

Ulster County Board of Health
September 13, 2010

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

EXCUSED: David Clegg, Esq
Elbert MacFadden, MD
Marc Tack DO, Secretary

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Lee Cane, League of Women Voters - Mid-Hudson Region
Vincent Martello, Director of Community Health Relations

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

II. New Business:

- a. **Resolution 193:** Legislator Robert Parete was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting to discuss "The Ulster County Recruitment and Retention Act of 2010," and answer Board member questions regarding the Act. Unfortunately, Mr. Parete was unable to attend. Dr. Stellato requested that a phone conference be scheduled with Mr. Parete. Dr. Hasbrouck's office will schedule this.
- b. **Board of Health Members:** Marion Ostrander has resigned her position on the Board which has created a vacancy for that term (term expires on 12/31/11.) There will also be 2 vacancies created on 12/31/10. Two additional vacancies are expected by 2011 year end.

III. Agency Reports:

- a. Medical Examiner: Dr. Heller reported on the following:
 - **Monthly Calls:** There were 15 calls during July and August; 1 suicide, 8 Autopsies in July alone, 1 Motor Vehicle accident in July and 1 in August.
 - **Funeral Homes:** Continuing to work on a rotational system with area Funeral Homes for transporting.
 - **WGHQ Radio:** Will be a guest on Dr. Hanovice and Dr. Hasbrouck's talk radio show, Monday 9/27 to speak about the workings of the UCME office.
- b. Director's Update:
 - **Director's Update Newsletter:** Dr. Hasbrouck distributed the September's Director's Update (see attached).
 - **Partners in Public Health Councils (PiPH):** These councils have begun to meet as official groups. Their focus will be on the high priority health indicators identified in the Ulster Report Card. UCDOH Health Education Unit will take lead oversight of these councils.

- **Article 6 and State Aid Fiscal Audit:** The audit is still being conducted. Dr. Hasbrouck will provide its findings to the Board once UCDOH is in receipt of them.
- **Turn-off Campaign:** Vin Martello reported to the Board that September hosts "Turn-Off" Campaign week, where individuals are encouraged to turn off their electronic devices for the week in efforts to reduce recreational screen time and encourage more participation in physical activities.

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **New Paltz and Kingston Satellite consolidation:**
The 759 Broadway, Kingston site is scheduled to be closed and renovation of the new Willow Park site to be done during the month of October. The intent is to be in the new site by 11/1 with clinics up and running by 11/15. The long range goal is to permanently house WIC at the Kingston Willow Park site and hold both WIC and Immunization Clinics there. The New Paltz lease ends on 11/30/2010. Currently, looking into places to host clinics. Considering spaces in the Village as it provides easier walking access to residents.
- **Sale of Long-Term\CHHA license:** Mrs. Veytia has been in conversation with the Regional office who confirms that the contract is being reviewed by the Central Office and is moving forward to meet the year end finalization goal.
- **Flu Vaccine Rates:** The 2009-2010 Flu Vaccine rates were \$20.00 for Influenza and \$35.00 for pneumococcal. The Board discussed keeping the rates the same for the 2010-2011 flu season. Due to the lack of a quorum, this will be tabled and voted on at the September meeting.
- **Local Pharmacies:** A new law has been passed, allowing local pharmacists to administer the flu vaccination. Some pharmacies are being required to have a physician sign the standing orders. Dr. Hasbrouck has been approached by several area pharmacies to agree to sign these orders. There is concern about the liability of doing this. The County Attorney will need to be contacted if this is something UCDOH would consider doing.
- **Institute for Family Health:** Working on a contract with Dr. Josefski and Dr. Wilson from the Institute, for UCDOH to provide internship to residents. This internship will consist of two half days; 1 day of UCDOH orientation and the other will be more hands-on, including joint visits with a Public Health Nurse, as well as attending clinics.

d. Environmental Health:

Mr. DuMond reported on the following:

- **Hearings:** Contracts have been signed with Lou Klein, who will be the Hearing Officers and Andrew Zweben will have been contracted to be the prosecuting attorney. Currently preparing to submit and try the first Formal Hearing case.
- **Topo Policy:** Mr. DuMond would like Board approval to require Engineers to include topography mapping when submitting their plans for review and approval. The intent would be to

add this to the UC Sanitary Code as part of regulation. Due to the lack of a quorum, this will be tabled and voted on at the September meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2010.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Joan Authenrieth and seconded by Dr. Delma.

Respectfully submitted by:

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