

# ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 9, 2015

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Approval of September, October and November minutes
- **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Commissioner's Report:
    - Ebola Update- Health Care Worker
    - TB Cases Update
    - DSRIP
    - Mobile Mental Health Services
    - Tobacco Legislation
  - b. Medical Examiner's Report
  - c. Patient Services Report
    - POD Drill
    - Article 28
    - Annual Report – Lead Program
    - Medical Credential Packet review for Clinic MDs
  - d. Environmental Health Report
    - Water Program Update

### MEETING CONCLUSION



**Ulster County Board of Health**  
**March 9, 2015**

**Members PRESENT:** Marc Tack, DO, Chairman  
Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA, Board Member  
Walter Woodley, MD, Board Member  
Anne Cardinale, RN GCNS-BC, Board Member  
Peter Graham, ESQ, Board Member  
Dominique Delma, MD, Secretary

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

**GUESTS:** None

**ABSENT:** Elizabeth Kelly, RN, Board Member

**EXCUSED:** Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner

**I. Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve of the September, October and November 2014 minutes was made by Dr. Tack, seconded by Dr. Woodley and unanimously approved.

**II. Agency Reports:**

a. Commissioner's Report: Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- **Ebola Preparedness:** DOH was notified by NYSDOH that a physician doing medical missionary work in West Africa would be returning to their home in Ulster County on 2/9/2015. A 21 day voluntary confinement was implemented. NYSDOH made arrangements for daily monitoring for the onset of symptoms, food and groceries, snow removal, etc.
- **TB Cases:** Over the course of the past several weeks Ulster County Department of Health has held multiple phone conferences regarding the testing, treatment and monitoring of four (4) Ulster County residents who were exposed to a Multiple Drug Resistant Tuberculosis individual. Participants included MDs from NYSDOH Bureau of TB Control, NYC DOH & MH Bureau of TB Control, Dr. Marc Tack, Dr. John Anderson UCDOH TB Clinical MD, Dr. Carol Smith, Nereida Veytia and the UCDOH Communicable Disease Clinical Team. The purpose of these calls was to identify the best course of treatment for these identified individuals. Dr. Anderson, Dr. Tack and UCDOH Communicable Disease will meet with the individuals to discuss treatment options.
- **DSRIP:** The Center for Regional Healthcare Innovation at Westchester Medical Center has established a Performing Provider System (PPS) as part of DSRIP planning. Montefiore and Westchester Medical Center are collaborating to meet State DSRIP deliverables. UCDOH and DMH met on 3/9 with representatives from the group as well as key stakeholders to discuss the

participation and implementation of the Behavioral Health Community Crisis Stabilization Services Project.

- **Mobile Mental Health Services:** The Access team is temporarily located at Mental Health Association's Tuytenbridge Rd location. They have had introductory meetings with school superintendents and local police departments. To date calls have been received from schools, police departments as well as by individuals. The services have been well received and the feedback has been positive. These services tie into DSRIP's mental health stabilization project. Stats to be distributed at next meeting.
- **Tobacco Retail Licensing Local Law:** A local law will go for legislative approval on 3/17/2015. This law will require tobacco retailers to obtain a Tobacco Retail License from the Ulster County Department of Health. The law will also require that no new licenses will be issued within 1000 feet of a school. Already established retailers will be grandfathered in.

b. Medical Examiner's Report: No Report

c. Patient Services Report: Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Point Of Dispensing (POD) Drill:** UCDOH has part of its Preparedness Program is required to conduct a Point of Dispensing Drill. NYSDOH has required the local DOH's to develop plans that address the dispensing of medication to a large number of people in instances such as an outbreak. UCDOH plans have been developed and its effectiveness will be tested at this drill. This exercise will take place on an unannounced day in May 2015. Arrangements are being made with a local school to be the host of the POD. Guidelines for the drill were distributed to the Board (see attached.) Coordination and planning will begin with UCDOH staff this week and then will begin to incorporate the larger community. Dr. Tack asked for an update on the status of the Medical Reserve for a future meeting.
- **Annual Report - Lead:** The Annual Report for the Patient Service's Lead program was distributed and reviewed (see attached.)
- **Article 28 MD Medical Credentialing:** The credentialing packets for three (3) DOH clinic MDs were reviewed: Dr. John Anderson, Dr. Mark Montera, and Dr. Vidyadharra Kagali. A motion was made by Dr. Tack to approve the MD's credentialing, which was seconded by Mr. Graham and unanimously approved.

d. Environmental Health Report: The Water Program update was tabled until the April meeting.

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

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by:



Katrina Kouhout

Secretary to the Commissioner of Health and Mental Health  
On behalf of UC Board of Health

# **2014 Ulster County Annual Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 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 the county.

## **2014 Accomplishments**

- Updated policy in accordance with new guidance documents from CDC
- 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
- Scanned LeadWeb daily for elevated Blood Lead Levels in infants/children

## **Key Statistics for 2014**

- 40 - Number of outreaches to community partners
- 26 - Number of pediatric providers visited
- 13 - Number of OB/GYN/Midwives contacted
- 2 - Number of media campaigns produced
- 36 - Number of WIC clinics attended
- 53 - Number of daycare centers visited

## **Collaborations with other County departments or outside agencies**

- Health Education Unit: participated in educational outreaches throughout Ulster County
- Warwarsing Council: provided educational information to community partners through council meetings held in Ellenville
- Communicable Disease: provided educational materials through Assessment Feedback Incentive Exchange (AFIX) and Vaccine for Children (VFC) visits at MD practices

- **Healthy Families Start:** arranged for a meeting with Director at the Kingston Office and Office Manager at the Ellenville Site to provide informational materials for caseworker visits
- **Migrant Day Care Center:** presented information on Lead Poisoning Prevention for Infants and Children to primarily Spanish-speaking, migrant-worker families
- **Regional Lead Resource Center:** participated in the regional lead gathering held in Putnam County with 10 neighboring counties and hosted by Montefiore Hospital to share ideas and discuss future program endeavors

### **2015 Goals**

- **Expand prevention education through media outreach**
- **Continue educational outreaches and increase healthcare provider and community partner encounters to include DSS and foster care programs within the county**
- **Attend Warwarsing Council meetings - one time/quarter to provide educational information to multiple community partners through council meetings held in Ellenville**
- **Continue one-time nursing visits and case management to clients with identified BLL 10-14 mcg/dl and continue nursing visits/case management to clients with BLL >15 mcg/dl that are identified through LeadWeb**
- **Increase coordinated efforts with the CLPPP grant program to expand public outreach efforts and to increase public awareness through media events**
- **Attend the National Lead Poisoning/Safe Housing conference in March 2015 in Chicago, IL for training in practical strategies for building programs and improving key educational messages to the public**

**Information required by Ulster County Local Laws, if appropriate**

**Prepared by: C. Kothe, RN, BSN  
Coordinator, Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**