

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Board of Health held its monthly meeting on April 29, 2008 in Meeting Room 2 at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Julian Rappaport. Prashanth Gowda, Stan James, Nezar Kassem, Thomas O'Rourke, John Peterson, Julian Rappaport, and Betty Segal were present at the time of roll call. Carrie Storrs had emailed to inform the Board she would be absent due to attending to sick family members. The staff members present were Kat Bork (Board of Health Secretary) and Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney). The other person present was Brandon Meline (CUPHD Director of Maternal and Child Health).

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Gowda to approve the agenda; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by James to approve the March 25, 2008 minutes; seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation on Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation on the agenda items.

Monthly Reports

CUPHD Monthly Reports – March 2008

O'Rourke asked if the goal for WIC on the first trimester is realistic because it is usually around 52-48%. Meline said CUPHD's statistics are consistent with rest of the state, based on the 2010 goals. He described the difficulty they experience in getting pregnant women into the program in the first trimester. The Maternal and Child Management Division is always working on first trimester initiatives. If CUPHD learns a patient is pregnant, they try to get her linked up with prenatal care. The Board discussed the Maternal and Child Management Division report. Meline said the goal is probably too optimistic because 50% of women probably do not know they are pregnant during the first trimester and 50% of that number actively do not access prenatal care. Gowda stated that all pregnant women and children are covered under the Illinois Health Care Act and can receive prenatal care at Frances Nelson. He noted the Medicaid reimbursement rates are decreasing and doctors do not want to take more Medicaid patients due to the insufficient reimbursement. Until the rate changes, he does not see these statistics improving. Meline noted it can take weeks for a Medicaid application to be processed, but CUPHD tries to get the pregnant women into their programs as soon as possible.

O'Rourke remarked that there were very few County people being served by the Tobacco Free initiatives. Meline was not able to speak about this program, except to say CUPHD was likely offering the programs county-wide. He agreed to speak with someone in Chronic Disease Management to get a narrative for the Board. Rappaport asked how the Tobacco Free programs are funded. Meline said there still is some money from the lawsuits against the tobacco companies received for such initiatives. The chief funding is likely through a county-wide grant, not a district grant. He will ask Julie Pryde to come to next meeting with more information.

James asked why the mobile unit person resigned. Meline could not say because the person has not had an exit interview. The dentist who resigned cited personal reasons. Peterson requested a link instead of being emailed the Administrator's Report because it was too big for his disk space. Rappaport request the mobile unit report identify that it is a County service as well as CUPHD in the table of contents. He did not want it to read "CUPHD Mobile Unit in the County" because the County Board of Health is funding this, not CUPHD. Meline agreed to communicate this to Pryde.

Rappaport inquired if County residents are eligible for vision services. James remarked that two or three people in his area were helped with vision services. James has been making calls about getting people to the mobile unit. He noted being in the field is different and they might want to concentrate more in certain areas that generate a response. James has contacted local papers about a human interest story the mobile services. Segal suggested Rappaport send something every month to local papers like a letter giving the mobile unit schedule to establish it in the minds of County residents as a County service. Then people could encourage their neighbors to go. Rappaport wanted a list of locations where the mobile unit should be sent. Peterson said Pryde's office could do it. Segal wanted it to come from the Board of Health, not CUPHD. Rappaport views the Board of Health as a policy-making body of volunteers. The Board is not responsible for direct delivery of services, which is why it contracts with CUPHD and other entities. If the Board needs to renegotiate those services, then it should do so. James recommended CUPHD email each local area media outlet with the mobile unit schedule to notice it in the community service section. James noted the two mayors he spoke to had not received any information about the mobile unit's schedule. The Board directed the CUPHD Administrator to develop a method of notifying local communities and media about the mobile unit schedule.

Rappaport suggested the Board may want to hold a study session about developing a better design for rural services because methods used to communicate the availability of services in rural areas is different than the methods that are effective in an urban area like Champaign-Urbana. Rappaport said it sounded like CUPHD needs to develop other relationships with people like James who are aware of rural needs and how to spread word. He acknowledged it is a difficult thing to do.

MOTION by Peterson to receive and place on file the CUPHD monthly reports for March 2008; seconded by Kassem. **Motion carried.**

CIDES Monthly Report – March 2008

Kassem shared his experience attending the Illinois State Dental Society conference in Springfield two weeks ago. The focus included the way the number of dentists are distributed

throughout the state and asking the General Assembly for an additional \$80 million to open ten public health clinics. Illinois State Dental Society wants to create incentives for new graduates to work at these clinics. They have a goal to increase the number of dentists accepting Medicaid. Kassem planned to speak to CIDES about Bridge to Healthy Smiles. Rappaport brought an article reporting a lack of dentists nationwide. Kassem said the society does not think there is a shortage of dentists, just a shortage of where the dentists need to be. McGrath said the state has just announced that it is pushing back its Medicaid reimbursement so it will now be six months behind. The Board discussed the dental situation in Illinois.

MOTION by **James** to receive and place on file the CIDES monthly report for March 2008; seconded by Segal. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence and Communications

Distribution of the Public Health Levy

Deb Busey sent a memo regarding the final numbers on the distribution of the public health levy. Rappaport asked what Peterson thought about the information. Peterson said they would take it and Busey was amazingly right on target with her projections. Peterson was not sure how the housing market will affect the levy. James said the County Treasurer made a presentation to the County Board explaining how the surprisingly assessed value is holding and he does not see it going down.

Rappaport shared Storrs's email explaining why she would not be applying for reappointment. Both O'Rourke's and Peterson's terms are also up at the end of June.

Treasurer's Report

Invoice submitted by CUPHD for February 2008

Peterson asked McGrath to list the current invoice payments to ensure the Board is being invoiced for 1/12 of the budgeted amount each month as the contract states. Peterson said the invoice is on target.

MOTION by Peterson to pay the CUPHD February 2008 invoice; seconded by O'Rourke. **Motion carried.**

RPC Senior Services Quarterly Revenue/Expenses Report

The quarterly revenue/expenses report was provided for information only as part of RPC's quarterly report.

Appointment of Member to Budget Subcommittee

Peterson spoke to James about joining the Budget Subcommittee. James was willing to join the subcommittee if the meetings could be held in early evening so he could fit this into his schedule. When asked, Meline said he thought early evening meetings would be okay for CUPHD. Rappaport nominated James to the Budget Subcommittee.

MOTION by Peterson to appoint James to the Budget Subcommittee; seconded by O'Rourke. **Motion carried.**

James and Peterson agreed to hold meetings before the Board of Health meetings and set the first meeting for May 27th. Peterson requested Pryde or a knowledgeable person, such as the CUPHD Finance Director attend the meeting. Peterson thought the challenge with the 2009 budget will revolve around the County itself being in financial trouble and the County Board's expectations. Deb Busey would be asked to attend this meeting.

County Van Used By CUPHD

The Board discussed the condition of their van and the costs of mileage with CUPHD. James noted an older vehicle becomes more costly to run with repairs. The County Animal Control Department would be interested in having the Board of Health's van donated to them. James spoke to the Coroner who could use it, but Animal Control might need it more. Rappaport asked for an explanation of this item. McGrath said the Board asked Pryde to compare what Board has paid in mileage to what they would have paid without the van. Peterson it had looked like the Board was being charged mileage for a van it owned. Pryde had previously explained the van costs were the gas and oil changes. Meline could not address this issue, so Peterson asked him or someone at CUPHD to check on the past mileage amounts. Segal asked about using other vehicles owned by the County. James thought the Sheriff had some extra vehicles. McGrath explained the vehicles James is referring to are not extra vehicles; they are forfeitures being stored before auction. Segal asked if CUPHD employees were okay with using their personal vehicles for work-related trips. Meline explained CUPHD employees are expected to use their personal vehicles and it is stated in employee orientation that one has to have an insured vehicle. James requested this item be placed on the next agenda, the mileage amount be confirmed by CUPHD so the Board can consider whether to keep its van or donate it to Animal Control. Peterson noted the van is budgeted for through the end of this fiscal year. James would contact Stephanie Joos and speak to her that the van would have to be accepted in its current condition.

Issues Regarding CUPHD

Report from Acting CUPHD Administrator

The Administrator's Report was distributed by Meline and discussed earlier in the meeting. Meline added that CUPHD has a contingency plan to get people cross-trained to drive the mobile unit for the short-term.

Other Business

Election of Officers

The Board discussed the officers' duties. James nominated Rappaport as President, Peterson as Treasurer, and Gowda as Secretary.

MOTION by O'Rourke to close the nominations; seconded the Segal. **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Peterson to elect the slate of officers of Rappaport as President, Peterson as Treasurer, and Gowda as Secretary; seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried.**

Report on Workshop on Community Partners for Pandemic Influenza Planning

Peterson gave a report on the on Workshop on Community Partners for Pandemic Influenza Planning. There is a commitment to new levels of cooperation, which impressed Peterson. The County Emergency Management Agency would be in control of emergency situations, including an emergency medical situation. The big question was to figure out what resources we have to deal with something like a pandemic influenza emergency. O'Rourke asked what got the entities to attend the workshop. Peterson said it was public health and Meline noted that John Dwyer spent most of his calendar year dealing with this workshop. Peterson added the feds paid for it. The Board discussed models for emergency situations.

Report on Illinois Public Health Association Annual Conference

Rappaport reported on the Illinois Public Health Association Annual Conference. It was a joint meeting with statewide community mental health associations, in which Peter Tracy was deeply involved. Rappaport stated it was a good meeting which provided excellent examples of collaboration between public health and mental health. This collaboration is important because people with serious mental illness have a significantly shorter life expectancy, by almost twenty years. Segal asked if this was because of suicide. Rappaport said it is more attributable to lifestyles factors. There is focus on public health providing lifestyle management to the serious mentally ill. Rappaport noticed the counties with a good integration of services are doing interesting things and Champaign County could learn a lot from some of these models. He also found it useful to meet the representatives from other county boards.

Report on Status of Collaboration with Mental Health Board

Rappaport and Segal spent this morning with a Mental Health Board subcommittee considering the four proposals for joint funding with the Mental Health Board. There was a certain proposal that clearly stood out amongst the others and it was selected. Crisis Nursery's Perinatal Depression Program was the proposal selected for joint funding. The Mental Health Board staff had prepared a summary of the applications that Rappaport and Segal were not given, so Bork was directed to obtain the summaries and send them to the full board.

Segal liked the Crisis Nursery proposal which involves twenty-five at-risk mothers and their babies being met with in their homes to discuss their needs. The mothers and babies will also come to group meetings. Rappaport said all the target clients will be County residents. Rappaport thought this was a very thoughtful proposal and the Board of Health's \$25,000 will be leveraged for more services in conjunction with the Mental Health Board's money and the Crisis Nursery's infrastructure. Rappaport asked if the Board will need to do anything more. McGrath said the Board will have to approve the actual contract. Meline said his division has existing case management county-wide and offered any support they could for this program. Rappaport asked if CUPHD was doing anything with the Crisis Nursery. Meline said they do not have a formal contract, but CUPHD refers clients to the Crisis Nursery.

Gowda asked why the money is being allocated specifically for mental health management. James said he sees outreach as beginning with people who may be in danger. Rappaport said they are looking to catch people before they are in crisis.

Status Report as to Ongoing Items to be Addressed by the Board of Health in Future Meetings

Rappaport updated the Board that they are awaiting word from the CUPHD Board on holding a joint meeting about the contract. Rappaport recommended that O'Rourke be the Board's contract representative and O'Rourke has agreed. Rappaport thought CUPHD would bring their attorney, so McGrath should attend as well. O'Rourke noted the Board of Health has been trying to get a meeting with the CUPHD Board for a very long time. The Board discussed the past difficulties with the CUPHD contract.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items Only

Bobbi Scholze introduced herself to the Board. Her appointment as Susan Maurer's replacement on the Board of Health will be considered at the next County Board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Board of Health Secretary

Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.