric Firkel, County Attorney

Dr. Paul Schwach, Clinical Physician

Donna Vickman, Legislator

Dr. Gilbert Witte, Medical Director

Rick Miller, Olean Times Herald

Raymond Jordan, Sr. Public Health Sanitarian

Debra Lacher, Secretary to Public Health Director

Colette Lulay-Pound, Administrative Officer

Lynne Moore, Director of Patient Services

Dave Porter, Hearing Officer

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Joseph Bohan. The roll was called and a quorum declared. Mr. Haberer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Health (BOH) meeting held on September 5, 2018, it was seconded by Dr. Hamlin and the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Witte to approve the minutes of the Professional Advisory Committee meeting held on August 8, 2018, seconded by Mayor Smith and unanimously approved.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Dr. Watkins reported that the Health Department has completed its 2019 budget, and it is now ready for review with the County Administrator. The projected budget for 2019 totals \$11,390,627.00 which is a 1% increase from last year's budget which was \$11,279,482.00, this increase covers both salary and health insurance increases agreed upon during the 2017-2018 contract negotiations.

Another change in the 2019 budget is that the department is slowly phasing out the Long Term Home Health Care (LTHHC) program. There has been no admissions to this program since 2017, and the last two patients that were in the program transitioned out of the program, in February 2018. The department would like to surrender the operating certificate for the LTHHC program, (also called the Nursing Home Without Walls program), by November 2018, but need Board approval. A discussion was held regarding the LTHHC program amongst the Board members. A motion was made by Mrs. Fox to surrender the LTHHC program's operating certificate, the motion was seconded by Mr. Haberer, and unanimously approved.

The department will still maintain the Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA), which is still doing well and projected to meet its projected revenue of over \$5.5 million dollars even though there are concerns over the drop in census due to reported unfair tactics being used by a competing homecare agency.

Dr. Watkins shared that he met with Tim Finan, CEO of Olean General Hospital (OGH), Dr. Gil Witte, Medical Director of Cattaraugus County Health Department and Carol Mahoney, CEO of Homecare and Hospice to discuss referrals to the department's CHHA. They agreed to a luncheon meeting with the department's staff, and was told that OGH administration will work with their staff to be sure guidelines are being followed.

When the Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA) was enacted, waivers were granted to establishments that modified their place of business with a separate smoking room away from the general traffic; the rooms utilize special mechanical ventilation systems to control second hand smoke exposure to non-smokers that entered their establishments. Permits for these two establishments will expire on December 31, 2018. The businesses must submit a renewal application, pay the permit fee, and pass an inspection in order to renew their permit. A motion was made by Mr. Haberer to renew the CIAA waivers for Ischua Fire Department, and Little Valley VFW for one year on the condition that the businesses pass their inspection, the motion was seconded by Dr. Hamlin. The motion carried with eight yes, and opposed by Mrs. Fox.

There are (3) membership associations that are exempt from all smoking restrictions contained within the CIAA. The associations attest (swear) that members of their organization do not receive compensation of any kind for their performance within the association. The three establishments that fall under this category include Olean American Legion, Christopher Columbus Club in Olean, and the Olean Veterans Club. Board approval was not required for these businesses to receive permits under this CIAA affiliation.

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Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death amongst women. (Only lung cancer kills more women each year.) The chance that a woman will die from breast cancer is about 1 in 36 (about 3%).

The American Cancer Society estimates for breast cancer in the United States, in 2018:

- About 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.
- About 63,960 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed in women (CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form of breast cancer).
- About 40,920 women will die from breast cancer.

And in men...

The American Cancer Society estimates for breast cancer in the United States that in 2018, for men:

- About 2,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in men.
- About 480 men will die from breast cancer.

Death rates from breast cancer in women, has decreased by 36 percent between 1989 and 2012. These decreases are believed to be the result of finding breast cancer earlier through screening and increased awareness, as well as better treatments. Handouts were provided to those in attendance.

Breast Cancer Death Rates per 100,000 women in the U.S. By Race/Ethnicity:

Asian	11.2%	Pacific Island	11.2%
Latino	14.5%	American Indian	14.7%
White	21%	Black	29.6%

Cancer disparity results from a complex interaction of biologic and non-biologic factors, including differences in stage at diagnosis, tumor characteristics, obesity, and other health issues.

In Cattaraugus County, two handouts was provided to those in attendance, the breast cancer rates per 100,000 in women is 137.4 compared to NYS 131.3, however the average annual deaths in Cattaraugus County from breast cancer is 9.2 compared to NYS which is 19.8, and the death rate from breast cancer in Cattaraugus County per 100,000 women is 17.6 compared to NYS which is 19.8.

Yearly mammography is recommended starting at age 40, findings from randomized trials with women in their 40's and 50's actually demonstrated that screening decreases breast cancer deaths by 15-29%.

Dr. Watkins reported that the department is planning on moving forward with reapplying for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The application is due November 16<sup>th</sup>, and the department will be asking for \$500,000. This program provides replacement or repairs of well and septic systems for qualified residents. In addition, the Health department will also apply for a Healthy Neighborhoods Preventive Health Cornerstone Grant. Funds would provide the resources needed to address significant public health issues in targeted areas. Emphasis will be on reducing residential injuries, childhood lead poisoning, hospitalizations due to asthma, and exposure to indoor air pollutants. This will be a five year grant, starting April 2019 and run through March 2024. The award will be based on the regions being served. This grant is over three and a half million dollars and will be available only to (10) local health departments out of (58) competitors.

Dragon's Breath Update: The State announced at a meeting with the environmental health directors yesterday that they are looking into exploring an amendment to NYS Sanitary code part 14 to restrict the use of liquid nitrogen or dry ice and not permit its use at point of service where food is being served or eaten. The "back of the house" use would be unrestricted. Establishments would have to allow time for the liquid nitrogen to evaporate and can serve the product as long as it is not a hazard to consumers.



**NURSING DIVISION REPORT:** Mrs. Moore reported that staff will be meeting with OGH, they are waiting for a call back with specific dates. The homecare census is currently at (297) patients, which is roughly up (20) from last month.

The Medicaid Obstetrical and Maternal Services (MOMS) program has a census of (10) patients. The lead program is following (52) children with elevated blood lead levels ranging between 5-24ug/dl (normal <5ug/dl). Lead testing was done at the WIC clinics in Franklinville, Delevan, and Little Valley. One (1) child was found with a blood lead level of 8ug/dl.

The department has started the community influenza vaccination clinics, the first one was Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and others have been scheduled throughout the month of October. The first community clinic held in Limestone vaccinated (30) residents.

In communicable diseases in September there were (8) chronic Hepatitis C cases confirmed, (3) confirmed cases of Giardia, and (1) confirmed case of Legionella. Campylobacter there were (2) confirmed cases, Salmonella there were (5) cases, Strep A there was (1) case, Strep B there was (2) cases, and E.coli there was one (1) case. There was (1) traveler related West Nile Virus positive case.

STDs there were (7) cases of Chlamydia, (2) case of both Chlamydia and Gonorrhea and (1) case of Syphilis.

Rabies exposure cases are finally on a downswing. In September the department treated (17) individuals with post exposures rabies prophylaxis compared to (31) in the month of August.

Dr. Bohan asked if most of the case of Giardia were travelers and campers. Mrs. Moore stated that the statistical information does not differentiate history of exposure but she could get that information if needed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION REPORT:** Mr. Jordan reported that in November 2017 the Board passed a local ordinance requiring certified food protection manager training for high and medium risk food establishments with compliance by December 1, 2018. Letters were sent out in September to remind the owners of this ordinance and of the deadline. The training is offered on-line or in a classroom setting. Community Action, in Salamanca, provides an 8 hour course twice a month that would meet this requirement. Courses have been filling up, and Community Action has schedule additional trainings to meet the needs. The department has received (48) certificates from (368) facilities that are required to meet this compliance. If by December 1<sup>st</sup> any establishment that can't prove that they have this certificate, their permit will be suspended. At that time, they have an option to remain closed until they get the training, or have the option to pay a \$125.00 fee for a one month temporary permit until they meet the ordinance requirements. Dr. Witte asked how many people could attend any given class. Mr. Jordan replied each class can hold about twenty people. Mr. Jordan stated that several food establishment owners/managers have communicated to staff that they felt they should have been required to also take and pass the exam to prove that they had learned something.

Dr. Bohan asked if the department had any luck in locating a certified Chinese instructor for the food protection manager training classes in Cattaraugus. Dr. Watkins confirmed that yes the department was able to locate a certified Chinese instructor, but had to pay for the training.

Update on the Super Great Wall restaurant: BOH order was modified to give the establishment until November 30, 2018 to complete the certified food protection manager training course and pass the exam. The facility owner was given the September training course schedule. Upon review, he agreed to attend the September evening classes. However, on the first day that the course was scheduled, the restaurant owner called to say that they had a change of mind and plan to take the course in NYC instead of locally. Dr. Bohan asked if identification was checked when an individual takes the exam. Dr. Watkins responded that yes it is supposed to be verified by the proctor.

Mr. Jordan reported that environmental health staff will attend a Food Protection Program Standardization Update training in Batavia next Tuesday. The training will be provided by the State Health Department. All staff working in the food protection program must attend in order to maintain their Food Service Inspection Officer certification.

The Ellicottville Fall Festival wraps up one of its largest temporary food permit events on October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> and the department will have (2) inspectors on-site.

**Enforcement Report:** Mr. Porter reported there were no enforcement cases for this month.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin D. Watkins, M.D., M.P.H.  
Secretary to the Board of Health