

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

October 2, 2017

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of the August minutes

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner's Report (Dr. Smith)
 - New Director of Office for the Aging
 - Medical Examiner Cases
 - Opioid Abuse Task Force
 - Cyanokits
 - Ulster Helps.org
 - Public Health and Health Planning Council Presentation
 - WIC and STD Clinic Move Update
 - Flu clinics
 - Hep C Investigation – Westchester County
 - Annual Mid- Hudson Immunization Conference
 - Hudson Valley Resort
 - Tobacco Retailer Hearings
 - Polystyrene Compliance Update

MEETING CONCLUSION

Ulster County Board of Health
October 2, 2017

Members PRESENT: Anne Cardinale, RN GCNS-BC, Board Member
Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA, Secretary
Elizabeth Kelly, RN, Board Member
Dominique Delma, MD, Vice Chair

DOH/DMH PRESENT: Carol Smith, MD, MPH, Commissioner of Health

GUESTS: None

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Marc Tack, DO, Board Member
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner
Nereida Veytia, Deputy/Patient Services Director
Walter Woodley, MD, Chairperson
Peter Graham, ESQ, Board Member
Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director

I. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Cardinale to approve the August 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and unanimously approved.

II. **Agency Reports:**

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

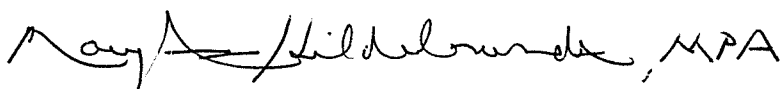
- **Office for the Aging (OFA) Director:** Dr. Smith informed the Board that Shelley Wagar has been hired as the new OFA Director.
- **Medical Examiner Office Update:** The year-to-date ME report (1/1-9/30/17) was distributed for review. To date there have been 111 autopsies of which 3 are still pending and 36 are suspected opiate overdoses. Dr. Smith also distributed the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program's data sheets (see attached). This program is responsible for studying overdose stats and identifies trends that would reveal high drug trafficking areas within our region.
- **Opioid Abuse Task Force:** The County Executive is working to establish an interagency task force whose purpose will be to analyze the opioid issue for Ulster County and develop a plan to address it.
- **Cyanokits:** The County Executive has purchased this intravenous antidote for arsenic poisoning for paramedics to have on supply. This expensive antidote was able to be purchase by the use of monies received through a grant written by Steve Peterson, Ulster County Director of Emergency Management and Rich Muellerleile, Ulster County EMS Coordinator. Each kit has a shelf life of 36 months.
- **Ulsterhelps.org:** This is a mobile activate website designed to link individuals to opioid resources. It will be regularly updated and maintained by the UC Department of Health's Health Education Unit.

- **Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC)**
Presentation: Dr. Smith gave a presentation to this Council on September 7, 2017 entitled "Health on all Policies". The focus of the presentation was to stress the importance of keeping health as a focus when writing or amending State policies as well as using it as guide when approving Certificates of Needs, ultimately forcing the hand of the health care providers to keep the needs of the community front and center when applying for a license.
- **WIC Program and STD Relocation:** Dr. Smith gave an update to the Board on the status of the WIC Program and the STD Clinic relocation. The State conducted a walk-thru and reviewed the clinic plans. Ulster County Information Services and Buildings and Grounds were also present to answer any questions the State had. Target move date is November 13, 2017
- **Flu Clinics:** UCDOH will be partnering with OFA this year to hold clinics at congregate meal sites for this year's flu season.
- **Hep C Investigation - Westchester:** Dr. Smith distributed the NYSDOH Health Advisory regarding a Hepatitis C investigation being conducted at the health care facilities of Dr. Morley. (see attached)
- **Annual Mid-Hudson Immunization Conference:** Conference information was distributed to the Board (see attached). This conference will be held on October 19, 2017 at the Best Western Hotel in Kingston.
- **Hudson Valley Resort:** Due to a drowning that occurred in July and the investigation conducted by UCDOH, a hearing was scheduled with the facility owners. The Resort owners failed to appear and asked for the hearing to be rescheduled based on the advice of their attorney. The pool was closed due to the findings of the investigation and will not be allowed to reopen until a hearing is held.
- **Tobacco Retailer Hearings:** Currently there is only 1 facility that is being scheduled for a hearing.
- **Polystyrene Compliance Update:** There are 7 camps that remain noncompliant. Currently working with legal representation to create the Notice of Charges and schedule the hearings.

III. **Meeting Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Hildebrandt, the motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly and unanimously approved.

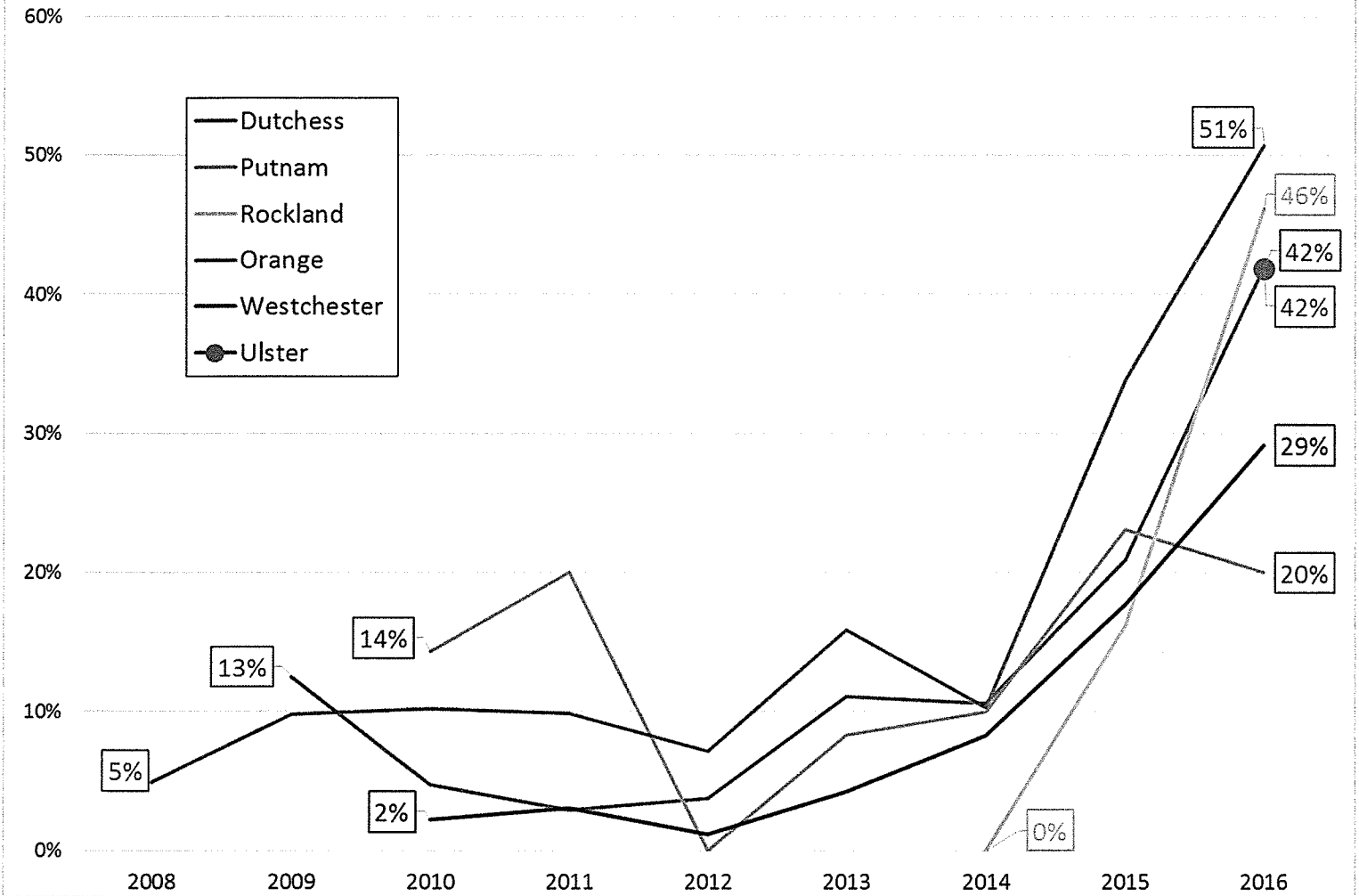
IV. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 6:30 PM at the Golden Hill Office Building.

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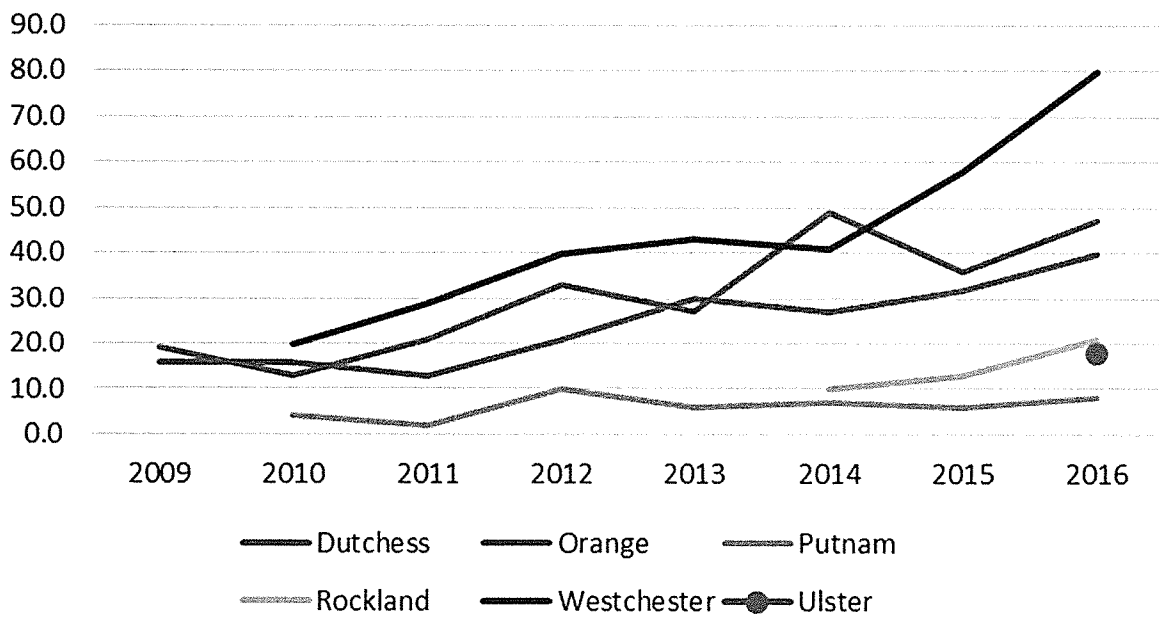


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Secretary - Board of Health

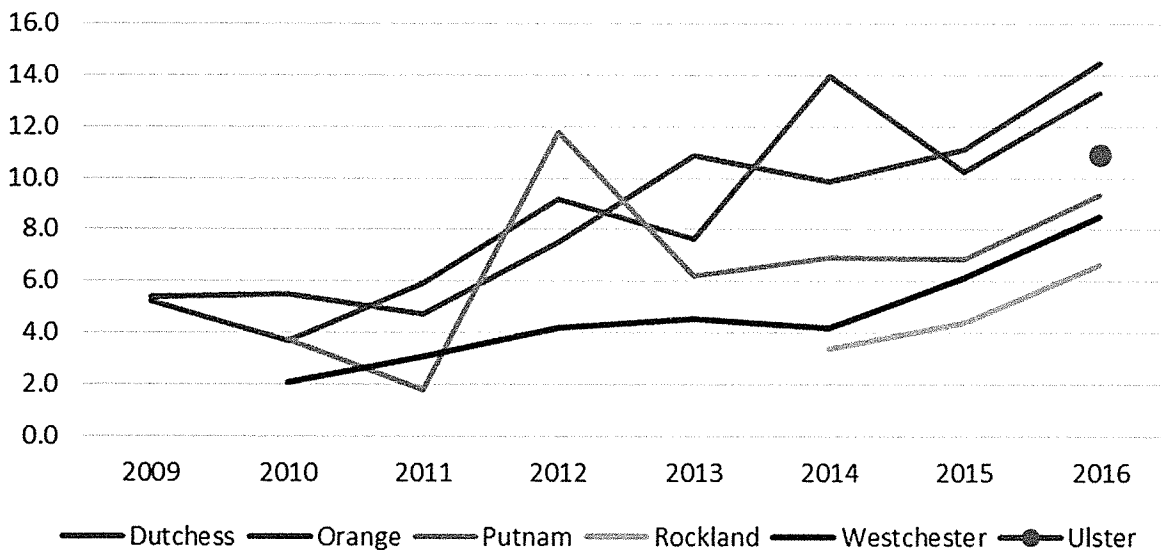
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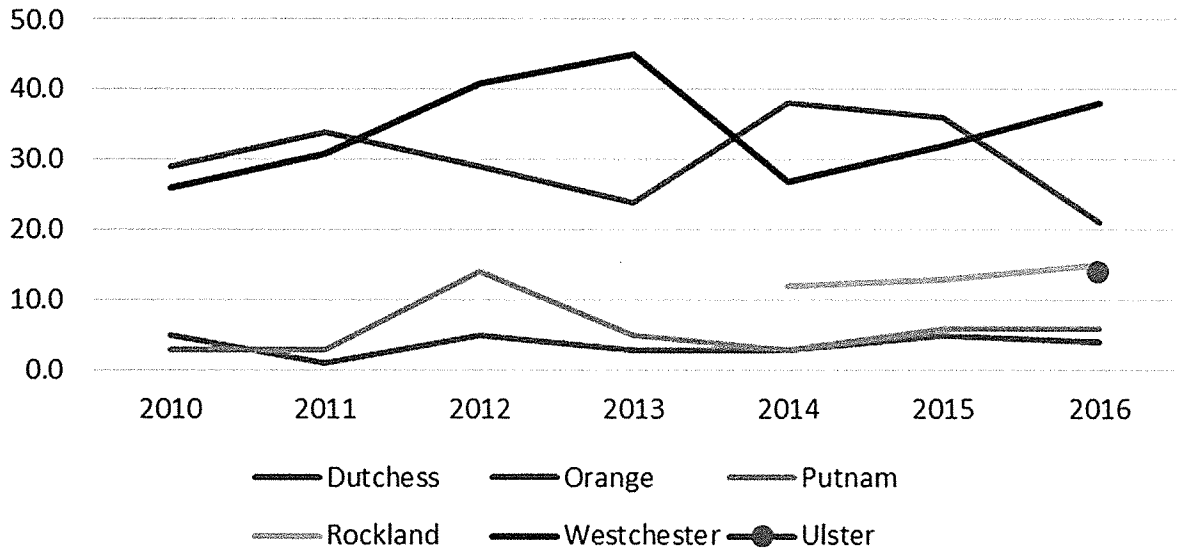
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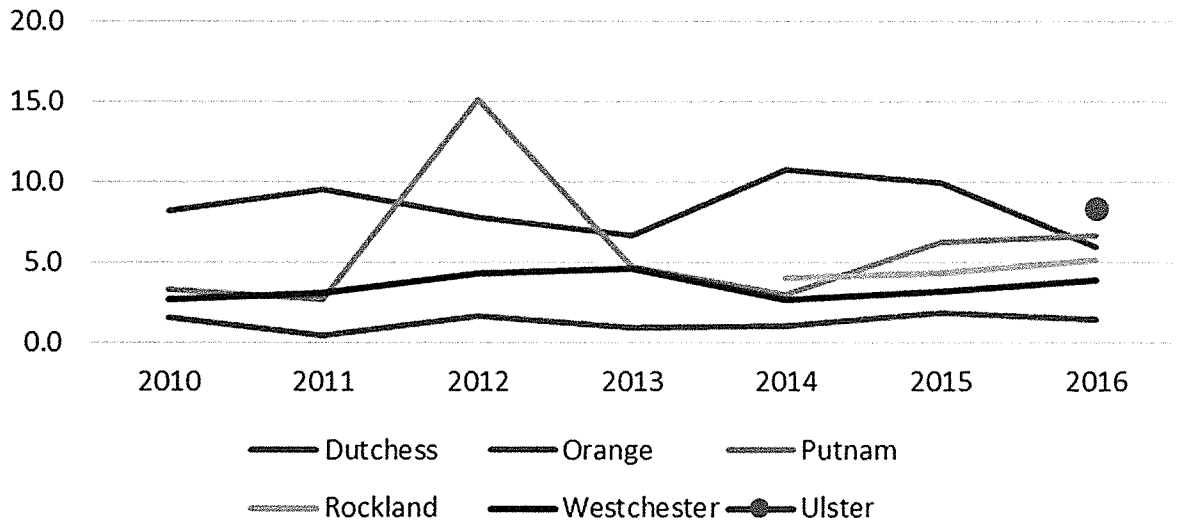
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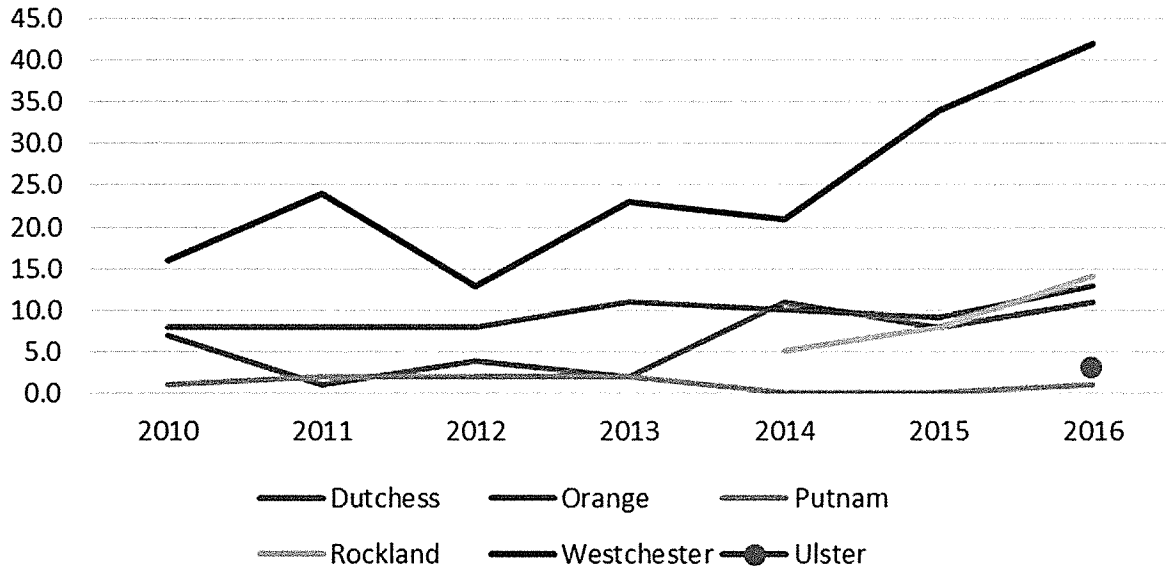
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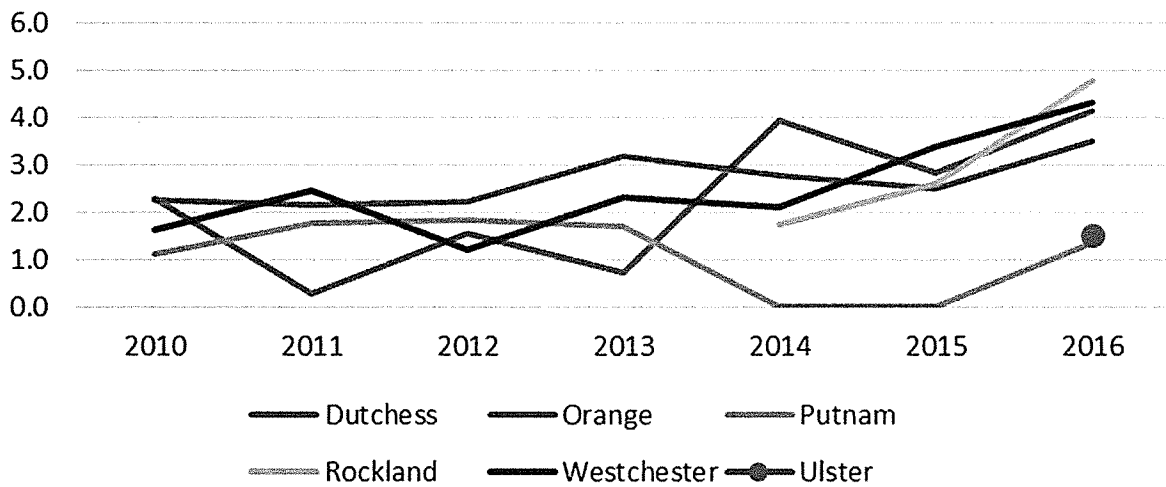
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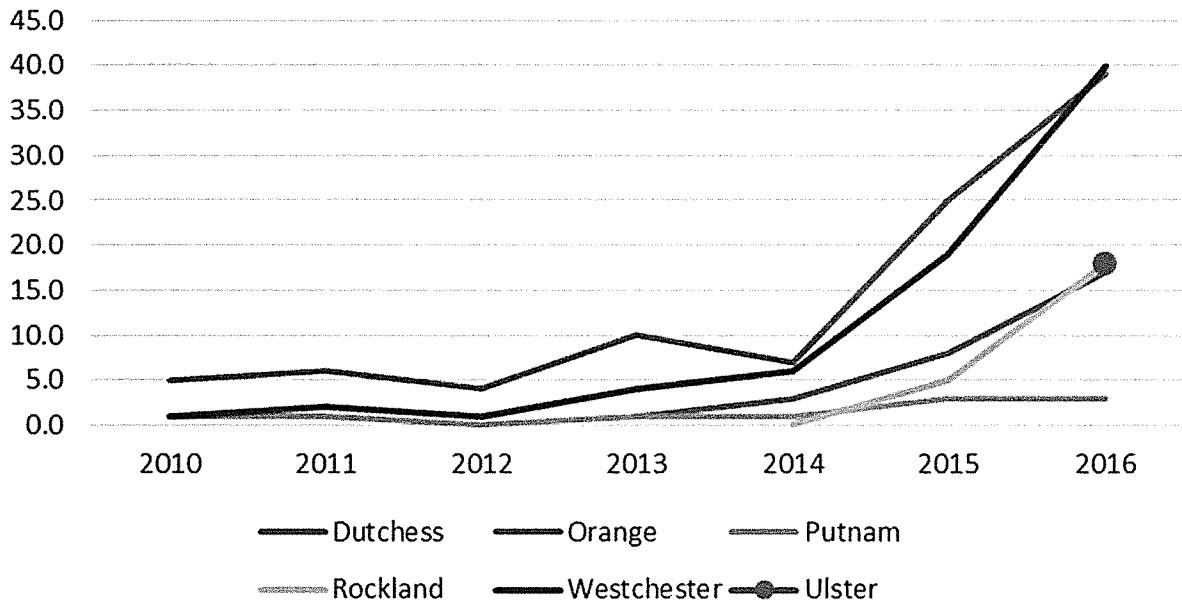
Cocaine-Involved Overdose Deaths *Hudson Valley, 2010-2016*



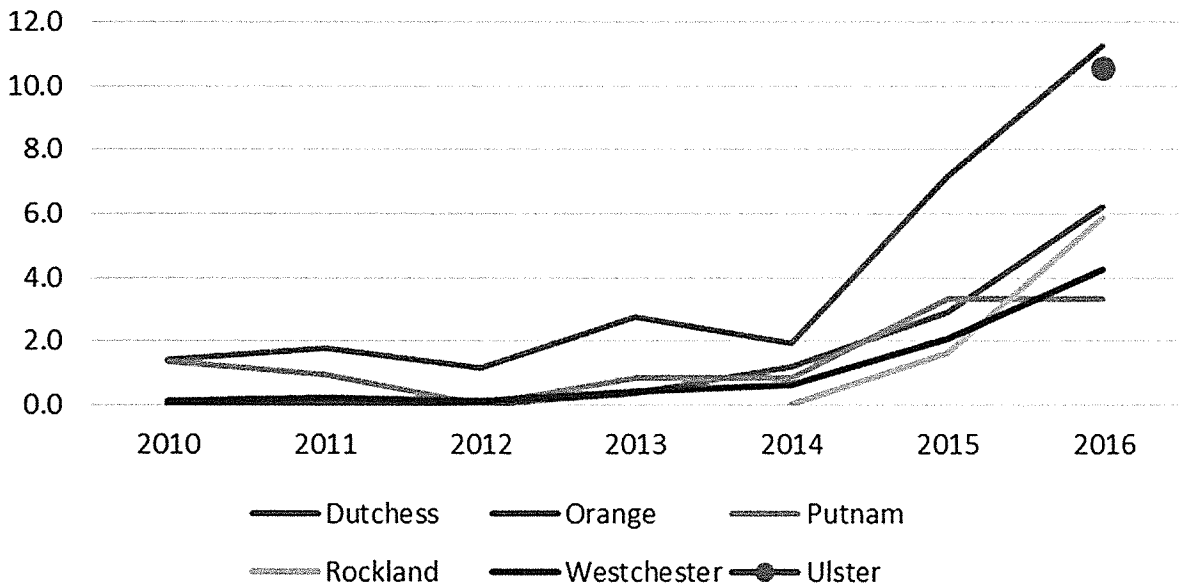
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Fentanyl-Involved Overdose Deaths
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SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N.
Executive Deputy Commissioner

DATE: September 13, 2017

TO: New York State Healthcare Providers
Local Health Departments
New York State Regional Offices

FROM: NYSDOH Division of Epidemiology

Health Advisory:

Investigation of Hepatitis C Infection in Westchester County

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDOH) are conducting an investigation of hepatitis C infection at the Mt. Kisco (37 Moore Avenue, #3) and White Plains (1133 Westchester Avenue) offices of Dr. Timothy Morley (operating as "Tomorrow Medicine") as well as Advanced Medicine at 37 Moore Avenue in Mt Kisco. The investigation has revealed that some patients might have become infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV) because of care received at one or both practices. The NYSDOH and WCDOH recommend that patients who received intravenous infusions, injections, and/or blood draws at Tomorrow Medicine should be tested for HCV, hepatitis B virus (HBV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). While there is no indication that hepatitis B or HIV infections have occurred, NYSDOH recommends screening for all three viral infections because of their similar modes of transmission.

The following tests are recommended:

- **Hepatitis C Virus (HCV):** Hepatitis C virus antibody screening assay (e.g., HCV EIA). If the result of HCV antibody testing is positive, a nucleic acid test (NAT, also known as an "RNA" test) should be ordered to determine if active HCV infection is present. A positive NAT together with a reactive antibody screening test provides confirmation of active HCV infection. If the HCV NAT testing is negative, additional testing may be needed. Additional information is available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HCV/index.htm>.
- **Hepatitis B Virus (HBV):** Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), total hepatitis B core antibody (total anti-HBc), hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs). Depending on the timing of the potential exposure, additional testing may be needed.
- **HIV:** HIV Antigen/Antibody (fourth generation) combination screening test with reflex to supplemental antibody and RNA testing, if needed. Prior to being asked to consent to HIV testing, patients must be provided information about HIV. Please see https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/providers/testing/docs/testing_toolkit.pdf for more information. The requirement for written consent for HIV testing was removed in June 2014. Consent may be obtained orally, except in criminal justice settings. Requirements for the consent process include:

- Providing key points about HIV testing in writing, verbally or by video before conducting the test;
- Notifying the patient that HIV testing is being done;
- The patient having an opportunity to refuse the test;
- Documenting in the patient chart that an HIV test was conducted.

If your patient is known to have current infection with HCV, HBV, or HIV, then he/she does not need to be retested for that particular infection. However, he/she should be tested for the other infections.

For individuals who test negative for HCV antibodies, consider testing with an HCV NAT if the patient has symptoms of viral hepatitis infection (fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, clay-colored bowel movements, joint pain, jaundice).

For individuals who test negative for any of the three viruses and have no symptoms of viral hepatitis, the following additional evaluation is recommended to assure that individuals are not still in the incubation period for infection:

- HCV - Retest for HCV antibody (HCV EIA) 6 months after the last potential exposure in this healthcare setting.
- HBV - Retest for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), total hepatitis B core antibody (total anti-HBc), hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) 6 months after the last potential exposure in this healthcare setting.
- HIV – If the initial testing was performed with a laboratory-based fourth generation HIV Antigen/Antibody test, no repeat testing is necessary. If the initial testing was done using another method, retest with an HIV Antigen/Antibody (fourth generation) combination screening test with reflex to supplemental antibody and RNA testing, if needed.

Any positive result for HCV and/or HBV is reportable to the local health department within the jurisdiction in which the patient resides, pursuant to New York State Sanitary Code (10 NYCRR 2.10). Any positive result for HIV is reportable to NYSDOH pursuant to Public Health Law § 2130. Physicians and other clinicians are required to report positive results using the following procedures:

- **Hepatitis B and hepatitis C:** Complete NYSDOH Form 389 and mail to the local health department in the county where the patient resides within 24 hours of receipt of a positive test result. NYSDOH Form 389 is a triplicate form and therefore cannot be downloaded for use. A sample is available for viewing at <http://www.health.state.ny.us/forms/doh-389.pdf> . To obtain copies of the form, call 518-474-0548.
- **HIV:** Complete NYSDOH Form 4189 and mail Page 2 (the YELLOW carbon copy) to the NYSDOH Division of Epidemiology, Evaluation and Research at PO Box 2073, ESP Station, Albany, NY 12220-2073 upon receipt of a confirmed positive HIV antibody test

or other testing documenting HIV infection (i.e., reactive NAT for HIV). NYSDOH Form 4189 may be obtained by calling 518-474-4284. For newly diagnosed HIV infections related to this investigation, please indicate "treatment at Tomorrow Medicine" under "Other risk" in the risk ascertainment section (Box e) of the form.

If patients do not have, or prefer not to be tested by their own healthcare provider, testing is available at no cost through the Westchester County Department of Health by calling (914) 995-7499 Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additionally, representatives from the New York State Department of Health are available to answer questions at 1-888-364-4902 Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The 17th Annual Mid-Hudson Adult Immunization Coalition Meeting

Programs > Immunization



Friday, October 13, 2017

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM (Registration opens up at 8:00)
 The Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel and Conference Center
 503 Washington Ave, Kingston, NY 12401
 Phone: (845) 338-0400
[Click here for directions to the Best Western](#)

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This is a no fee meeting. Morning coffee/tea and lunch are included.



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