

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Call to Order

The Board of Health (BOH) held its monthly meeting on August 24, 2010 in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Bobbi Scholze.

Roll Call

Board members present at the time of roll call were Mark Huls, Stan James, John Peterson, Cheryl Ramirez, Bobbi Scholze, Betty Segal, and David Thies. The staff member present was Kat Bork (Board of Health Administrative Assistant).

The absent Board members were Brenda Anderson and Prashanth Gowda.

Also present were Deb Busey (County Administrator), Lynn Canfield (Associate Director of Developmental Disabilities), Deb Fruitt (CUPHD Wellness & Health Promotion Director), Nancy Greenwalt (Smile Healthy Executive Director), Julie Pryde (CUPHD Administrator), Jim Roberts (CUPHD Environmental Health Director), and Andrea Wallace (CUPHD Finance Director).

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by James to approve the agenda; seconded by Huls. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by James to approve the July 27, 2010 minutes for the joint study session with CUPHD Board; seconded by Ramirez. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Public Participation on Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation over the agenda items.

Correspondence and Communications

Scholze presented the NALBOH election ballot with a single candidate for President.

MOTION by Peterson to authorize Scholze to vote for the NALBOH presidential candidate; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Scholze announced that Huls had informed her that he would resign from the BOH. Huls explained this decision came after a lot of deliberation concerning his dental, familial, and military responsibilities. He wished the BOH the very best. Scholze thanked Huls for his service on the Board and encouraged the other members to suggest candidates to fill the vacancy. Huls said his resignation would be effective once someone is ready to complete the remainder of his term. Busey stated it would likely take until the October County Board meeting to find someone to fill the appointment. Huls agreed his resignation would be effective October 30, 2010.

Smile Healthy

Greenwalt distributed her report to the Board. Huls was sorry that he was not at the last meeting when Smile Healthy's funding was reduced, though he understood the reasons for the decision. He considers that funding to be very little money to treat acute illnesses that can be easily resolved.

MOTION by James to receive and place on file the Smile Healthy monthly report for July 2010; seconded by Segal. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

CUPHD

Approval of CUPHD Invoice – July 2010

Peterson asked Wallace about the empty lines on the invoice. Wallace stated the grant billing was not done because an employee was out sick. Peterson asked for the delayed July expenses to be separated from the August expenses on the next invoice.

MOTION by Peterson to approve payment of the CUPHD July 2010 invoice; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Administrator's Report – August 2010

Pryde offered to answer any questions about the report. Scholze asked about the advance practice center connector site. Pryde explained the advanced practices centers are agencies or universities throughout the country working on public health practice research issues. CUPHD asked to be connector site for Toledo, Ohio. In exchange, CUPHD will receive about \$45,000 and some training. This site is related to emergency preparedness.

CUPHD Monthly Division Reports – July 2010

The monthly division reports for Administrative Training, Environmental Health, Human Resources, and Infectious Disease were posted on CUPHD's website at <http://www.cuphd.org/monthly-reports.html>.

MOTION by James to receive and place on file the Administrator's report and division monthly reports; seconded by Huls. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

FY2011 Budget

Busey distributed a revised budget spreadsheet comparing the BOH budgets since FY2005 and the percentage change each year. Wallace confirmed the CUPHD FY2011 budget request has not changed since the last meeting. Per the BOH's direction at the previous meeting, Busey prepared a balanced budget for FY2011. The CUPHD budget request is fully funded and Smile Healthy will receive \$55,490.

James asked Wallace about the line in the CUPHD budget listed as Wisconsin Physicians Services. Wallace said it is Medicare/Medicaid fees paid to CUPHD. CUPHD keeps that revenue and bills the BOH for the difference not paid by Medicare/Medicaid. Regarding Smile Healthy, James said the BOH hates to cut anything, but it has struggled to stay within its budget. He did not think there would be any public support to ask for a tax increase. He views food services, sewage, and well inspections as important in one way or another. Dental is only area the BOH can cut because the others are mandated services. The BOH realizes dental services are needed and it was a tough call. Huls said he understood the BOH's dilemma. He noted the \$55,490 budget to Smile Healthy would only cover a general dental office's expenditures for two months.

MOTION by James to accept the FY2011 budget as proposed and send it to the County Board; seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried with a vote of 6 to 1.** Huls, James, Peterson, Scholze, Segal, and Thies voted in favor of the motion. Ramirez voted against the motion.

Other Business

Pryde suggested Huls could encourage private dentists to accept Medicaid patients as a way to increase the dental services offered in Champaign County. She remarked CUPHD has the only two dentists in Champaign-Urbana who will accept Medicaid. The CUPHD dental clinic billed and received about \$500,000 from Medicaid, demonstrating that Medicaid-funded dental services are sustainable. Pryde commiserated that Medicaid billing was a challenge, but dentists who provide general and specialty care need to accept Medicaid patients if the need is going to be met. Medicaid definitely pays for children's dental services. Huls concurred and noted there is a lot of talk amongst dentists behind the scenes. He knows practitioners like himself who take pro bono clients. It is difficult in his orthodontic practice because orthodontists typically see patient for two to four years. Huls agree more dentists need to accept Medicaid. Overhead for a private practice is typically 50% and the Medicaid fee plan pays out at about 50% with some variation. This means the doctor's income is not always covered, unless they are part of a large hospital or community service center. Pryde described the process of how optometrists were convinced to accept some Medicaid patients. If each dentist accepted a few Medicaid patients, the situation would be greatly improved. Huls acknowledged the lack of dentists who accept Medicaid overburdens the programs like Smile Healthy and CUPHD. The high no show rate for appointments amongst Medicaid patients is a problem. Pryde stated there is money out there and she wished the private dental practices could take even 5-10% of Medicaid patients. Huls agreed with Pryde such actions would help. Greenwalt said Smile Healthy has four staff dentists and a practice near Marketplace Mall that accepts limited Medicaid.

Scholze asked if there was a shortage of dentists in Central Illinois or the Champaign County area. Pryde said this area was not a dental or mental health shortage area. Greenwalt claimed this was a dental shortage area for Medicaid. Huls confirmed the Champaign-Urbana area has a lot of dentists. There are fewer dentists out in the county. Some of his colleagues have availabilities in their schedules due to the slow economy. Pryde said, according to the Medicaid website, this is not a dental or mental health shortage area. Getting providers to accept Medicaid as payment is another issue. Scholze asked if there was a local dental association. Huls confirmed there was and dental organizations are very strong nationwide, in Illinois, and at the local level. The dentists discuss the Medicaid need and similar issues at the association meetings. Greenwalt said Smile Healthy was a member of Bridge to Healthy Smiles (a coalition led by the Illinois State Dental Society) and, accordingly to their data, Champaign County is underserved for Medicaid dental care and the need is growing.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Board of Health Administrative Assistant

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