

Ulster County Board of Health
February 8, 2010

Members PRESENT: Thomas Stellato, MD, President
Joan Autherieth, RN, Vice President
Marc Tack DO, Secretary
David Clegg, Esq
Dominique Delma, MD
Elbert MacFadden, MD

UCDOH PRESENT:

LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Public Health Director
Kevin DuMond, Environmental Health Services Director
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner

ABSENT:

Marion Ostrander, RN, MS, Board Member
Nereida Veytia, RN, MSN, Patient Services Director

GUESTS:

Lee Cane, League of Woman Voters
Jean Jacobs, Consultant

I. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Autherieth suggested the following amendments to the January minutes:

- Section D1 should read "The report states"
- Section D, 4th paragraph, bullet 2 should read "Define lines of Communication"
- Section D, 6th paragraph should read "A job description" will be defined for the members with the help of Mr. Hein and Ms. Havranek."

A motion was made by Dr. MacFadden to accept the amendments and approve the minutes from the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tack and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

- a. Board of Health Meeting Schedule: The proposed Board of Health 2010 meeting schedule was distributed. A motion was made by Dr. Delma to approve the schedule, was seconded by Mr. Clegg and approved.
- b. Delaware Aqueduct Leak Update: The Board discussed then aqueduct leak and the impact it continues to have on Wawarsing residents.
 - Dr. Stellato expressed concern that the DEP is violating the Sanitary Code and stated the mission of the Board should be to enforce the Sanitary Code. He recommended the Board speak to the County Attorney, Ms. Bea Havranek, to receive clarification of how this is covered under the Sanitary Code and receive guidelines of how the Board should proceed in taking action and enforcing the Code. Dr. Tack inquired about the need to pass a Resolution permitting the Board to take action. Currently the Sanitary Code is being revised. Mr. DuMond meets weekly with Ms. Havranek, to revise the Code. Mr. DuMond stated that this is an ongoing project and expects it will be 9 months to 1 year before completion. Dr. Hasbrouck

recommended the Board not wait until the revised Sanitary Code is complete but to proceed under the current Code as it is still in effect. Mr. DuMond will research the current code and report his findings to the Board at the March meeting.

- Dr. Stellato reported on a bill introduced by Senator Bonachic which would allocate \$2,000,000.00 to purchase homes impacted by the leak. Dr. Tack stated these monies would only allow a buyout of \$58,800.00 per residence. Dr. Stellato will stay in contact with Assemblyman Cahill's office as to the status of this bill and will continue to report back to the Board with his findings.
- Mr. James Rodden Jr., UCDOH Public Health Sanitarian has been the Environmental Health Division's point person for the monthly PAC meetings regarding the leak. Mr. Dumond reported on the topics discussed at the January 27th meeting:
 1. 25 out of 34 affected homeowners have signed the Town of Wawarsing release form for UV installation.
 2. 15 residences have had their UV Disinfection units installed.
 3. 2 residences have had their post-installation bacteriological samples taken, both were satisfactory.
 4. The remaining 13 residences have agreed to have their well sampled once the Town Engineer Lanc & Tully have completed their installation inspection.
 5. The Town of Wawarsing has agreed to pay for the bacteriological testing out of the funds given by NYCDEP.
 6. Sump pumps have been purchased and installed at all affected homes; homeowners have been reimbursed by the Town.
 7. USGS reported that they now have a total of 21 wells under continuous monitoring.
 8. USGS is in process of extending contract with DEP to continue their work in WaWarsing and expand the scope of work.
 9. 2 additional tunnel shut downs have been conducted in the past 2 months to repair equipment in "Shaft 6" to allow tunnel dewatering for future repair of the leak.
 10. A meeting has been scheduled for February 9th with DEP, UCDOH, Lanc & Tully and the Town of WaWarsing to discuss delays in completing UV installations.
 11. NYS DOT has reviewed the final drainage report submitted by Malcolm Pierne and plans to submit comments regarding solutions to surface drainage issues near Smith Rd.
 12. Bottled water is still being provided to homeowners who are in process of UV installation, bottled water will no longer be provided to homeowners unwilling to sign Town release.

Dr. Stellato stressed the importance of keeping this issue a priority of the Board.

- c. Department of Health Organizational Overview: A PowerPoint presentation was given by Dr. Hasbrouck overviewing the reorganization plans of the Department (see attached). The top priorities of this reorganization are as follows:
- Creating clear lines of authority, accountability, reporting and compliance
 - "Right-sizing" for fiscal environment
 - Working smarter, synergistically
 - Flexibility to respond to shifting workloads
 - Greater emphasis on disease prevention and health promotion.

III. Agency Reports:

a. Medical Examiner:

- Dr. Heller reported there has been a fair amount of calls and site visits but overall it has been relatively quiet.
- Dr. Heller will be attending a Coroner 101 Training in March.
- A meeting is being scheduled with Dr. Heller, Dr. Hasbrouck and members of the Ulster County Funeral Directors Association. Dr. Heller would like to establish a rotation system with local Directors so as to create equitable distribution of calls and facility usage.
- Dr. Tack requested a presentation of Death Certificates be given to the Board at a future Board meeting.

- b. Patient Services: H1N1 Clinics continue. To date in this series of clinics, over 300 vaccinations have been administered. The last clinic in this series is scheduled for Wed 2/10 in Boiceville. The next series of clinics will begin in March. Clinics will be held 2-4:00 pm every Friday in two sites (north and south site). These clinics will be by appointment only.

c. Director's Update:

- **Creating Healthy Places Grant**: The UCDOH, in partnership with the Cornell Community Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC), is applying for a NYSDOH grant to Create Healthy Places to Live, Play, and Work. The grant is 2-5 years for \$225K - \$300K. It focuses on reversing the incidence and prevalence of obesity and Type 2 diabetes among target populations in Ulster County through the use of policy, environment, and systems changes to impact nutrition and physical activity of county residents; changing workplace *environments and policies* to support increased physical activities and healthy eating of employees. Grant will start by targeting Kingston, Phoenicia and Ellenville populations.
- **Golden Hill Update**: Disinfection process has been completed. Retesting is being done tonight (2/8) at the Golden Hill Health Care facility as well as the other grounds within the Golden Hill area such as UC Mental Health and UCAT.
- **Director's Update Newsletter**: A monthly update will be distributed to UCDOH staff and the BOH starting the week of 2/8. The newsletter will include Patient Services and

Environmental Health Divisions updates, Health Education Unit updates, calendar events and new staff information.

- **Healthy Ulster Summit:** Planned half-day *Healthy Ulster Summit* to take place on March 2, 2010, 8:30 am -12:30 pm. This will provide a unique opportunity to gather a diverse group of one hundred or more community providers to work together to define the next steps for making Healthy Ulster a reality. Dr. Hasbrouck extended an invitation to Board Members to participate in this event. Invitations will be mailed this week.
- **Site Visits/Audits:** UCDOH has several site visits and audits scheduled:
 1. **WIC Regional:**2/11 and 2/12
 2. **NYSDOH MARO:** Celeste Johnson(Regional Director)and team will be at UCDOH on 2/11 for a Meet and Greet/Site Visit.
 3. **HIV Regional:**2/18
 4. **Environmental Health Regional:** NYSDOH will be conducting a review scheduled 4/27 &4/28.

IV. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Clegg. The motion was seconded by Dr. MacFadden.

Respectfully submitted by:

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