

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 7, 2014

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Approval of March 2014 minutes

- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Commissioner's Report:
 - Mass Gathering Update
 - NYSDOH Prevention Agenda Dashboard

 - b. Medical Examiner's Report

 - c. Patient Services Report
 - Annual Lead Report
 - Flu Stats

MEETING CONCLUSION

Ulster County Board of Health
April 7, 2014

Members PRESENT: Marc Tack, DO, Chairman
Walter Woodley, MD, Board Member

UCDOH PRESENT: Carol Smith, MD, MPH, Commissioner of Health
Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner
Nereida Veytia, Deputy/Patient Services Director

GUESTS: Amy McCracken, Deputy Commissioner UC Dept of Mental Health

ABSENT: Elizabeth Kelly, RN, Board Member

EXCUSED: Dominique Delma, MD, Secretary
Peter Graham, ESQ, Board Member
Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA, Board Member

I. **Approval of Minutes:** The approval of the March 2014 minutes was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

II. **Agency Reports:**

a. Commissioner's Report:

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- **Mass Gathering:** NYS Article 18 permit has been issued. Continuing to work closely with interdepartmental agencies, NYS Department of Health, Law Enforcement and Community Stakeholders to create the permit conditions for the Article 7 permit.
- **Meeting with Health Alliance ER:** Dr. Smith met with Dr. Fareed Health Alliance Emergency Room Director and key ER staff on April 2nd regarding UCDOH updated Rabies protocol and forms and to discuss patient follow-up system. Dr. Tack recommended that patient follow-up should be tracked through the Hospital's monthly Infectious Control Meeting by the Infectious Control Nurse. Dr. Tack will assist in the coordination of connecting DOH with this monthly meeting. Obtaining real time data regarding heroin overdoses was also discussed. Dr. Smith stressed the importance of the hospital retrieving as much data as possible; bag or container substance was in, name of batch, etc. An update regarding the details of the July mass gathering was also provided by Dr. Smith.
- **NYSDOH Prevention Agenda Dashboard:** Dr. Smith demonstrated the use of the NYSDOH Prevention Agenda Dashboard to the Board as this tool will be instrumental in tracking the changing health statistics of Ulster County and assisting Ulster County DOH implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan. A link to the Dashboard can be accessed on the NYSDOH website : <http://www.health.ny.gov/>

b. Medical Examiner's Report: The January - March activities of the Medical Examiner's Office were distributed (see attached.)

c. Patient Services Report:

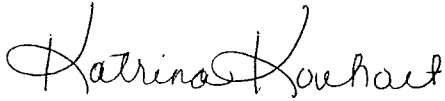
Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Annual Lead Report:** A copy of the 2013 Ulster County Annual Lead Report was distributed to the Board (see attached.)
- **Flu Stats:** A copy of the most current Ulster County Flu statistics was distributed to the Board (see attached.)

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by:



Katrina Kouhout
Secretary to the Commissioner of Health
On behalf of UC Board of Health

March 28, 2014

Weston Blelock
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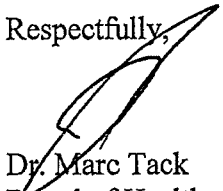
Dear Mr. Blelock:

On behalf of the Ulster County Board of Health, I would like to thank you and your fellow presenters for attending the February 10, 2014 Board of Health meeting in efforts to educate us on the use of smart meters in Ulster County homes and communities.

At the March 10, 2014 Board of Health meeting, Board members reviewed the materials provided, considered each presenters concerns and discussed next steps. The Board concluded that this matter is beyond the expertise of the Ulster County Board of Health. However, it was agreed that the information you provided to us would be forwarded to the NYS Department of Health and the Federal Communications Commission for their expert opinion.

We will be happy to share any findings with you when we receive their response.

Respectfully,



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Ulster County Department of Health
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cc: UC Board of Health Members
Dr. Carol Smith, Commissioner of Health and Mental Health

March 28, 2014

NYS Department of Health
Commissioner Nirav Shah
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Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12237

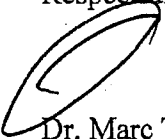
Dear Commissioner Shah:

The Ulster County Board of Health was approached by concerned citizens regarding the Central Hudson Gas and Electric's use of "smart meters" on their homes and in their communities. These individuals were invited to present their concerns to the Board of Health on February 10, 2014. Presentations were recorded and can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3u5tqoHZL6Y>

The Board has listened to their concerns and reviewed the materials distributed by these residents and has come to the conclusion that this matter is beyond the expertise of the Ulster County Board of Health. Therefore, we are forwarding the information received to NYS Department of Health for careful consideration and expert opinion.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing the results of NYSDOH's review.

Respectfully,



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Weston Blelock, Ulster County Resident

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

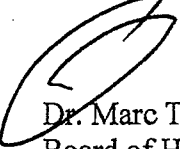
To Whom It May Concern:

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The Board has listened to their concerns and reviewed the materials distributed by these residents and has come to the conclusion that this matter is beyond the expertise of the Ulster County Board of Health. Therefore, we are forwarding the information received to the Federal Communications Commission for their careful consideration and expert opinion.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing the results of the FCC's review.

Respectfully,



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Medical Examiner's Report

Year	Call Received		Site Visits		Autopsies		Suicides		Motor Vehicle		Homicide	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
January	30	29	2	0	10	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
February	26	28	3	5	11	11	1	1	0	0	1	1
March	32	29	12	6	11	7	1	0	1	1	0	0
April												
May												
June												
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												
Total	88	86	17	11	32	25	2	2	1	1	1	1

2013 Ulster County Annual Lead Report

Mission Statement

To increase knowledge and awareness of the public health care providers and other professionals regarding the problem of lead poisoning and its prevention in children and pregnant women based on the needs of Ulster County.

2013 Accomplishments

- Updated policy in accordance with new guidance documents
- Continued monthly WIC clinic encounters with parents to provide teaching on signs/symptoms lead poisoning and prevention
- Continued daycare/childcare provider visits and provided teaching materials for parents
- Continued pediatric provider in-office educational visits
- Continued OB/GYN visits and provided educational mailings to midwives in Ulster County and surrounding counties who attend to UC residents

Key Statistics for 2013

- 37 - Number of outreaches
- 25 - Number of pediatric provider visits
- 34 - Number of WIC clinic encounters
- 44 - Number of daycare/childcare provider visits
- 5 - Number of OB/GYN/Midwives contacted
- 4 - Number of media campaigns
- 12- Number of midwives contacted through mailings

Collaborations with other County departments or outside agencies

- HEU: participated in educational outreaches
- Communicable Disease: provided educational materials through Assessment Feedback Incentive Exchange (AFIX) and Vaccine for Children (VFC) visits
- Warwarsing Council: provided educational information to community partners through council meetings held in Ellenville
- Healthy Start: arranged for meeting with Director at the Kingston Office and Office Manager at the Ellenville Office
- Regional Lead Resource Center: participated in regional gathering held in Putnam County with 10 neighboring counties to share ideas and discuss future program endeavors

Flu Statistics.....Week of 3-31-2014

<u>Age</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>A & B</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Totals</u>				
1 month - 5 years	13	1			14				
6 - 15 years	17	1			18				
16 - 21 years	21	2		2	25				
22 - 62 years	67	4	1	1	73				
63 - 69 years	4		2		6				
70 - 89 years	7				7				
Totals	129	8	3	3	143				Total lab confirmed to date