

Ulster County Board of Health
November 8, 2010

Members PRESENT: Thomas Stellato, MD, President
Joan Authenrieth, RN, Vice President
Dominique Delma, MD
Marc Tack DO, Secretary
Ivan Godfrey, PhD, LCSW

UCDOH PRESENT: LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Public Health Director
Nereida Veytia, Patient Services Director
Kevin DuMond, Environmental Health Services Director
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner
Vincent Martello, Community Health Relations Director

EXCUSED: David Clegg, Esq
Elbert MacFadden, MD

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Lee Cane, League of Women Voters - Mid-Hudson Region

I. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Tack to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Authenrieth and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

- **New Board Member:** Dr. Stellato welcomed Dr. Godfrey as a new member to the Ulster County Board of Health.
- **Board of Health Vacancies:** As of January 1, 2011, there will be two vacant positions on the Board. Dr. Stellato requested a meeting with Dr. Hasbrouck and Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive, to discuss filling these positions. Dr. Hasbrouck's office will coordinate the meeting.
- **2011 Board Meeting Calendar:** The 2011 Board Meeting calendar was reviewed and approved for distribution.

III. Agency Reports:

a. Health Education Unit:

Vincent Martello reported on the following:

- **Partners in Public Health (PiPH) Planning Councils:** All 4 Councils (Youth, Women, Seniors and Healthy Places) have met, selected Chairs and have identified priority indicators to focus on. They are as follows:
 - Healthy Youth:** Maternal and child health and obesity
 - Healthy Women:** Chronic disease, maternal and child health, and obesity
 - Healthy Seniors:** Increasing the rate of seasonal flu immunizations for adults 65+ and chronic disease
 - Healthy Places:** Environmental quality, increasing access to recreational resources, public transportation and second hand smoke

The Health Education Unit used a process to create a logo to represent the County's Healthy Ulster initiative. Through the use of a web-based company UCDOH was able to solicit

over 146 logo designs and narrow them down to 3 options which were presented to the PiPH Planning Councils to vote on. The logo that the received the most votes was shared with the Board (see attached.)

- **Childhood Obesity Commercial:** The new obesity prevention commercial was viewed by the Board. This will air on various Time Warner Cable channels throughout the month of November. Dr. Tack recommended contacting KHS-TV and the New Visions program to inquire about running these types of commercials through their programs in efforts to reach more youth.

b. Medical Examiner: Dr. Heller reported on the October activity of the ME. There were 16 calls received, 4 were site visits and 7 were autopsies.

c. Director's Update:

Dr. Hasbrouck reported on the following:

- **Director's Update Newsletter:** The November's Director's Update was distributed.(see attached)
- **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC):** The creation of an Ulster County MRC has been placed on hold as the staff member who was overseeing the project has recently resigned. Will resume once fully staffed.
- **Medicaid Transport Services:** Susan Warman, UCDSS - Medicaid Director and their contracted Medicaid Transport Coordinator will attend the December 13th meeting to discuss coordination, access, and possible abuse/overuse of transportation services.
- **Boys and Girls Club Youth:** UCDOH was contacted by the Kingston Boys and Girls Club regarding a 16 year old youth who is interested in learning more about the workings of the ME office. UCDOH contracts with Dr. Sikirica, Forensic Pathologist to provide autopsy services. His office has agreed to correspond via email with this youth. The youth was also invited to the December 13th Board meeting to meet Dr. Heller. Dr. Tack recommended connecting the youth with Dr. McNally, Health Alliance Pathologist.

d. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Points of Dispensing (POD):**
 - o UCDOH Public Health Preparedness (PHP) conducted a drill on 10/19 to test the dispensing of medication system. This drill included staff response, utilization of forms and efficiencies. An After Action report will be submitted to the state outlining the findings of this drill.
 - o UCDOH was asked to participate in SUNY New Paltz's POD on 11/16 to evaluate the dispensing of medications and vaccination of students.
- **Clinic Consolidation:** Moved into the new Willow Park site and clinics have resumed.
- **Flu Clinics:** The last clinic is scheduled on 12/16. However, the division will continue to administer vaccinations to

adult/senior residents. Flu vaccines will also be offered at UCDOH Immunization Clinics.

e. Environmental Health:

Mr. DuMond reported on the following:

- **Childhood Primary Lead Prevention Grant:** The work plan for the NYSDOH Primary Lead Prevention grant (\$265K/year) for the 2011 fiscal year has been completed and approved by the state. The grant will focus on high-risk "hot zones" for potential lead poisoning (e.g., Midtown), and, will support outreach, health education, home assessments, trainings on lead safe work practices (for landlords and tenants), and enforcement activities. The City of Kingston Building and Safety Division has been identified among many other partners to assist with referrals and implementation of the grant.

HIV Law: A discussion took place regarding the impact the new HIV testing law would have on UCDOH clinic services. This law requires anyone entering the hospital to receive services will receive HIV testing unless they sign the waiver opting out of the test. This new law will not have any impact on UCDOH services. However, hospitals will be fiscally impacted as this is a non-funded mandate and the hospitals will be required to absorb the cost of those tests completed which are not covered by insurance.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2010. Dr. Stellato requested a review of the 2011 budget be presented to the Board at this meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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