

ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 8, 2017

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of the January and February minutes
- b. Status of the Board of Health Slate of Officers

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner's Report (Dr. Smith)
 - Medical Examiner Office Update
 - Polystyrene Update
- b. Patient Services (Nereida Veytia)
 - Influenza No Longer Prevalent in NYS 5/4/17
 - Public Health Preparedness Drill
 - Outbreak Response – Pandemic Novel Influenza 2/28/17
 - e-Finds Ten Broeck Commons – Emergency Patient Movement 4/21/17
 - Credentialing – Dr. John Anderson – TB Clinic
 - Zika 2017 Health Advisory

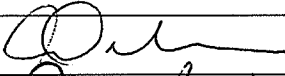
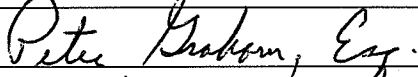
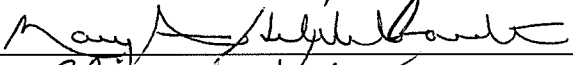
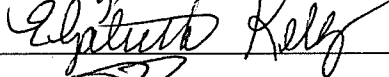
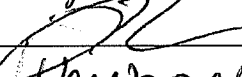
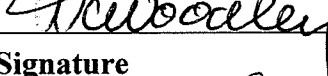
MEETING CONCLUSION

Ulster County Board of Health
Golden Hill Office Building
239 Golden Hill Lane
Kingston, NY 12401

Date: Monday, May 8, 2017

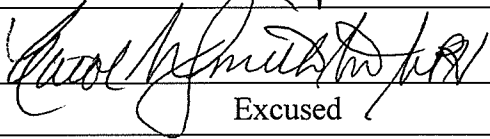
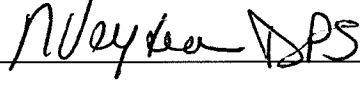
Board Members

Signature

Cardinale RN GCNS-BC, Anne	Board Member	Excused
Delma MD, Dominique	Vice Chairman	
Graham ESQ, Peter	Board Member	
Hildebrandt MPA, Mary Ann	Secretary	
Kelly RN, Elizabeth	Board Member	
Tack DO, Marc	Board Member	
Woodley MD, Walter	Chairman	

Department of Health and Mental Health

Signature

Smith, MD, MPH, Carol	Commissioner of Health and Mental Health	
Heller MD, Douglas	Medical Examiner	Excused
Veytia RN, MSN, Nereida	Deputy and Director of Patient Services	
Mertens PE, Shelley	Director of Environmental Health Services	Excused
McCracken, Amy	UC Depart of MH Deputy Commissioner	Excused

Guests

Signature

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

DOH/DMH PRESENT: Carol Smith, MD, MPH, Commissioner of Health
Nereida Veytia, Deputy/Patient Services Director

GUESTS: None

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Anne Cardinale, RN GCNS-BC, Board Member
Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner
Amy McCracken, Deputy Commissioner of MH

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Hildebrandt to approve the January and February 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tack and unanimously approved.
- II. **Status of the Board of Health Slate of Officers:** An electronic nomination and vote for the 2017 Slate of Officers was conducted among Board Members. The Board of Health determined the 2016 Officers would continue their current positions throughout the 2017 Board of Health year.
- III. **Agency Reports:**
 - a. Commissioner's Report: Dr. Smith reported on the following:
 - **Medical Examiner Office Update:** As of May 1, 2017, Dr. Catanese has officially been hired by Westchester Medical Center (WMC) as Forensic Pathologist. Ulster County Department of Health has contracted with WMC for forensic pathology services, which includes conducting autopsies and writing the reports, as well as providing autopsy technician services. The contract also provides back-up forensic pathology and autopsy technician services in times of absences. There are regularly scheduled meetings continue to happen with the ME team. Still looking into the option of hiring a fourth MD to secure the "1 and 4" coverage rotation (1 day a week and 1 weekend a month.) The Medical Examiner's Office has contracts with many of the County's Funeral Homes to provide transport services. Funeral Homes without a finalized contract will not be called to transport. To date there have been 49 autopsies. Opioid cases are still high. Narcan kits are currently on back order.
 - **Polystyrene:** Currently reviewing requests for waivers. According to the local law there are two guidelines for approving waivers; 1) Facilities must prove a unique packaging hardship or 2) Facilities must provide proof that

their earnings were less than \$300,000 annually. No other exceptions will be made.


b. Patient Services Updates: Ms. Veytia reported on the following:

- **Flu Update:** As of May 4, 2017, Influenza is no longer prevalent in NYS. Unvaccinated medical staff is no longer required to wear masks. The majority of flu cases have been type A with no pediatric deaths. UCDOH will continue to monitor flu numbers.
- **Public Health Preparedness Drills:**
 - Outbreak Response Drill: As part of the NYS Preparedness Program deliverables, UCDOH will be required to conduct an outbreak response drill. This will be a non-pharmaceutical drill and will most likely be a response to pandemic Novel Influenza outbreak. The drill is scheduled to be conducted first quarter of 2018.
 - e-Finds Drill: This drill's purpose was to test the plan to move patients out of a facility and into the community in the event of an emergency. The drill was conducted on April 21, 2017 and included participants from Ten Broeck Commons, Vassar Hospital, Emergency Management, NYSDOH, and EMS.
- **Credentialing:** Dr. John Anderson was due for credentialing review by the Board. He currently is responsible for medication management at the UCDOH TB clinics. Ms. Veytia reported that Dr. Anderson maintains a good rapport with both clients and staff. A motion was made to accept Dr. Anderson's credentialing and continued work in the clinic by Dr. Tack, seconded by Ms. Kelly and unanimously approved.
- **ZIKA 2017 Health Advisory:** At the end of February, UCDOH worked with NYSDOH to update the ZIKA action plan for Ulster County in efforts to prepare for the 2017 mosquito season. Community education will continue to happen. There will be two State workers hired for mosquito trapping and testing purposes. Trainings with the State for UCDOH staff continue to occur.

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

V. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for June, 12 2017, 6:30 PM at the Golden Hill Office Building.

Respectfully submitted by:



Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA
Secretary - Board of Health