

Ulster County Board of Health
August 9, 2010

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

UCDOH PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Dominique Delma, MD
Kevin DuMond, Environmental Health Services Director
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner

ABSENT:

Marion Ostrander

GUESTS:

Denise Woodvine, Environmental Health Manager
Vincent Martello, Director of Community Health Relations

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

I. New Business: No new business

II. Agency Reports:

a. Medical Examiner: Dr. Hasbrouck reported on the following:

- **Monthly Calls:** The June stats are as follows: 20 deaths, 3 were suicides, 1 infant and there was 1 site investigation. The July stats are as follows: 23 deaths, 2 suicides, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 infant and there was 1 site visit.

b. Director's Update:

- **Director's Update Newsletter:** Dr. Hasbrouck distributed the August's Director's Update (see attached).
- **Lyme Video:** UCDOH Health Education Unit produced its first commercial on Lyme prevention. The commercial will run the month of August.
- **Childhood Lead Primary Prevention Grant:** The multi-division team is completing the work plan for the NYSDOH Primary Lead Prevention grant (\$265K/year) for the 2011 fiscal year. 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. A list of potential partners was distributed. Dr. Tack recommended adding local pediatricians as a partner to receive referrals from. Dr.

Tack also thought it might be helpful to have survey cards made to have in MD offices for patients to complete if they are worried about Lead in their homes. Mr. Clegg expressed concerns about the testing of the paint without the landlords permission. Dr. Hasbrouck stated that landlords would receive a Notice of Inspection. The Public Health Director is also allowed to deputize an agency for enforcement. Dr. Hasbrouck said they would query other counties to see what they are doing.

- **Partners in Public Health (PIPH):** The first meeting was held on 8/5. The purpose of the meeting was to orientate the members on the function of the councils and their role in improving the Ulster County Report Card. Council meetings will be held quarterly with the first one starting in September.
- **Article 6 and State Aid Fiscal Audit:** Currently UCDOH is being audited by the State. The State is scrutinizing grant records and wants to see that claims are processed appropriately. The audit will take about 3 weeks. Dr. Hasbrouck will share the preliminary and the final report with the Board.
- **National Preparedness Month:** September is National Preparedness Month. UCDOH Public Health Preparedness Unit will be distributing preparedness information to the community via press releases, the public access channel and local radio. A weekly e-newsletter will be distributed to approximately 3,000 County employees and the Red Cross will be giving a presentation at the UCDOH All Teams meeting on 9/24.
- **Medical Reserves Corps (MRC):** Dr. Hasbrouck invited Eleanor Troy, UCDOH Public Health Preparedness Coordinator to give an overview on Medical Reserves Corps. The purpose of this initiative is to bridge the gap of insufficient numbers of staff and volunteers needed to respond to a large scale disaster. UCDOH proposed to the Board their desire to develop an MRC for Ulster County. After some discussion about the number of staff needed, coordinating staffing with local hospitals and identifying that more than just medical staff are needed, the Board gave its full support and UCDOH can begin training, identifying individuals and begin the MRC process.
- **UCDOH Website:** Vin Martello presented the department's new website design currently being created. There will be a link to all Board of Health information including, Board Members and their bios and meeting schedule. Dr. Tack recommended that the Department consider using already existing community agencies, such as Ulster BOCES, to create the site rather than contracting with someone new. Dr. Tack also recommended that the Department's emergency numbers be posted prominently on the main page.

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Saugerties, New Paltz, and Kingston Satellite consolidation:** The new Saugerties site is working out well. The Jewish

Community Center in New Paltz offered to host the WIC clinics and the New Paltz VFW agreed to house the Immunization clinics. Continuing to look into a permanent site for Kingston WIC. Currently WIC services about 1900 families county-wide and they would like to increase the number of families served. Considering co-locating with the other clinics from 759 Broadway. Willow Park Complex is being looked into as a possible Kingston site. The goal is by Nov 2nd to have the new Kingston site up and running.

- **Sale of Long-Term\CHHA license:** The County Attorney is working on finalizing the contract and the vendor agreement. On Fri 8/6, the closure plan was submitted to the State.

d. Environmental Health:

Mrs. Woodvine reported on the following:

- **Sewage Failures:** As of late, the Division has received complaints of a few sewage failures. Inspections were done on all incidents and appropriate action taken.
- **Hearings:** To date there have been 33 Informal Hearings, half of which were for Food Service Establishments - mostly for not submitting the proper paperwork. Currently there are a few establishments being reviewed and considered for Formal Hearings. Lou Klein has been selected to be the County's Hearing Officer.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2010.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. MacFadden and seconded by Mr. Clegg.

Respectfully submitted by:

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