

Ulster County Board of Health
August 8, 2011

Members PRESENT: Marc Tack DO, Chairman
Ivan Godfrey, PhD, LCSW
Mary Ann Hildebrandt
Thomas Stellato, MD
Dominique Delma, MD, Secretary

UCDOH PRESENT: LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Public Health Director
Erica Gifford, PE, Environmental Health Services Director
Nereida Veytia, Patient Services Director
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner
Vincent Martello, Director of Community Health Relations

GUESTS: Lee Cane, League of Women Voters - Mid-Hudson Region
Cheryl Qamar, UC Department of Mental Health Deputy Commissioner

Excused: Joan Authenrieth, RN, Vice Chairman

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

II. Old Business:

• **Formal Hearing Review Follow-up:**

- **Scandinavian Grace Café:** The facility continues to be in compliance with the Board's ruling.
- **Cherries on Top:** UCDOH gave a review of the Formal Hearing and charges being enforced upon this facility.

III. Agency Reports:

a. Director's Update:

Dr. Hasbrouck reported on the following:

- **Director's Update Newsletter:** The July's Director's Update was distributed and reviewed (see attached).
- **DOH/DMH Merger Study Update:** Dr. Hasbrouck introduced Cheryl Qamar, Ulster County Department of Mental Health Deputy Commissioner. He also gave a presentation of the DOH/DMH Merger study findings (see attached). The following discussions took place:
 - **DOH/DMH Boards:** Dr. Hasbrouck explained that there will continue to be two separate Boards for both departments. UCDOH will continue to report to the Board of Health and UCDMH will report to the Community Services Board. However, as of September, Ms. Veytia will attend the UCDMH board meeting and Ms. Qamar will continue to attend the UCDOH board meetings.
 - **Assessing Mental Health Services:** The Board expressed concerns about assessing mental health services. Dr. Tack requested that a mental health presentation be made to the medical community. Dr. Hasbrouck and Ms. Qamar will schedule.

b. Health Education:

Mr. Martello reported on the following:

- **Healthy Ulster County Summit:** A summary of the second annual Healthy Ulster County Summit was presented to the Board (see attached.) The summit was held on July 13, 2011 with approximately 75 in attendance. The objective of the Summit was to allow each Partners in Public Health Councils (PiPH) to report their progress and next steps with each of the health indicators they chose to focus on. This information was compiled and distributed to the Board (see attached.)

c. Medical Examiner:

Dr. Heller reported on the April and May activities of the ME:

- **June:** There were (32) calls received. Of them, there were (7) site visits, (1) suicides, and (13) autopsies.
- **July:** There were eighteen (18) calls received. Of them, there were four (4) site visits, zero (0) suicides, and four (4) autopsies.

Both Dr. Heller and Dr. Grovenburg were awarded the Community Excellence Award by Chabad Lubavitch of Ulster County on July 24th.

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Pharmacological Report:** The Annual Article 28 Pharmacological report was distributed. Inspection report noted that UCDOH was found to be in compliance with the medication/vaccine audit.
- **Flu and Pneumonia 2011-2012 Clinical Rate:** The outline of the estimated cost for UCDOH to administer the flu and pneumonia vaccinations(see attached.) A proposal was made to charge twenty (\$20) dollars for the flu vaccine and fifty (\$50) for the pneumonia vaccine. A motion was made by Ms. Hildebrandt to approve the 2011 rates, it was seconded by Dr. Godfrey and unanimously approved.

d. Environmental Health:

Ms. Gifford reported on the following:

- **Childhood Lead Site Visit:** The report from the June 15, 2011 NYSDOH childhood lead primary prevention program site visit was distributed. The overview was positive and the State was pleased with the progress DOH has been making with this new initiative.
- **Civil Penalties Bill:** Information on the new civil penalties bill was provided to the Board. This new bill which came into effect in July would allow local health departments to increase civil penalties up to \$2,000.00 per violation. UCDOH fines will remain unchanged and further discussion of this new bill was tabled for future meetings.
- **Sanitary Code:** An overview of the second half of the Ulster County Sanitary Code was presented to the Board (see attached.) Currently Environmental Health is working with the County

Attorney's office to wrap up the revisions of the Code. The goal is to present the draft to the Board for final approval in September. An electronic version of the document will be emailed to Board members one week prior to the September meeting, if available.

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

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Delma and seconded by Ms. Hildebrandt.

Respectfully submitted by:

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