

Not Approved
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2015

The following Board members were in attendance: Kevin LaForge, Dr. David Brubaker, Dr. Leo Cusumano, and Tim LaFever.

Others present: Lori Ballengee, Tom Hull, Laurie Hennessy and Pat Mansfield.

Guests present: Ken Dahlgren from the Tobacco-Free CCA Coalition and Elijah Beardsley, Concerned Youth Reality Check member.

Members absent: Susan Dougherty, Dr. Zahi Kassas and Dr. Willard Simons

Medical Advisor Dr. Christopher Depner was also absent.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Health President Dr. Leo Cusumano at 7:20 PM.

The minutes from the December 17, 2014 Board of Health Meeting were approved by a motion made by Dr. Cusumano and seconded by Dr. David Brubaker.

Ken Dahlgren from the Tobacco-Free CCA Coalition, gave a presentation together with Elijah Beardsley, youth representative from Concerned Youth Reality Check, regarding the progress made towards smoke-free establishments in New York State as well as obstacles they currently face. Some of the positive actions they mentioned were:

- Tobacco-free housing thru HUD (self-enforced by community-formed policies)
- CVS is now a tobacco-free pharmacy (Reality Check hopes to persuade other pharmacies to follow example set by CVS)
- Meeting with Disney representatives to promote movies that are rated for youth to be smoke-free.
- Discourage excessive advertising of tobacco products
- Promote tobacco-free media including movies and television
- Increasing awareness especially to youth
- Message is reaching those who do not currently smoke

Some issues to be dealt with:

- Allegany County has a very high percentage of students who smoke, 22.5%
- The presence of untaxed tobacco products make them less expensive thus easier to purchase
- Native American lobby has power and control over the issue of untaxed tobacco thus rendering any efforts to suppress tobacco sales in this area an uphill battle
- Small smoke shops geared towards college population

It was acknowledged by Mr. Dahlgren and Board of Health members that despite strides being made towards a smoke-free society, there is still much to be done. Board members voted to support a draft of a resolution for legislation to take action promoting tobacco-free establishments. Kevin LaForge made a motion to write up the draft and Dr. Brubaker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Dahlgren agreed to attend the next Allegany County Human Services meeting on June 3, 2015 and the next Board of Health meeting on June 17, 2015.

Tom Hull, Deputy Public Health Director, discussed a septic discharge issue which has not yet been corrected in the Village of Andover. There is a digester which is discharging into a storm drain. Tom is going to send one of the sanitarians, Anne King, to do a site inspection to see if the problem has been addressed. Mr. LaFever suggested that people are not aware that those particular systems still need to be occasionally pumped. Mr. LaForge mentioned that a lot of that particular system has been installed in Andover. Regarding the ATUPA Compliance checks conducted on February 21, 2015, where three establishments sold tobacco products illegally, Tom said that Hanson Farms in Fillmore may fight their imposed fine based on a technicality. The usual punishment is a minimum \$350.00 fine and a two point "assessment" against their tobacco and lottery licenses, with the possible loss of these licenses for six months if additional violations occur in subsequent compliance checks. The two other facilities that sold tobacco products illegally (Speicher's Grocery in Hume and East End Market in Angelica) have already paid their \$350.00 fines.

Laurie Hennessy, Director of Patient Services, had just returned from an immunization seminar in Troy, NY where she learned that the second MMR should be administered before a child goes to kindergarten. Records for adult immunizations should be entered into NYSIIS by a Registered Nurse or Pharmacist. Ebola drills are conducted in the Health Department once a month. Laurie received her first call regarding a potential Ebola case from a local hospital. Personal protective equipment drills are performed monthly. Laurie mentioned that there is a new AED located in the Health Department. She said that consolidated reviews that have been done every three years will be changed in format as loss of personnel at state level. Also, she is optimistic that e-clinical will work well for Family Planning with a potential to increase revenue by 40%. LHCSA, TB, immunization, and lead audits were done and in the packets. The audits were good. Laurie said there was nothing new regarding lead, that there are still five cases being followed. There is one latent TB case and a slight increase in syphilis and gonorrhea. Syphilis and gonorrhea are the diseases involved in the performance incentive which will be done May 2015.

Mr. LaFever motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm and Dr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held at 7:00pm on June 17, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Mansfield