

# ULSTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 9, 2018

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of December 2017 and February 2018 minutes tabled due to lack of quorum

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Reappointment of the Commissioner of Health and Mental Health
- b. Commissioner's Report (Dr. Smith)
  - Medical Examiner Stats
  - Ulster County Substance Use Task Force
  - Flu Stats
  - Point of Dispensing Drill

### MEETING CONCLUSION



**Ulster County Board of Health**  
**April 9, 2018**

**Members PRESENT:** Walter Woodley, MD, Chairperson  
Peter Graham, ESQ, Board Member

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

**GUESTS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**EXCUSED:** Anne Cardinale, RN GCNS-BC, Board Member  
Marc Tack, DO, Board Member  
Dominique Delma, MD, Vice Chair  
Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA, Secretary  
Shelley Mertens, Environmental Health Director  
Douglas Heller, MD, Medical Examiner  
Nereida Veytia, Deputy/Patient Services Director

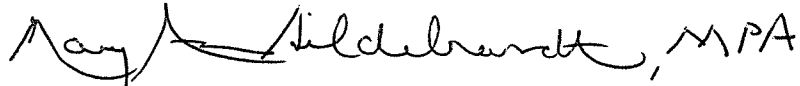
**I. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the December 2017 minutes and the February 2018 were tabled until the May meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

**II. Agency Reports:**

- a. Reappointment of the Commissioner of Health and Mental Health: The Board was informed of the County Executive's reappointment of Dr. Smith for a second six (6) year term as Commissioner of Health and Mental. Dr. Smith's reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Ulster County Legislature, and the State Department of Health.
- b. Commissioner's Report: Dr. Smith reported on the following:
  - **Medical Examiner Stats:** The Medical Examiner stats were distributed to the Board for review (see attached).
  - **Ulster County Opioid Prevention Task Force:** The County Executive has tasked the Department of Health to do a thorough review of their substance use prevention strategy in order to strengthen collective efforts to address the ongoing opioid crisis. A task force is being established with as many community stakeholders as possible to complete this review. The Task Force will be an action oriented group which will focus on reducing supply, reducing demand, identifying gaps, looking at evidence-based practices and identifying those efforts which are already being done. The first Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2018 and an invitation letter was sent to community partners encouraging their participation (see attached).
  - **Flu Stats:** A copy of the most current flu stats were distributed to the Board for review (see attached).
  - **Point of Dispensing Drill:** As part of the Preparedness Program's grant deliverables, the Program is obligated to conduct a Point of Dispensing (POD) drill. This exercise is scheduled to held on May 1, 2018 at the SUNY Ulster Kingston campus. The Program is currently in the process of recruiting volunteers(see attached).

III. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 14 , 2018, 6:30 PM at the Golden Hill Office Building.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA  
Secretary - Board of Health

# Ulster County Department of Health

## Medical Examiner's Office - Autopsy Cases

### Date of Death between 1/1/2018 and 3/31/2018

Total Number of Cases: 46

<i>Cases by Gender</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
F	7	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
M	10	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>

<i>Cases by Manner</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Accidental	9	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Homicide	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Natural	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Pending	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Suicide	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Undetermined	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>

<i>Cases by Category</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Blunt Force Trauma - non-MVA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cardiovascular	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Cardiovascular and Diabetes	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drowning	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gunshot Wound	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hanging	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Motor Vehicle Accident	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Non-Opioid Substance	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Non-Opioid Substance w/ Other Substances	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Opioid	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Opioid w/ Other Substances	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Other	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pending	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Smoke Inhalation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Undetermined	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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## Katrina Kouhout

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**From:** Carol Smith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 5:19 PM  
**Subject:** Urgent Public Health Message



## ULSTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**MICHAEL P. HEIN**  
*County Executive*

**CAROL M. SMITH, MD, MPH**  
*Commissioner of Health and Mental Health*

### Urgent Public Health Message

#### Dear Community Partner:

Since County Executive Mike Hein took office in 2009, Ulster County has become much more focused on health outcomes and has made great progress in the Robert Wood Johnson National Health Rankings. Unfortunately, even with this progress in our County, heroin and other opiate drug abuse is negatively impacting us. It is a serious and ongoing public health crisis, and is one that demands that we have a coordinated and broad based community response.

*As one of our 2018 priorities the County Executive has directed a thorough review of our comprehensive substance use prevention strategy, with a focus on opioids, in order to better coordinate, integrate, and further strengthen our collective efforts.*

**In order to accomplish this review and the development of a plan of action, I am inviting you and other community members to join a new Ulster County Opioid Prevention Task Force.** This Task Force will report directly to me as the Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health. It will be tasked with examining all relevant data, research, existing programs and practices and identify barriers and obstacles to success. In addition, we will strive to identify best practices that could be implemented in Ulster County.

The goal of the Task Force will be to recommend an **Action Plan** designed to reduce the suffering and tragedy of substance abuse in our community and to enhance the awareness and education necessary to prevent it from occurring in the first place.

Our first informational meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4 PM, at the Ulster County Department of Health and Mental Health, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston, NY 12401. Additional

details will be discussed at that time. **If you are able to participate, please RSVP by email to [UCOpioidTaskForce@gmail.com](mailto:UCOpioidTaskForce@gmail.com), no later than the close of business on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Also, in order to facilitate the work of the Task Force, we are gathering a pre-assessment inventory of all *opioid based* prevention programs and initiatives in and around Ulster County. To assist us in the planning process, please take a few minutes to fill out our online survey at:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ulster\\_Opioid\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ulster_Opioid_Survey)

Thank you for your help in this critical endeavor. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Sincerely,

Carol M. Smith, MD, MPH

Commissioner of Health and Mental Health

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## Nereida Veytia

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**From:** Darla Alexander  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** Carol Smith; Nereida Veytia; Linda Taylor Legg; Wendy Johnson; Ann Smoller; James Nerone; Cynthia Perpetua; Kimberly Alvarez  
**Cc:** Katrina Kouhout  
**Subject:** Influenza Report

Today's update: 9 additional lab confirmed flu reports received this week.

As of 4/06/18:

Total cases for 2017-2018 are 737 lab confirmed reports.

Flu A: 497

Flu B: 236

Flu A and Flu B: 4

Ages Impacted this Season:

0-4 years: 155

5-18 years: 197

19-44 years: 136

45-65 years: 147

➤ 65 years: 102

**Note:** For Comparison 2016-2017 Season year to date:

Total cases for 2016-2017 are 339 lab confirmed reports.

Flu A: 235

Flu B: 103

Flu A & B: 1



# WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR A SPECIAL MISSION



**Volunteers** are needed for an Emergency Preparedness Exercise by the Ulster County Department of Health. Volunteers are needed to “walk through” a Point of Dispensing exercise simulating a real emergency event. No medications will be distributed, but pre-registration is required. Further information will be released on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

If interested in participating contact:

Ann Smoller - [asmo@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:asmo@co.ulster.ny.us)-845-334-5540

Diane Aznoe- [dazn@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:dazn@co.ulster.ny.us)-845-334-5538

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
9:30 a.m. Sign In - Point of Dispensing Exercise 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**WHERE:** Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster  
94 Mary’s Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401

Building is handicap accessible – parking in rear parking lot



## Ulster County Department of Health

Michael P. Hein, County Executive

Carol Smith, MD, MPH, Commissioner