

Ulster County Board of Health
December 13, 2010

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

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
Ivan Godfrey, PhD, LCSW
Marc Tack DO, Secretary

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Lee Cane, League of Women Voters - Mid-Hudson Region
Susan Warman, UCDOH Director of PH Insurance Programs
Wayne Freeman, Medical Answering Services
Russ Maxwell, Medical Answering Services

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

II. New Business:

- **Board Member:** This meeting ends Dr. MacFadden's term serving on the Board. Dr. Stellato acknowledged Dr. MacFadden's participation and thanked him for his service and commitment.
- **Medical Answering Services:** Representatives Medical Answering services, along with a DSS representative, attended the meeting to discuss Medicaid transportation coordination, access to the service and possible abuse/overuse of the service. Medical Answering Services is a private agency contracted with Ulster County Department of Social Services to arrange transportation services for authorized Medicaid clients. Authorization can only be permitted by client's provider verifying the level of service needed and signing off on the request form. Once approved, clients can schedule transportation via phone or internet. One of the most frequent problems experienced is clients are not scheduling their transportation requests far enough in advance. Currently, the agency is working with Kingston City Bus to coordinate transport schedules so as not to duplicate services. They are also investigating the logistics of clients sharing cabs. It was suggested that Medical Answering Services provide orientations to Ulster County physicians and providers regarding their services and completing the request form.

III. Agency Reports:

a. Medical Examiner: Dr. Heller reported on the November activity of the ME. There were 20 calls received, five were site visits and eight were autopsied.

b. Director's Update:

Dr. Hasbrouck reported on the following:

- **Director's Update Newsletter:** The December's Director's Update was distributed and reviewed.(see attached)
- **ATUPA Program:** The Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) had a successful year with 21 vendors found to be in violation of selling tobacco products to minors. UCDOH has collected approximately \$11,000 in fines. UCDOH is considering extending this program by requiring vendors to be permitted to sell tobacco products.
- **Vaccines for Vulnerables:** In effort to use surplus flu vaccines purchased, the "Vaccines for the Vulnerable" campaign was created and designed to provide free, seasonal flu vaccinations to Ulster County residents, 19 years of age and older, who are uninsured and otherwise unable to pay for a vaccination. Vaccinations will be offered at the Queen's Galley food kitchen on 12/20, 12/20 & 12/21 at the Kingston clinic and 12/22 at the Ellenville clinic.
- **2011 Budget:** Dr. Hasbrouck presented a review of the 2011 budget to the Board.(see attached slides)

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Kingston Clinic site:** The new Kingston clinic site which will house the WIC program, and STD and Immunization clinics has completed its move into the new Willow Park location. Ribbon cutting occurred on 11/19/2010. Normal program services have resumed.
- **CHHA/LTHHCP Update:** Letters regarding the sale of the CHHA/LTHHCP were sent out, notifying clients and appropriate community workers of the impending sale and the transitioning of clients to Willcare.
- **Child Health Clinics:** Currently UCDOH conducts 6 Child Health Clinics per year. These clinics provide counseling, examination and immunizations for infants and children under age 5 who are not enrolled in a health plan. UCDOH has done its due diligence to immediately refer these children to Child Health Plus for medical coverage. Once a child is approved for Child Health Plus benefits, our clinic services are no longer needed. This efficiency has resulted in serving an average of only 5-6 unique individuals per scheduled clinic. UCDOH is currently working on a closure plan to submit to the state to discontinue this service.

d. Environmental Health:

Mr. DuMond reported on the following:

- **NYSDOH Environmental Program Audit:** NYSDOH completed its review on the following programs on 11/29; Fairgrounds, Temporary Residences, Mobile Home Parks, Migrant Farm

Workers, Lead and ATUPA. All programs were found to be in compliance. UCDOH will receive the official report within 30 days.

- **UC Sanitary Code Completion Timeline:** The Sanitary Code is scheduled to be completed by 1/31/2011. Once available, Mr. DuMond will forward copies to Dr. Stellato for review. The proposed code will be presented to the Board at a later date for final approval.
- **Delaware Aqueduct Leak Action Plan:** James Rodden, PH Sanitarian attended a meeting regarding NYC plans to fix the leak. The fix is expected to cost \$1.2 billion project. The project is scheduled to begin in 2013 and be completed in 2019

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2011.

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