Contract Subcommittee Meeting Monday, May 7, 2007, 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The Board of Health Contract Subcommittee held a meeting on May 7, 2007 in Meeting Room 2 at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Thomas O'Rourke.

Roll Call

Thomas O'Rourke, John Peterson, and Julian Rappaport were present at the time of roll call. The other person present was Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney).

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Discussion and Recommendations Concerning the Investigation of Alternatives for Service Delivery of Board of Health Programs by Community Organizations and Agencies Within and Outside Champaign County, Including Other County Health Departments

O'Rourke announced that he contacted people in the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Department of Health & Human Services as discussed at the previous meeting. McGrath announced that she was unable to meet with Peter Tracy and Darlene Kloeppel as requested at the last subcommittee meeting. She would arrange a meeting later this week. O'Rourke discussed the possibility of meeting with the CUPHD Board and possibly adding an ad hoc member to each board from the other health board. McGrath stated that they could not legally have ad hoc members on each other's board. Someone from the Board of Health (BOH) could informally attend the CUPHD Board meetings. A CUPHD Board member could also be invited to attend the publically open BOH meetings. Rappaport expressed that he would like the BOH to be involved in the search for a replacement CUPHD Administrator because that person is contracted as the BOH Administrator. McGrath advised the BOH to also ask to be involved in any search for a new Environmental Health Director since Gary Bird is retiring. That division represents one of the core services for the BOH. The subcommittee discussed how to best achieve an open communication and liaison relationship with the CUPHD Board. The members wanted to approach the new Interim CUPHD Administrator, Julie Pryde, to be clear that the Board of Health wants to work with her in a positive manner and to get her take on the relationship with the BOH. Peterson agreed to meet with Pryde. The BOH has been impressed by Pryde's work in the interim position.

Discussion and Recommendations Concerning Alternative Funding for Board of Health Programs, Including Grant Research and Application, and Raising the Board of Health Levy

The subcommittee discussed concerns raised about the management of the home nursing program and the possibility of contracting with a different agency for this service.

McGrath suggested a way to address the BOH's concerns over the lack of administrative support from the former CUPHD Administrator, Vito Palazzolo, who felt he was only responsible to the CUPHD Board. She pointed out that the BOH specifically pays a certain percentage of the Administrator's salary in the contract. If the CUPHD is in agreement, then perhaps the Administrator could jointly be an employee of CUPHD and the BOH with a division of time correlating to the salary allocation from each entity. This could be a good time to suggest this proposition. Rappaport agreed to raise the issue with Pius Weibel, the County Board Chair and member of the CUPHD Board.

Establishment of Next Meeting Date(s)

The next meeting would be held on June 18, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork Board of Health Secretary