

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Contract Subcommittee Meeting Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The Board of Health Contract Subcommittee held a meeting on September 11, 2007 in Meeting Room 2 at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Thomas O'Rourke.

Roll Call

Julian Rappaport and Thomas O'Rourke were present at the time of roll call. John Peterson arrived later at 4:05 p.m.

The others present were Kat Bork (Board of Health Secretary), Deb Busey (County Administrator of Finance & HR Management), Alicia Eckoff (CUPHD Dental Coordinator), Deb Fruitt (CUPHD Director of Wellness & Health Promotion), Nancy Greenwalt (CIDES Executive Director), Claudia Lenhoff (Champaign County Health Care Consumers), Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney), Jill Myers (CIDES), Julie Pryde (Acting CUPHD Administrator), and C. Pius Weibel (County Board Chair and CUPHD Board member)

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Rappaport to approve the agenda; seconded by O'Rourke. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by O'Rourke to approve the August 14, 2007 Contract Subcommittee minutes; seconded by Rappaport. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

Lenhoff spoke about the CIDES Dental Access Program and reviewed its origins, range of services, educational efforts, and involved providers. The program was created to get low income, uninsured or Medicaid children in to see dentists and oral surgeons. CIDES pays private dentists 50% of their fees to see CIDES clients. Many dentists in Champaign County do not accept Medicaid as payment and will accept CIDES's payments. There are also a number of dental services that Medicaid does not cover that are paid for by CIDES. Lenhoff called CIDES a highly efficient and effective program from a public health perspective. She advocated for the Board of Health to continue providing funding to CIDES.

Recommendations on FY2008 Dental Services Programs from CIDES and CUPHD

O'Rourke noted that both the CIDES and CUPHD representatives had to leave the meeting at a certain time to attend to other commitments, so the subcommittee agreed to hear their proposals directly.

Pryde stated CUPHD anticipates receiving a grant to hire an entire dental team; however, the grant is specific to serving the Champaign-Urbana residents. While she originally anticipated being able to see adults in their program, CUPHD will not be able to provide any services in the County areas. The CUPHD Board is not interested in pursuing any dental services contract with the Board of Health at this time. CUPHD does not feel it is adequately meeting the needs of Champaign-Urbana residents even though their operation has doubled in size. Pryde wants to focus on CUPHD's service area because they do not have the capacity to meet the need. O'Rourke requested specifics. Eckoff stated Champaign saw over 100 new patients and Urbana saw over 70 new patients. Pryde stated CUPHD is maxed out in their ability to provide dental services at the present time. Pryde would like to work out a collaborative agreement with the County in order to have children from one jurisdiction be seen by the other when treatment is desperately needed. She confirmed CUPHD had no actual proposal for dental collaboration at this time.

Rappaport asked about the proposed CUPHD contract language changes. Pryde said CUPHD and the County are discussing the contract language. She has read over the Board of Health's recommendations for revisions and asked for a contract discussion at a different meeting. The subcommittee agreed.

Greenwalt submitted the CIDES proposal requesting \$130,360 in Board of Health funding in FY2008. This is an increase of \$25,000 from the previous year. The additional money would go to patient care and client assistance. CIDES made close to 300 appointments in August. A number of those visits included expensive work such as root canals and extractions. Greenwalt said the dental providers are open to expansion if the Board of Health gives CIDES more money in FY2007, so CIDES is also requesting \$15,000 in additional funds during the current fiscal year. Greenwalt has asked the dental providers about providing care to adults, if the Board of Health is interested in paying for these additional services. In the CIDES program, the providers would receive 50% of their normal rates. Greenwalt remarked that there is a huge demand for free adult dental care. It would be expensive to provide the level of care needed for adults who would use the service, because it would likely involve work beyond cleanings. She estimated CIDES could serve 200 adults for \$50,000 in FY2008. The money for support services would include education and outreach programs.

Rappaport confirmed the CIDES request was to increase the funding from \$105,000 to \$130,000 for children and for an additional \$50,000 to provide dental services for adults. Greenwalt explained the adult program would be built onto the existing CIDES structure. Greenwalt has only spoken to 4 out of the 20 dentists who contract with CIDES about seeing adults. Of the 4 dentists, 2 said they would participate and the other 2 said maybe.

O'Rourke asked how many of the dentists see five patients or more a month. Greenwalt estimated six dentists see five or more CIDES patients per month. O'Rourke inquired about the

dentists' locations. Greenwalt replied that half are in the C-U area and half are out in Champaign County. More specialists are located with the C-U area.

Peterson asked Weibel if the County Board is going to drop the annual subsidy provided to the Board of Health. Weibel did not think the County Board will completely eliminate the subsidy this year, but it appears the Board of Health has a surplus of funding. McGrath and Peterson explained the Board of Health requested \$50,000 less at the Legislative Budget Hearings for a total amount of \$95,000. Weibel's impression was that the County Board would subtract an additional \$50,000 more, but he was uncertain. Rappaport had spoken to Deb Busey, the County Administrator of Finance, about budgeting. She suggested that the Board of Health could change their budget request to spend more or establish a contingency line at the next regular Board meeting.

Pryde and the CUPHD staff exited the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

The subcommittee continued to discuss the long-term budgetary consequences of providing dental services. If the County Board decreases or stops the Board of Health subsidy, the Board of Health's ability to support dental services will be impacted. The subcommittee discussed the CIDES request for increased funding. Greenwalt said the additional funding is for more care for children with participating dentists. CIDES is committed to going to schools with its mobile units. They want to treat all low income children. CIDES can bill Medicaid and private insurance when the treated children are covered. O'Rourke asked how much Medicaid reimbursement CIDES receives in a year. Greenwalt supposed the Medicaid reimbursement was about \$14,000. This funding supports the mobile clinics and the expanded care. Only two of the dental providers accept Medicaid. The more expensive, higher end care is not covered by Medicaid even when the child is Medicaid eligible. Medicaid pays a fraction of what the dentists charge, so the dentists receive more money participating in the CIDES program because they receive 50% of their usual rates. Rappaport asked how much of the CIDES budget goes to pay dentists versus paying support staff. Greenwalt said \$45,000 of the \$105,000 goes to pay CIDES personnel, namely Greenwalt and Myers.

Rappaport questioned the no show rate that occurs when CIDES clients do not attend or cancel their scheduled appointments. Greenwalt said over 90% of clients show up to their appointments. She indicated the low no show rate was attributable to the systems in place to remind clients of appointments and the cooperation of the dentists' offices. Greenwalt described the school clinics, for which CIDES receives Medicaid reimbursement. Two dentists have donated 100% of their care. CIDES has received almost \$67,000 worth of in-kind donations. No Board of Health money is used for the Head Start clinic because it is paid for by grants, donations, and Medicaid. The Head Start clinic has seen a lot of County kids because it is located in Rantoul.

O'Rourke asked about support issues like the reminder calls for appointments. Greenwalt said the personnel line includes the program support. O'Rourke asked how much of personnel time is spent facilitating patient care as opposed to providing direct care, excluding education efforts. Greenwalt estimated three-fourths of personnel's time is spent facilitating care, depending on the week. Myers is a full-time employee and all other support staff are part-time. Greenwalt said CIDES has seen 925 children this year. All the donations both in money and in-kind services total over \$300,000. It would be impossible to operate CIDES without the core grant from the County

Board of Health. Peterson requested Greenwalt provide a FY2008 total agency budget as well as a program budget to the Board of Health. Greenwalt agreed to prepare that information.

Weibel, who had exited the meeting, returned with Deb Busey. Busey stated the Board of Health funding is in the Champaign County General Corporate Fund budget. The FY2008 budget is still being developed, but cutting the Board of Health's \$95,000 subsidy any further is unlikely. Peterson asked if the Board of Health would have to establish a contingency line in its budget before the budget is approved by the County Board. Busey answered affirmatively, explaining the Board would need to appropriate any amount for contingency at the next regular Board of Health meeting when they adopt the FY2008 budget. Peterson thanked Busey for clearing up the confusion. Rappaport said the Board of Health will make a decision on its budget at the September 25, 2007 meeting. O'Rourke recommended resuming the CIDES discussion at the next Board meeting when they receive the additional information from Greenwalt. Greenwalt agreed to have the total agency budget ready for the Board of Health agenda packet. The subcommittee thanked the CIDES staff as they exited the meeting.

Recommendations Regarding Potential CUPHD Contract Languages Changes

O'Rourke reviewed the contract and asked McGrath to highlight the differences in the current draft. McGrath stated the latest draft was a result of the subcommittee's discussion about the contract. It takes into account the staffing changes (such as the new, non-CUPHD secretarial support) and reflects the actual actions carried out by the parties. On Page 11, Paragraph 7, the existing contract says the Board of Health should be receiving monthly reports from CUPHD about the Environmental Health Division. The reports the Board of Health is currently receiving do not have the specific information the contract mandates. The Board may wish to change the contract to reflect a different report format. CUPHD is not conducting educational seminars as the contract dictates. O'Rourke thought education goes hand-in-hand with inspection and is likely being done in some form. McGrath noted the Public Health Ordinance is being revised. McGrath confirmed there has been no change to Paragraph 10 since the last meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Establishment of Next Meeting Date(s)

The next meeting would be held on October 22, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Board of Health Secretary