

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

February 13, 2012

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Approval of January 9, 2012 minutes

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Director's Report:
 - UCDOH/DMH Co-Location Update
 - Board of Health Nominations
 - Suicide Prevention Committee

 - b. Medical Examiner Report:
 - January Case 2011

 - c. Patient Services
 - Home Care Program
 - LHCSA license Approval
 - LTHHCP/CHHA Closure Plan

 - a. Environmental Health Report:
 - Enforcement Hearing Update
 - Program Overview: New EPA Ground Water Rule

MEETING CONCLUSION

Ulster County Board of Health
February 13, 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
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
Lee Cane, Mid-Hudson League of Women Voters

ABSENT:

EXCUSED:

I. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Tack to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Joan Authenrieth and unanimously approved.

II. Agency Reports:

a. Director's Update:

Dr. Hasbrouck reported on the following:

- **UCDOH/DMH Co-Location Update:** Co-location planning has been completed. However, the move is currently on hold as the County Executive is still considering alternative sites with the potential to house all human services departments at one location.
- **Board of Health Vacancies:** One of the three vacancies will be appointed through nominations made by the City of Kingston Mayor. The County Executive's Office has reached out to the Mayor soliciting nominations. Dr. Hasbrouck has submitted two names for consideration; Danielle Heller, Regional Director for the American Cancer Society and Dr. Walter Woodley, Medical Director for the Institute for Family Health.
- **Suicide Prevention Committee:** This is a response coordination committee to assist in responding to those individuals who have been impacted by a suicide in efforts to prevent contagion. The committee is comprised of participants from school, youth and human services agencies. A five hour orientation and training has been scheduled for April 26, 2012. Ms. Qamar requested participation from the Medical Examiner's office. Dr. Tack also recommended that the committee reach out to Dr. Woodley for participation.

b. Medical Examiner:

- In December, there were (30) calls received. Of them, there were (8) site visits, (5) suicide, and (14) autopsies.

c. Patient Services:

Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Licensed Home Care Service Agency (LHCSA):** The County has received final approval of the license. Closure of the Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) and Long Term Home Health Care (LTHHC) is scheduled to happen at the end of February, which will mark the official transfer and closure of LTHHC and CHHA services.

d. Environmental Health:

Ms. Gifford reported on the following:

- **Enforcement Overview:** A summary sheet was distributed to the Board, outlining the most recent informal and formal hearing activities of the department (see attached).
- **EPA Ground Water Rule:** An overview of the new EPA ground water rule was presented to the Board, outlining the permitting process and inspection criteria for the Water Program (see attached).

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted by:



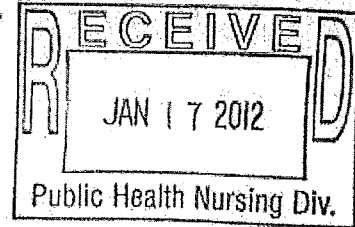
Katrina Kouhout
Secretary to the Public Health Director
On behalf of UC Board of Health

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Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner

Sue Kelly
Executive Deputy Commissioner

January 13, 2012



Ms. Nereida Veytia, RN, MSN
Ulster County Department of Health
Licensed Home Care Service Agency
300 Flatbush Avenue
Kingston, New York 12401

Re: 1874-L
Ulster County Department of Health Licensed
Home Care Service Agency

Dear Ms. Veytia:

The result of the Article 36 survey of your home care services agency indicates that you are in compliance with all applicable state rules and regulations as specified in Parts 700, 765 and 766 of Title 10 of the New York Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations. A recommendation to issue a license to your agency has been forwarded to our office by the Metropolitan Area Regional Office.

Approval is granted, effective December 19, 2011 to commence operations of your agency. A license will be issued as soon as all the requisite paperwork is processed. In the interim, this letter will serve as your authority to operate.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (518) 408-1638 or by e-mail at homecare@health.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Rush".

Linda Rush
Health Program Administrator 2
Division of Home and Community Based Services

cc: Ms. Phoenix
Ms. Starr



ULSTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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MICHAEL P. HEIN
County Executive

LA MAR HASBROUCK, MD, MPH
Public Health Director

January 20, 2012

Dear Patient/Caregiver

This is to notify you that the Ulster County Department of Health Certified Home Care Agency will be closing our agency on February 29, 2012. We have received approval from the New York State Department of Health for this closure.

We will cease providing home care services on February 29, 2012. You will continue to receive home care services from our agency until the date of closure. At that time you will be discharged from our agency and will need to be admitted to another Certified Home Health Agency. You will have a choice between two home care agencies that provide services in Ulster County.

Willcare
803 Grant Avenue
Lake Katrine, N.Y. 12449
(845) 331-3970

Always There
918 Ulster Avenue
Kingston, N.Y. 12401
(845) 339-6683

You must notify us by **February 3, 2012** which agency you want to be referred to for continued care, so we can ensure a smooth transition of your care.

We have prided ourselves in providing high quality home care services to the residents of Ulster County for many decades. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns at (845) 340-3070.

Sincerely,

Nereida Veytia, RN, MSN
Deputy/Director of Patient Services

NV:cm

Hearing List for

Feburay 13th 2012 BOH

Jan-12

Facility	What Stage It is In IF or F	Type	A&S Signed		Comments	Formal	Hearing Date Scheduled	Time	Comments	2nd Formal	Hearing Date Scheduled	Comments
			Informal Date Scheduled	Yes								
Rainbow Diner	2F	Water		Yes	exceeded going to formal	Completed			Going to 2nd	2nd Formal	1/30/2012	Fine \$1000
Round Out Bay Café'	F	Food & Water			exceeded going to formal	Inprogress			Pending Fine			
Boiceville Inn	F	Food			exceeded going to formal	Inprogress			Pending Fine			
Block Factory Tamales	IF	Temp Food	1/18/12		Paid 1/25/12							
Panzarelli's	IF	Temp Food	12/28/11		Owes Money							
Katz Family Shaloh Center II	IF	TR	1/18/12	Yes	Paid							
International Riding Camp	IF	Ch Camp	1/18/12	Yes	Paid							
Ragae Boys	IF	Temp Food	1/18/12	no show	Pending							
chuney's BBQ	IF	Temp Food	1/18/12	Yes	Paid							
TJDLF	IF	Mobilite Food	1/18/12	Yes	Paid							
Dermot Mahonys	IF	Food	1/18/12	Yes	Paid							
Holiday Inn	IF	Food	1/18/12	Yes	Paid							

Hearing List for

January 9th 2012 BOH

Dec-11

Facility	What Stage It is In IF or F	Type	A&S Signed		Comments	Formal	Hearing Date Scheduled	Time	Comments	2nd Formal	Hearing Date Scheduled	Comments
			Informal Date Scheduled	Yes								
Rainbow Diner	2F	Water		Yes	exceeded going to formal	Completed			Going to 2nd	2nd Formal		
Ace of Clubs	F	Water		Yes	exceeded going to formal	Completed		Settled				
West Park Wine Cellars	F	Water		Yes	exceeded going to formal	Completed		Settled				
Pesticide Complaint	F	Area	None	None	None	Completed		Settled				
Ireland Corners Gas and Convenience	F	Area	None	None	ATLUPA	In Process	11/21/2011	1:00 PM				
Kime	F	Area	None	None	Rat Infestation	In Process	11/17/2011	10:00 AM				
Stone Dock Gold Course	IF	Food			IF on phone, mailed A&S							
Emerson Resort & spa	IF	Water	10/18/11	Yes	Pending							
					A&S to be extended							

Ground Water Rule: A Quick Reference Guide

Overview of the Rule

Title*	Ground Water Rule (GWR) 71 FR 65574, November 8, 2006, Vol. 71, No. 216 Correction 71 FR 67427, November 21, 2006, Vol. 71, No. 224
Purpose	Reduce the risk of illness caused by microbial contamination in public ground water systems (GWSs).
General Description	The GWR establishes a risk-targeted approach to identify GWSs susceptible to fecal contamination and requires corrective action to correct significant deficiencies and source water fecal contamination in all public GWSs.
Utilities Covered	The GWR applies to all public water systems (PWSs) that use ground water, including consecutive systems, except that it does not apply to PWSs that combine all of their ground water with surface water or with ground water under the direct influence of surface water prior to treatment.

*This document provides a summary of federal drinking water requirements; to ensure full compliance, please consult the federal regulations at 40 CFR 141 and any approved state requirements.

Public Health Benefits

Implementation of the GWR will result in . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted protection for over 70 million people served by ground water sources that are either not disinfected or receive less than 4-log treatment. Avoidance of 42,000 viral illnesses and 1 related death annually.
Estimated impacts of the GWR include . . .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annualized present value of the GWR is \$19.7 million, with a 90-percent confidence interval of \$6.5 to \$45.4 million. Mean annual cost per household is estimated to be less than \$1.00 for approximately 96 percent of affected households.

Critical Deadlines and Requirements

For Drinking Water Systems

November 30, 2009	New ground water sources put in place after this date must meet triggered source water monitoring requirements or conduct compliance monitoring.
December 1, 2009	By this date, GWSs conducting compliance monitoring because they provide at least 4-log virus inactivation, removal, or a state-approved combination of these technologies before or at the first customer, must have notified the state and must begin compliance monitoring. The written notification to the state must include engineering, operational, and other information the state requests.
December 1, 2009	GWSs must conduct triggered source water monitoring if the GWS does not provide at least 4-log virus inactivation, removal, or a state-approved combination of these technologies before or at the first customer and the GWS is notified that a sample collected for the Total Coliform Rule (TCR) is total coliform-positive.
December 1, 2009	GWSs for which the state has identified a significant deficiency and GWSs at which at least one of the five additional ground water source samples (or at state discretion, after the initial source sample or an assessment source sample) has tested positive for fecal contamination must comply with the treatment technique requirements.

For States

August 8, 2008	States are encouraged to submit final primacy applications or extension requests to EPA.
November 8, 2008	Final primacy revision applications for GWR must be submitted to the EPA regional administrator, unless state is granted an extension.
August 8, 2010	States with approved extension agreements are encouraged to submit final primacy applications to EPA.
November 8, 2010	Final primacy applications must be submitted to the EPA regional administrator for states with a full 2 year extension.
December 31, 2012	States must complete initial sanitary survey cycle for all community GWSs except those that meet performance criteria.
December 31, 2014	States must complete initial sanitary survey cycle for all noncommunity GWSs and all community GWSs that meet performance criteria.

Analytical Methods for Source Water Monitoring

Fecal Indicator	Methodology	Method Citation
<i>E. coli</i>	Coliort Colisure Membrane Filter Method with MI Agar m-ColiBlue24 Test E*Colite Test EC-MUG NA-MUG	9223 B. 9223 B. EPA Method 1604. 9221 F. 9222 G.
Enterococci	Multiple-Tube Technique Membrane Filter Technique Membrane Filter Technique Enterolert	9230 B. 9230 C. EPA Method 1600.
Coliphage	Two-Step Enrichment Presence-Absence Procedure Single Agar Layer Procedure	EPA Method 1601. EPA Method 1602.

**Footnotes regarding methods can be found in 40 CFR 141.402

The GWR applies to all PWSs that use ground water as their source of water. This rule targets water systems that are susceptible to fecal contamination. This is accomplished through testing of the raw water when a positive sample is collected in the distribution system. UCDOH has implemented the following guidance for the implementation of the GWR.

New York State has just adopted the revisions to Subpart 5-1 of the NYS Sanitary Code to incorporate the GWR and will have primacy going forward. This allows the State to complete any necessary enforcement should a system be in violation of the GWR requirements.

Routine microbiological sample comes back positive

Repeat sampling includes a raw water sample in addition to the required distribution samples

Raw sample is negative or only Total Coliform positive

No further action required in relation to the GWR

If the sample tests positive for E. Coli (Triggered Monitoring)

Immediate Tier 1 notification is required (24 hours)
Notice of Violation can be issued
UCDOH has the discretion to issue a Boil Water Order site visit
Facility has 30 days to hire a PE and choose a corrective action

- Corrective all significant deficiencies
- Provide an alternative source of water
- Eliminate the source of contamination
- Provide treatment that reliably achieves at least 4-log treatment of viruses

Facility has 120 days to complete the corrective action

Compliance Monitoring

- If a facility has shown they provide 4-log removal (currently only Maple Ridge has submitted data)
- Monthly operation reports must show the facility has remained at/above its target residual, which is determined in the calculation for 4-log removal
- If the facility shows a residual less than the calculated requirement on their Monthly Operating Report