

Ulster County Board of Health
October 4, 2010

Members PRESENT: Thomas Stellato, MD, President
Joan Authenrieth, RN, Vice President
Dominique Delma, MD
Elbert MacFadden, MD
Marc Tack DO, Secretary

UCDOH PRESENT:

LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Public Health Director
Nereida Veytia, Patient Services Director
Kevin DuMond, Environmental Health Services Director

EXCUSED:

David Clegg, Esq
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Lee Cane, League of Women Voters - Mid-Hudson Region
Shelley Mertens, UCDOH Senior PH Engineer

- I. Approval of Minutes:** The August and September minutes were reviewed, identifying typos. A motion was made by Dr. Tack to accept the amendments and approve the August and September minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Authenrieth and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

- **Resolution 193:** Legislator Robert Parete was scheduled to attend September's meeting to discuss "The Ulster County Recruitment and Retention Act of 2010," and answer Board member questions regarding this Act. Unfortunately, Mr. Parete was unable to attend. Dr. Stellato and Dr. Hasbrouck have attempted to schedule a phone conference but were unable to reach Mr. Parete. Further discussion was tabled until such time the Board can obtain more information regarding this resolution.
- **Board of Health Members:** Dr. Hasbrouck wrote a letter to the County Executive recommending Dr. Ivan Godfrey, PhD, LCSW be appointed to the Board of Health and thereby filling the vacancy created by Marion Ostrander's resignation. If appointed by the County Executive, Dr. Godfrey's term will begin 11/2010 and expire 12/31/2011. Mr. Clegg's and Dr. MacFadden's terms expire on 12/31/2010, creating two vacancies. Dr. Stellato stated that one position should be filled with a community attorney to replace Mr. Clegg. Ms. Authenrieth has suggested that a community nurse should fill the other.

III. Agency Reports:

a. Medical Examiner: No Report

b. Director's Update:

- **Director's Update Newsletter:** Dr. Hasbrouck distributed the October's Director's Update which now includes a "Staff Spotlight" section to recognize those staff who have gone above and beyond (see attached).
- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan:** The Ulster County Strategic National Stockpile Plan is an Annex to the County

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), which provides the framework for the jurisdiction's response to emergencies and disasters. This plan is updated at least annually based upon updated federal, state, and local guidance as well as any deficiencies revealed during SNS Program Assessments, and state/local trainings and exercises. UCDOH received a score of 97% out of 100% for our Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan.

- **Tobacco Free Action Coalition (TFAC) Collaboration:** The County Executive has entered into a partnership with TFAC to target tobacco advertising and signage in Ulster County and remove youth exposure to them. Another part of this initiative is to make all parks tobacco free. This initiative assists with meeting the goals of the Partners in Public Health Councils. Dr. Delma asked if there will be enforcement to this initiative. Dr. Hasbrouck explained that there will be an enforcement piece which will consist of posting signs regarding the regulations, receiving reports of offenders from "good Samaritans". TFAC has taken an aggressive approach to this initiative in Dutchess County and it has proven to be effective.
- **ATUPA Program:** To date, UCDOH has found 21 vendors, compared 1 last year, to be in violation of selling tobacco to minors, which has produced over \$12,000 in fines. Dr. Stellato asked why there is such a large increase. Dr. Hasbrouck explained that the ATUPA program has been made a priority. In the past, stings were done two weeks out of the year typically over spring break when vendors were expecting it. Currently, stings are being conducted on a regular basis throughout the year.

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Health Medication/Vaccine Audit:** A copy of the Health Medication/Vaccine Audit was distributed. This audit is an evaluation of policy regarding the receiving and storage of meds. UCDOH was found to be in compliance.
- **Flu Vaccine Rates:** The Board discussed Ms. Veytia's recommendation to keep the 2010-2011 flu vaccine rates the same as the prior year, \$20.00 for Influenza and \$ 35.00 for Pneumococcal. Dr. Stellato motioned to approve these rates, Dr. MacFadden seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

d. Environmental Health:

Mr. DuMond reported on the following:

- **Topo Policy:** The Board discussed the Mr. DuMond's recommendation to require engineers to include topographical mapping when submitting their plans for review and approval. Per Mr. DuMond, this would not impact existing construction, only new subdivision and new home construction. As most engineering companies already have this technology and no increased burden to the consumer was foreseen, a motion to

approve was made by Dr. Delma, seconded by Dr. Tack and unanimously approved.

Future Board Presentations: Dr. Tack requested the Board invite someone to present on the Medicaid Transport system.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2010.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. MacFadden and seconded by Ms. Authenrieth.

Respectfully submitted by:

Katrina Kouhout
Secretary to the Public Health Director
On behalf of UC Board of Health