

Ulster County Board of Health
March 8, 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
Kevin DuMond, Environmental Health Services Director
Nereida Veytia, Patient Services Director

EXCUSED: David Clegg, Esq

ABSENT: Marc Tack DO, Secretary
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner

GUESTS: Suzanne Holt, Assist. Deputy County Executive

- I. Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Authenrieth reviewed the amendments to the February minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Delma to accept the amendments and approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. MacFadden and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

- a. Board of Health Meeting Time: A proposal to change the time of the meeting from 7:30 -8:30 PM to 7:00-8:00 PM was made by Dr. Hasbrouck. A motion was made by Dr. MacFadden to approve the change, was seconded by Ms. Authenreith and approved. The Board will begin meeting at the new time starting at the May meeting. This will allow time for the change to be noted on the website. Ms. Holt stated she would post this change.
- b. Delaware Aqueduct Leak Update: Dr. Stellato reported the State Senate passed legislation, sponsored by Senator Bonacic (Bill A10140), authorizing the New York State mortgage agency to transfer certain moneys, in relation to the use of surplus funds (\$4,000,000.00) from the greater Catskills flood remediation program to purchase the houses from residents damaged by the aqueduct leak in the Town on Wawarsing. Mr. DuMond distributed a Daily Freeman newspaper article written on 3/6/2010 summarizing the aforementioned Bill.
A discussion took place regarding a letter written to the UC Public Health Director on October 6, 2008 from NYSDOH, defining the NYS Department of Health's jurisdiction and oversight of NYS DEP in regards to the leak. Dr. Stellato would like to discuss holding NYS DEP accountable for this unresolved issue with the County Attorney.

III. Agency Reports:

- a. Medical Examiner: No Report
- b. Director's Update:
 - **UCDOH Fee Schedule:** Dr. Hasbrouck distributed the proposed UCDOH fee schedule (see attached). A motion to approve the Fee Schedule was made by Dr. MacFadden, seconded by Ms.

Authenrieth and approved. Dr. Hasbrouck will continue the approval process by submitting the proposed Fee Schedule to the County Executive and the County Legislature.

- **Director's Update Newsletter:** Dr. Hasbrouck distributed the March Director's Update (see attached).
- **Healthy Ulster Summit:** Dr. Hasbrouck reported on this March 2nd event. Representatives from community providers, faith-based organizations, schools, health providers, and county agencies attended the event - approximately 90 in attendance. During the first portion of the event, Dr. Hasbrouck presented the vision of the Department and its role in making Ulster the healthiest county in NYS including a presentation of the County Health Rankings. The latter portion was designated to four brainstorming sessions (healthy women, healthy youth, healthy seniors and healthy environments) in which the attendees participated. These groups focused on defining the needs of the community, resources available and identifying next steps specific to each group. UCDOH staff scribed these sessions. Their notes will be transcribed and sent to Dr. Hasbrouck who will compile the information and a summit proceedings session will be scheduled sometime in May to present this compiled information and establish a strategic plan for each track.

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Selling of Long Term License:** The County Executive has been notified of the intent to sell. The contract with Holtz and Rubenstein, the consultant hired to evaluate the worth of the license and develop a proposal, is being finalized.
- **Application of the LHCSA License:** Ms. Veytia is working on completing the application process. Once a draft is complete it will be forwarded to the NYS Bureau of Management for state level review.
- **Provider Solutions Records Review:** In order to comply with MARO Article 28 regulations, requiring a review of records by an outside agency, UCDOH contracted with Provider Solutions to conduct a records audit which took place on 2/16/10. All clinic components were found to be compliance. Although there were no outstanding or glaring issues with the records, recommendations such as creating a standardized method for making corrections was made.
- **H1N1 Clinics:** Conducting the 3rd round of clinics, every Friday at the north and south clinics, by appointment only. The number of those receiving the vaccination is decreasing. Dr. Stellato inquired about how long UCDOH will need to conduct clinics. Ms. Veytia will verify the requirements and report back.
- **WIC:** Plan of corrections has been completed. Considering opening permanent sites. Ms. Veytia is working with NYS

WIC to make a plan. The State would like UCDOH to implement a breastfeeding counseling program.

- **HIV Regional Review:** No recommendations were made.

d. Environmental Health:

Mr. DuMond reported on the following:

- **Raccoon Attack:** A senior man was attacked and bitten by a raccoon on 3/3 while he was leaving his house. The man was able to slay the raccoon which was taken for testing and confirmed positive for rabies. The man is currently undergoing the rabies vaccination treatment.
- **Food Permits:** All food permit applications were due on 2/28. Out of the 750 applications, 50 of them were late and will receive preliminary hearing notices, and 50 applications were missing information such as insurance certificates. These facilities will be given an extra week to submit the missing information.
- **Legionella Update:** UCDOH is now responsible for conducting the water samplings. Both the UC Golden Health Care facility and the UC Law Enforcement Center tested positive for Legionella. Although both had positive lab results, Golden Hill facility had clinical illness while the Law Enforcement center was an incidental finding resulting from precautionary testing to surrounding areas. The Golden Hill facility will be retested on 3/9 and the Law Enforcement Center is scheduled for retesting on 3/10. The Golden Hill facility has hired a consultant to explore and present the best treatment process to use. There are two treatments being considered; Copper Silver and Chlorine Dioxide.
- **ATUPA Program:** The UCDOH smoking compliance program has hired an Environmental Health Aide, age 16, to attempt to purchase tobacco products from local retailers. Attempts to purchase will be conducted on 200-300 area businesses. To date, 2 facilities have been found in violation of selling tobacco products to a minor. Mr. DuMond stated that although this is a State compliance program and there are no entrapment issues, he would discuss the enforcement process with the County Attorney.

- IV. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Delma. 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