

Ulster County Board of Health
September 12, 2011

Members PRESENT: Joan Authenrieth, RN, Vice 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

GUESTS: Cheryl Qamar, UC Department of Mental Health Deputy Commissioner
Geddy Sveikauskas, Ulster Publishing

EXCUSED: Marc Tack DO, Chairman

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

II. Old Business:

- **UC Sanitary Code Status:** The draft of the Sanitary Code is still not available for review. The draft is currently being reviewed by UC Attorney's office and then will need to be reviewed by the County Executive's Office. No tobacco regulations will be added to the code.

III. Agency Reports:

a. Director's Update:

Dr. Hasbrouck reported on the following:

- **Director's Update Newsletter:** The August/September's Director's Update was distributed and reviewed (see attached).
- **Tropical Storm Irene:**
 - As a result of Tropical Storm Irene, UCDOH has been holding in house meetings with its key disaster response staff. There have also been meetings held with the County Executive's office, the Department of Mental Health, UCDOH, DSS, and Emergency Management, to tighten communication and efficiencies for disaster related events.
 - A Disaster Relief Center (DRC) has been established at the Business Resource Center (BRC) and at Bellayre. These DRCs function as access points for the community to inquire/apply for resources available to them, i.e. FEMA, mental health, Red Cross, etc. UCDOH has had presence at both sites providing nursing assistance at the Bellayre site and environmental health assistance at the BRC site.
 - Patient Services:
 - Activated of UCDOH Emergency Preparedness Plan. Reports to MARO on the assessment and surveillance of local hospitals, nursing homes and adult assisted living facilities for closures, damage or evacuations.

UCDOH nursing staff deployed to assist at the Belleayre Emergency Shelter to address the needs presenting for special needs population. Facility was staffed by health nurses and home health aide from August 30, 2011 through September 6, 2011. Triage evaluation of individuals presenting decisions made to transport acute clients to local hospitals. Coordination with DSS caseworkers on client discharge planning.

- Coordination within UCDOH to respond to procuring medical supplies and equipment requests for the Belleayre Emergency Shelter; i.e. O2 concentrators, hospital beds, medical supplies, baby formula, etc.
 - Notified patients on actions to take regarding the preparedness plan. Continuous Organ Operation Plan (COOP) initiated and prioritized the operation of clinics (WIC, Immunization, STD's,) maternal health and DSS visits.
 - Planning currently underway for the vaccination of emergency medical and volunteers at shelter sites.
 - Tetanus Clinics are being scheduled to provide free vaccination to those assisting with the disaster clean up; EMS, fire and county workers (Highway and Bridges, Building and Grounds, Sheriff.)
- Environmental Health has been providing a daily situational report to NYSDOH, summarizing the status of the large water systems, restaurants which have been damaged by flooding or closed, beaches which have been closed, sewage treatment plants and any temporary residences which have been effected.
- **Assessing Mental Health Services:** Cheryl Qamar updated the Board on the status of the mental health presentation to the medical community. UCDMH has been working with Health Alliance and this has been scheduled for November 30th, 5:30-7:00, Benedictine Auditorium.
 - **UCDOH/UCDMH Merger Update:** A joint mission statement was created and has been approved by the Mental Health Community Services Board. The mission statement will be reviewed and voted on for approval by the UCDOH Board of Health at the October meeting.

b. Medical Examiner:

Dr. Heller reported on the August activities of the ME:

- There were (42) calls received. Of them, there were (6) site visits, (6) suicides, and (21) autopsies.

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Flu and Pneumonia Clinic:** The 2011 Flu and Pneumonia clinic schedule was distributed (see attached.)
- **Irene Update:** See report above.

d. Environmental Health:

Ms. Gifford reported on the following:

- **Irene Update:** See report above.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2011.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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