

Ulster County Board of Health
April 12, 2010

Members PRESENT: Thomas Stellato, MD, President
Joan Authenrieth, RN, Vice President

UCDOH PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

ABSENT:

Marc Tack DO, Secretary
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner
Dominique Delma, MD
Elbert MacFadden, MD
David Clegg, Esq
Marion Ostrander, RN, MS

GUESTS:

Lee Cane, League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region

I. Approval of Minutes: Approval of the March minutes was tabled until the May meeting as there was no quorum.

II. New Business:

a. Board of Health Meeting Time: It was confirmed that the Board will begin meeting at the new time, 7:00-8:00 PM, starting at the May 10, 2010 meeting.

III. Agency Reports:

a. Medical Examiner: No Report

b. Director's Update:

• **Partners in Public Health Planning Councils (PiPH):**

The Ulster Health Summit was held on March 2, 2010. As a result, participants wanted to continue working with UCDOH. Dr. Hasbrouck has begun establishing Partners in Public Health Planning Councils. The PiPH planning councils will be organized along the four tracks (e.g., youth, women, seniors, environments), focused on at the Summit. The purpose of the planning councils will be to assist UCDOH with developing a strategic direction for our health initiatives, activities, and campaigns related to our prevention agenda. Dr. Hasbrouck reported that he is compiling the Summit proceedings with the intention of reconvening mid-to-end of May to discuss both the findings and define the next steps for the councils.

• **Lead Grant:** UCDOH is currently applying for a grant (\$250,000.00), which will allow UCDOH to partner with other community agencies and begin identifying high risk houses in the area and thereby reducing the amount of kids in the community testing positive for high lead levels. This program will identify and target "hot zones"; those

areas where clusters of positive lead results have been reported. The grant will provide funding for remediating housing, as well as, provide training for landlords. At present, RUPCO and the City of Kingston have agreed to partner.

- **UCDOH Fee Schedule:** Dr. Hasbrouck recently provided the County Executive the amount of revenue UCDOH anticipates the new fee schedule would produce. The schedule was reviewed and received County Executive approval. Currently, the schedule is being reviewed by the County Attorney for proper implementation. It is scheduled to be implemented in the fall.
- **Director's Update Newsletter:** Dr. Hasbrouck distributed the April Director's Update (see attached).

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **4/9 CHHA/LTHHCP Post-Survey Site Visit:** This unannounced site visit was post-survey follow up to the plan of corrections submitted on 6/2009. It involved patient records review from both programs only and no home visits were conducted by the auditor. The previous areas for review were in compliance; clinical summaries to physicians, pain assessments, and documentation of the personal emergency response. There were two areas of deficiency noted; documentation of medications need to be more detailed in instruction and there needs to be documentation of all team coordination efforts and steps taken by nurse to MD regarding those patients at risk for deterioration. The auditor will review all findings with her counter parts and send UCDOH plan of corrections response within 10 days.
- **Sale of CHHA/LTHHP:** The application has been signed and sent to the Management Bureau at the Office of Health Systems Management. A request for proposals will be sent out, notifying all agencies who may be interested in purchasing. UCDOH has met with UC Purchasing Department to begin the process. A consultant will be hired whose function will be to review the proposal in depth. The internal timeline has been set for 6/30/2010 but will most likely take longer as Patient Services is transitioning staff to their new budget lines, while still providing Long-Term services.

d. Environmental Health:

Mr. DuMond reported on the following:

- **Sanitary Code:** Environmental Health meets every Tuesday with the County Attorney's Office to revise the Sanitary Code which will mimic Rockland County's code. Presently, they are working on revising the Food Service portion specific to mobile units, push carts, and vending machines. The following sections have been revised; General Definitions and Provisions, Drinking Water Supplies, Waste Facilities and Disposals, Mandatory Water Conservation Measures Eliminated, and Realty Subdivisions.

- **Formal/Informal Hearings:** Under revision. The intent is to have it completed within the month. Lou Klein has been designated as Hearing Officer.
- **Wawarsing Update:** Progress is being made regarding the installation of UV system. 35 residents have signed the Town of Wawarsing waiver of liability, 10 have either declined the system or refused to sign the waiver. Those residents, who have refused to sign the document, will no longer be provided bottled water. The Bill to offer a buyout has been Assembly and Senate approved - currently being held within the budget process. The next Project and Advisory Committee meets on 4/20, 10:00 am, Ellenville Town Hall. Mr. Dumond will report any new findings at the May meeting.

IV. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was not made as there was no quorum.

Respectfully submitted by:

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