

Ulster County Board of Health
January 14, 2019

Members PRESENT: Mary Ann Hildebrandt, MPA, Secretary
Anne Cardinale, RN GCNS-BC, Board Member
Walter Woodley, MD, Chairperson
Kathleen Rogan, Board Member

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

GUESTS: None

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Marc Tack, DO, Board Member
Peter Graham, ESQ., Board Member
Dominique Delma, MD, Vice Chair

I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the November 5, 2018 meeting were not approved. They will need to be approved at the next meeting.

II. Board Attendance:

- Tonight's meeting was the last meeting that Mary Ann Hildebrandt will be attending. Thank you for your service! Mary Ann has recommended her successor, Stephanie Turco, and advised that someone has already reached out to her.
- Dr. Woodley is to reach out to Dr. Tack and see what his intentions are regarding the Board.
- Anne Cardinale advised that she will be resigning from the Board in June, 2019 and will need to be replaced.
- The Board believes that Dr. Delma was done as of 12/31/18 and not eligible for reappointment.
- Kathleen Rogan and Anne Cardinale will not be at the next meeting.

III. Marijuana Legalization: Kathleen Rogan wanted to discuss this topic. Back in October, 2018, the Board discussed Ulster County sending a letter regarding its position on this topic, even though it's thought that this is a done deal. Dr. Woodley said that the concerns regarding this need to be researched more. Dr. Smith is to forward to the members a copy of the letter showing the majority of the counties signing off on this. The Board feels that the legalization is inevitable and will happen regardless. It is argued that the smoking age should be increase to 21, the money from the sales should go to the health departments for education regarding the health concerns surrounding the legalization including underage appeal and driving under the influence.

IV. Agency Reports:

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

- **Medical Examiner Stats:**

- In 2018, total deaths in Ulster County were 554; 380 were unattended. Of that, 174 were sent to autopsy (5 homicide, 28 suicide, 55 overdose with 4 of those being non-opioid)
- 48% accidental, 29% natural, 16% suicide, 4% undetermined, 3% homicide
- Dr. Smith is to find out how many of the suicides were male and how many were female.
- It was discussed that the opioid death rate nationwide had surpassed the accidental death rate.

b. Patient Service's Report: Dr. Smith reported on the following:

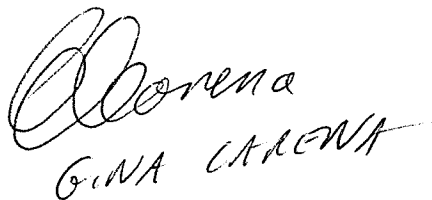
- **NYS Flu Stats:** Flu is widespread across the state. Medical providers who are not vaccinated are still to wear masks when coming into contact with patients.

V. IFH: Dr. Woodley advised that IFH acquired the old Pine Street Pediatrics building a little over a year ago. IT is their intention to open a practice there but one that is a bit different. Instead of the traditional practice a patient needs an appointment to be seen, they would like to offer a walk in service where patients can just come in, talk to someone regarding their health care needs and then be referred to a provider or specialist in the area. They are also interested in working with the school to identify children who are not immunized and work on getting them their vaccination since exclusion is now the school's policy in dealing with non-vaccinated children. A dental van was also talked about. This would go to local school to see kids and offer and speak about preventative care. Anne Cardinale advised that Hudson Valley Community College in Troy offers free dental clinics and that there has been an effort to get a bus to take patients there. Dr. Smith discussed patients with opioid addictions that are in need of services and the DOH need for training in buprenorphine. It is believed that Dr. Bach is on the list as a trainer. Dr. Woodley is to verify and advise.

VI. County Executive: The resignation of Michael Hein was discussed, as well as the process of what happens now to appoint and elect a new County Executive.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019, 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by:


GINA CARONA

Ulster County Department of Health

Medical Examiner's Office - Autopsy Cases

Date of Death between 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2018

Total Number of Cases: 173

<i>Cases by Gender</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
F	7	4	4	1	3	3	3	4	2	5	2	5	43
M	10	6	15	5	14	12	14	12	10	8	7	17	130
Grand Total	17	10	19	6	17	15	17	16	12	13	9	22	173

<i>Cases by Manner</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Accidental	9	4	6	5	10	7	8	9	5	7	5	9	84
Homicide	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Natural	5	2	6	1	7	7	5	3	3	2	4	4	49
Suicide	1	2	5	0	0	1	3	3	4	2	0	7	28
Undetermined	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	8
Grand Total	17	10	19	6	17	15	17	16	12	13	9	22	173

<i>Cases by Category</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Alcohol	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	10
Blunt Force Trauma - non-MVA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	6
Carbon Monoxide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cardiovascular	3	2	3	1	3	4	2	0	0	1	2	0	21
Cardiovascular and Diabetes	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cardiovascular and Obesity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Diabetes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drowning	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	6
Fall	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
Fall - Intentional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Gunshot Wound	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	3	14
Hanging	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
Motor Vehicle Accident	2	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	12
Non-Opioid Substance	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Non-Opioid Substance w/ Alcohol	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Non-Opioid Substance w/ Other Substances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Obesity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Opioid	3	1	4	0	3	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	23
Opioid w/ Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	4
Opioid w/ Other Substances	3	2	0	1	2	2	2	4	3	3	2	4	28
Opioid w/ Other Substances and Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	12
Pneumonia	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	6
Pulmonary Disease	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Smoke Inhalation	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Stab Wound	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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