

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

The Board of Health of Champaign County held its monthly meeting on July 25, 2006 in meeting room 2 at Brookens Administrative Center at 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Upon roll call, the following board members were found to be present: Kim Winston, Susan Maurer, Dr. Kassem, Dr. Peterson, Stan James and Dr. Rappaport. Carried Storrs and Dr. O'Rourke were absent. Others present were Susan McGrath and Vito Palazzolo.

Introduction of new Board of Health members

Ms. Winston welcomed the two new Board of Health members; Stan James and Dr. Nezar Kassem.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Minutes of Meetings June 30, 2006 and July 8, 2006

Ms. McGrath explained that at the June meeting, the committee deferred the May 30, 2006 minutes to this meeting.

MOTION by Dr. Peterson to approve the minutes of May 30, 2006 and July 8, 2006; seconded by Dr. Rappaport. Motion carried. The minutes of June 30, 2006 will be approved at the August meeting.

Monthly Reports (June 2006)

Ms. Maurer stated the CUPHD reports are available online. Ms. Winston stated, for the record, that the committee has received the monthly CIDES report for June 2006 and an income statement for six months ending June 2006.

Ms. Maurer stated she has noticed an increase in emergencies and has talked with Ms. Bell about what is causing this.

MOTION by Ms. Winston to receive and place on file the CIDES 2006 report and income statement; seconded by Ms. Maurer. Motion carried.

Correspondence and Communications

Ms. Maurer reported that she attended an oral health town hall meeting and explained there was a plan written in 2001 and now they are doing town hall meetings to update that plan. There was some good input about access and lack there of and a major issue discussed was funding and there were a lot of complaints about the company that manages Medicaid.

Dr. Kassem stated he also attended the meeting and access was the biggest concern people had. He stated the State doesn't make accepting managed care very appealing and he got the feeling that people in that meeting thought Dentists should accept the Medicaid card when in reality it doesn't cover our expenses. People forget that the majority of dentists practicing are small business.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION by Peterson to receive and place on file the Auditors report; seconded by Maurer. Motion carried.

Dr. Peterson stated, at the budget meeting, there was concern that the CUPHD invoice was over the \$62,000 budgeted per month but it was explained that this is a three week pay period invoice. Mr. Palazzolo explained they have 2 months out of the year where there will be a 3rd pay period.

MOTION by Dr. Peterson to approve the payment of the CUPHD invoice dated July 18, 2006; seconded by Ms. Winston. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Palazzolo reported that he met with the CUPHD board today and looked at the building process and he is hoping that by the next board meeting they will be under contract to purchase a building. This move will give them 100,000 square feet and will allow them to do a lot of different things. He stated the building in question is the old Colwell building on Kenyon Road and they are trying to partner with other non-profit and profit organizations. He also reported they have hired an HR director and a new nursing director.

Report of Subcommittee on CUPHD contract

In Dr. O'Rourke's absence, Ms. McGrath reported that the subcommittee met on July 11th to look at the present contract to see what language might need to be changed. Whatever happens with the budget needs to be reflected in the contract. The subcommittee will meet again in September.

Report of Budget Subcommittee

Dr. Peterson reported that the budget subcommittee made a lot of progress at their meeting today. He explained that the district has decided that it will take the funding it has and the \$110,000 we get through the state and fund our core programs based on that money. They believe they are likely providing about a \$160,000 subsidy for these programs, through Vito's intervention and recommendation to them they are fine with that. He stated we are looking at revenue of about \$300,000 for the rest of our activities. Using a report provided to the committee, he reviewed the various programs and how the funding is provided for them. He reported that Nursing Aging in Place is a visiting nurse program for home bound seniors and is under review by the district. If continued, on a modified schedule, it would be about \$45,000. Ms. McGrath stated this still includes a \$40,000 grant from the County but there is a possibility that grant will not be available, so without it, the cost would go to \$85,000. Mr. Palazzolo stated this program, as it was a few months ago, for the CUPHD board, was about a ½ a million dollar program seeing about 170 clients. They started looking at and evaluating the program and have gone from 5 nurses to 2, they are looking at every aspect of it.

Mr. James stated part of the tax incentive was this home bound care and he feels it would be a hard sell if we were to get rid of it. Mr. Palazzolo stated there is not another department in the state who is doing this program in this manner, they realize there is substantial cost and they are working toward fixing that but the board will have to make the final decision.

Dr. Peterson stated we need to target activities and look at cooperative services while the reorganization of the CUPHD takes place. The subcommittee will meet again on August 15th and will come out of that meeting with the recommendation for the August 22nd meeting. He stated we need to look at what will happen if the County cuts their portion of the funding and changes in that programs this coming year. He stated we need to point out to the County Board that their decision to help fund the core programs isn't going to be there 10 years from now.

Ms. McGrath stated, at this point, the County Board is looking at an across the board cut for all outside grants. She stated we have an \$83,000 deficit if the County does not provide the 40,000 grant. If they provide the services in front of them, even with the support of CUPHD, there is still a deficit. Next's month meeting will be on the 22nd and the committee's presentation to the County Board will be on the 28th.

Committee consensus to defer budget action to the August meeting.

Collection for Plaques

Ms. McGrath stated the plaques that were presented last month to retiring members, cost \$200.00. She stated she will accept donations toward that cost now or at the August meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Other Business

Mr. Palazzolo asked about the money for the at home nursing, for the rest of the year. Ms. McGrath stated the money exists in their fund balance so it can pay for the rest of the year. He stated he needs to know if the County Board is going to still want them to provide that service. Ms. McGrath stated they will draft a letter regarding this issue.

Upcoming Meeting

The next regular, monthly meeting will be held on August 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Winston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.