

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 9, 2016

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of the April 2016 minutes

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner's Report

- Old Homestead Mobile Home Park Update
 - Zika Update

MEETING CONCLUSION



Public Health Notice
Carol Smith to:
Bcc: Katrina A Kouhout

05/09/2016 05:00 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement from Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health

As part of a proactive effort to ensure the safety of drinking water in County facilities, the County Health Department ordered water sampling and testing by an independent, certified drinking water lab. The testing was completed in 26 of the County's locations and the results indicate elevated lead levels in 18 of these locations. This includes both County owned and County leased facilities.

Using an abundance of caution, the County Executive ordered, effective immediately, the following aggressive measures to protect the health and safety of County employees and the public using County facilities:

- Only water from the recently installed filtered water fountains or bottled water provided in other locations should be used for drinking or cooking.
- Tap water can be used for washing hands or dishes, but should not be consumed.
- All water faucets in facilities that have tested positive for elevated lead levels will be posted.
- Similar testing will be performed in the remaining County facilities. Water faucets in these locations will also be posted as a precautionary measure until results are available.

Drinking water that is below 0.015 milligrams per liter for lead levels meets New York State standards and is safe for consumption. The attached report indicates the County locations, owned or leased, that were tested and the test results.

Further information and details will be posted by the Ulster County Department of Health on its webpage at www.ulstercountyny.gov/health.



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Members PRESENT: Walter Woodley, MD, Chairperson
Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA, Secretary
Peter Graham, ESQ, Board Member
Marc Tack, DO, Board Member
Dominique Delma, MD, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Kelly, RN, Board Member

DOH/DMH PRESENT: Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director
Nereida Veytia, Deputy/Patient Services Director

GUESTS: Lee Cane, Mid-Hudson League of Women Voters

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Anne Cardinale, RN GCNS-BC, Board Member
Carol Smith, MD, MPH, Commissioner of Health
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner
Amy McCracken, Deputy Commissioner of MH

I. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve the April 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and unanimously approved.

II. Agency Reports:

a. Commissioner's Report:

- **Old Homestead Mobile Home Park Update:** Ms. Mertens gave an update of the status of the park septic issue. She spoke with the Wawarsing Town Supervisor and the Town Board Member Liason for Sewer and Water as well as the County Attorney to ask the Town to make the repairs and lean the property. Mr. Graham inquired as to status of the receipt of the \$2000 fine imposed by the Board. To date the fine has not been received. Dr. Tack asked how long without payment before the fine is increased. Ms. Hildebrandt questioned because the park owner is a medical professional could this failure to remediate the septic issue be reported to the NYS Board of the Professionals for health misconduct. Mr. Graham made a motion to request that the County Attorney pursue collecting the \$2000 fine that was levied by the Board. Dr. Tack seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Dr. Tack motioned to have the County Attorney review to see if the owner's action can be reported to State Licensing Board for professional misconduct. Ms. Hildebrandt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Dr. Smith and Ms. Mertens will forward these motions and the Board's questions to the County Attorney.
- **Zika Update:** Ms. Veytia informed the Board that the Ulster County Zika Plan was submitted to the State for review on April 28th. The plan included Ulster County's strategy to educate the community and at risk individuals, surveillance strategies and the plan for testing and reporting. Ms. Veytia distributed Zika education packets to the Board.

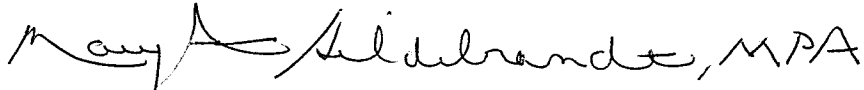
- **County Water Testing:** The Press Release regarding the testing of drinking water in County facilities was distributed. (see attached)

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b. Medical Examiner's Report: No Report

- III. **Meeting Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Tack, motion was seconded by Dr. Delma and unanimously approved.
- IV. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2016, 6:30 PM at the Golden Hill Office Building.

Respectfully submitted by:



Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA
Secretary - Board of Health