

Ulster County Board of Health
April 9, 2012

Members PRESENT: Joan Authenrieth, RN, Vice Chairman
Marc Tack DO, Chairman
Dominique Delma, MD, Secretary
Mary Ann Hildebrandt, Board Member

UCDOH PRESENT: LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Public Health Director
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner

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

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Nereida Veytia, Patient Services Director

I. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the March minutes by Mary Ann Hildebrandt, seconded by Joan Authenrieth and unanimously approved.

II. Agency Reports:

a. Director's Update:

Dr. Hasbrouck reported on the following:

- **UCDOH Public Health Director/UCDMH Commissioner:** Dr. Hasbrouck announced his resignation as Ulster County Public Health Director, effective April 14, 2012. Ms. Veytia will be appointed Acting Director for the interim until a new Public Health Director can be appointed. Dr. Hasbrouck expressed his gratitude towards the Board for the 2.5 years of work during his time at DOH. Dr. Tack, on behalf of the Board, thanked Dr. Hasbrouck for his contribution and wished him well in his new position.
- **Environmental Health Director:** There have been several interviews conducted to fill this vacancy, however, there has not been an appropriate fit found yet. This will be a key hire for the new Public Health Director but until that time, Denise Woodvine, Environmental Health Manager has been appointed Acting Director. Dr. Tack inquired about the impact these staff shortages would have on the upcoming summer work. Dr. Hasbrouck explained that the team has been working on cross-training staff to assist with other program work. There are also Environmental Health Aides who are typically college aged students hired to assist with basic environmental work such as water sample collections and routine inspections.
- **NYSDOH Ban on Synthetic Cannabinoids:** NYS Department of Health has issued an order of summary action banning the sale of synthetic marijuana products in New York State on March 29, 2012. The Environmental Health Division has been working diligently to notify all Ulster County tobacco retailers of this ban and conducting site visits to those retailers suspected of selling these products. A mailing to approximately 200 tobacco retailers

was completed, 61 site visits were done, of them only 12 facilities were known to sell these products.

- **Suicide Response Coordinating Committee Orientation:** A coordinating committee has been identified consisting of approximately 15 stakeholders and community members, including Dr. Heller, UC Medical Examiner and Dr. Woodley, Family Practice Medical Director. The focus of this Committee will be to reduce contagion by managing media and the dissemination of information quickly. There is an orientation meeting scheduled for Committee members on April 26, 2012.

b. Medical Examiner:

Dr. Heller reported on the following:

- **Monthly Report:** A summary sheet of the March activity of the Medical Examiner's Office was distributed and reviewed (see attached).

c. Patient Services: No Report

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2012.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Tack, seconded by Joan Authenrieth and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

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