

**Ulster County Board of Health**  
**November 14, 2011**

**Members PRESENT:** Joan Authenrieth, RN, Vice Chairman  
Marc Tack DO, Chairman  
Dominique Delma, MD, Secretary  
Ivan Godfrey, PhD, LCSW, Board Member  
Thomas Stellato, MD, Board Member  
Mary Ann Hildebrandt, Board Member

**UCDOH PRESENT:**  
Erica Gifford, PE, Environmental Health Services Director  
Nereida Veytia, Patient Services Director

**GUESTS:** Cheryl Qamar, UC Department of Mental Health Deputy Commissioner

**ABSENT:**

**EXCUSED:** LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Public Health Director  
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Dr. Delma to approve the September minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stellato and unanimously approved.
- A motion was made by Dr. Tack to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Authenrieth and unanimously approved.

**II. Old Business:**

- **Mental Health Overview to Medical Community:** The Mental Health Overview for the medical community, "Mental Health 101," has been scheduled for November 30, 2011, 5:30 -7:00 PM, at the Benedictine Auditorium. Dr. Tack will organize refreshments. Ms. Qamar and Dr. Tack reviewed the agenda for this event.

**III. New Business:**

- **Approval of 2012 Board of Health Meeting Schedule:** A motion was made by Dr. Tack to approve the 2012 Board of Health Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stellato and unanimously approved. The Board requested for this schedule to be posted on the county's website for easy access. Dr. Hasbrouck's office will inquire.

**IV. Agency Reports:**

- a. Director's Update: No Report
- b. Medical Examiner: In October, there were (13) calls received. Of them, there were (4) site visits, (1) suicides, and (4) autopsies.
- c. Patient Services:  
Ms. Veytia reported on the "Project Hope" an OMH/FEMA grant program whose goal is to reach out to post Irene individuals and families to provide information on accessing available community supports and services. UCDOH has provided MHA with vaccination information to also be distributed to these individuals and families.

d. Environmental Health:

Ms. Gifford reported on the following:

- **Enforcement Overview:** A summary sheet was distributed to the Board, outlining the informal and formal hearing activities of the department. Dr. Tack requested a summary of all inspection activities within the department. This information will be provided in the 2011 year-end report.
- **Esopus Creek:** Dr. Tack inquired as to the clearing of the Esopus Creek. Ms. Gifford informed staff that it is DEC that oversees the creek and not UCDOH.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2011.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Authenrieth, seconded by Ms. Hildebrandt and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

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