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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

December 16, 2015

Dear Board of Health Member:

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 3:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Rath Building, Room 904 , 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York.

The minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting as well as an agenda for the January meeting are enclosed for your review.

Please make every effort to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, notify Marcia Amadori Crosby at 858-7226. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Hoddick, D.D.S.
President,
Erie County Board of Health

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ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

ROOM 904 RATH BUILDING

JANUARY 19, 2016

1. Review of minutes from September 15, 2015 meeting
2. Food Policy Council
3. Influenza
4. Chipotle Foodborne Illness Outbreak
5. New Business/Old Business

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

PRESENT: James Hoddick, D.D.S., President BOH
Matthew Dunaif, D.V.M.
Robert Free, Director, Food Operations, Buffalo Bison's Baseball
Legislator Lynne Dixon
Dennis Galluzzo, R.P.H.
Jonathan Daniels, M.D. via teleconference

EXCUSED: Maureen Montgomery, M.D.

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Gale Burstein, M.D., Commissioner of Health
Cheryll Moore, Medical Care Administrator

I. EBOLA VIRUS

Dr. Burstein indicated that we still are required to do drills and training with personal protective equipment on a monthly basis. We have a system in place to accomplish this. Some funding is given but the amount does not cover our costs.

II. MANDATORY TESTING FOR OPIOIDS FOR MOTHERS OF NEW BORNS

Dr. Hoddick said that he received information from the Ohio State Alumni Journal indicating that Hamilton County Cincinnati passed this as it was a big problem. Basically newborns being in distress because of addicted mothers who were not compliant with treatment. It was helpful

with the newborns that they be identified for treatment before they go into distress. Dr. Hoddick asked what the Boards' positon would be on this happening in Erie County as it has been a success in Hamilton County, Ohio. Dr. Burstein replied that she had looked into this. She was present at a CDC Division of Reproductive Health meeting to talk about the new contraception recommendations. She asked the ACOG (American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists) representative if they had a policy regarding this issue. However there was no evidence based policy that recommended universal screening of urine at labor and delivery for moms or babies. Dr. Burstein said that are protocols in place for screening during prenatal care as well as selective criteria to identify moms using drugs during pregnancy through urine testing. The Catholic Hospitals and Kaleida are using this method. There are evidence based guidelines out there and none of them recommend universal screening of the moms or newborns at labor and delivery. She does not feel that she has enough information to move ahead with this recommendation. Dr. Hoddick said that it was more of a question than a recommendation. The officials in Ohio felt that they found many infants that were assisted, but legislation had to be enacted to protect the moms for criminal or civil liability.

Dr. Burstein said that she would want to look at data from local birthing hospitals if we feel that there needs to be a change with their current practices. Dr. Hoddick asked if this information would be difficult to access to which Dr. Burstein answered that it would depend upon their searchable EHR's. Dr. Hoddick said that since the heroin epidemic is coming across so strongly, he wondered if it would be a good idea to be proactive rather than having infants in distress. Dr. Burstein said that the incidence of neonatal abstinence syndrome admissions have increased rapidly in this area. She does not have data to show that with the current practices they are discharging infants before they are able to present. Dr. Daniels's interjected that this is the key point; that they are not sending babies home prior to presenting in terms of identifying them. He thought that the hospitals are doing a good job with the protocols in place within a 24 to 48 hour period. He said that he rounds at Sister's Hospital as well as Children's regularly. Dr. Daniels said that clearly the numbers are increasing particularly at Kaleida where there seems to be a baby on protocol or being weaned. Urines are being tested on moms and babies if there has been any indication of drug use during the pregnancy. However false negatives and positives could occur. If the urine test

proves negative this does not mean that the mother is not doing any drugs.

Dr. Hoddick asked Dr. Daniels if he thought that the protocols currently in place are adequate. He responded that with Kaleida they were; he interacts with the Hospitalist at Sisters but not as much as with Kaleida. He thought that as soon as babies are identified at Sisters they go to the NICU. Dr. Hoddick thanked all for the information provided.

Dr. Dunaif asked as it stands now what is the bigger problem, acute issues with heroin or prescription drugs? Dr. Burstein replied that it was heroin as it is very inexpensive; the ISTOP program controls the availability of prescription drugs. She went on to say that what the Health Dept. sees is the deaths attributed to overdoses through the Medical Examiner's office. Lynne Dixon said that through community committees she is on, the use of heroin has increased tremendously. Dr. Burstein said that the Health Dept. has a strong Naloxone program. Cheryll Moore spoke of interviewing 100 IV drug users 30 and under two years ago in areas of high drug use in the city but were predominantly from the suburbs. They started with prescription drugs and transitioned to heroin when the prescription drugs could no longer be accessed. We will be re-interviewing on the street and asking questions. Dr. Hoddick felt that there has to be some treatment after the Naloxone as there are repeated attempts to revive with Naloxone. He felt that if you are just keeping the person from overdosing you are not treating the patient. Cheryll Moore responded by providing an analogy of nicotine use to drug use. In smoking cessation a person has to touch the system seven times before they even think about quitting. Heroin use is extremely frustrating with the frequent flyers. People who are addicted have been completely brain rewired. Dr. Dunaif asked how Erie County is doing with regard to slots for treatment. Dr. Burstein replied that we do not have any detox beds for minors that is a problem. We also do not have enough providers to meet our capacity for treatment options. There currently is a two year waiting list for treatment.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 MEETING

Dr. Hoddick had not attended the September meeting and asked if

anyone had any additions or comments to the minutes, no one had any objections the motion was carried and the minutes were accepted as written.

IV. FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Rob Free told the board that the Council had taken off for the Summer but that a meeting was scheduled for the beginning of October. There were earnest plans in place , he would update the Board of Health at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Hoddick asked if there was anything the Board could do to obtain more detox treatment beds. Dr. Dunaif suggested writing a letter from the Board regarding this issue to the NYS Governor.

Lynne Dixon told the members that the micro-bead law had been passed by the Erie County Legislature which bans micro-beads that impact the water supply. Ms. Dixon also spoke of a feral cat issue and an individual who runs the Ten Lives Club on Route 5 in Woodlawn. Dr. Dunaif suggested Ms. Dixon speak with Nancy Dickerson regarding this issue. He will send her contact information on to Ms. Dixon. There was some ensuing discussion on this operation.

Dr. Dunaif told the members that there was a study on the transmissibility of Ebola virus to domestic dogs and back to people. The government of Spain put down a dog belonging to a nurse who had contracted Ebola from a patient they were treating. They did a study on whether the dogs had developed the ability to pass it on to people. However there was nothing proven that this could happen.

Dr. Dunaif questioned the current vacancies on the Board. We are currently in the process of replacing Carolyn Montgomery's vacancy. Dr. Hoddick made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Dunaif seconded the motion. The meeting was then adjourned.

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