

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Champaign County Board of Health held its monthly meeting on April 24, 2007 in Meeting Room 2 at Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Susan Maurer. Upon roll call, the following board members were found to be present: Maurer, Rappaport, James, O'Rourke and Storrs. The following members were absent: Peterson, Winston, Kassem, and Gauda. Others present: Susan McGrath, Deb Busey, Nancy Greenwalt, Shelley Scott

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2007 and March 27, 2007.

MOTION by James to approve the minutes of February 20, 2007 and March 27, 2007; seconded by Rappaport. **Motion carried.**

Monthly Reports (February & March 2007)

1. CIDES

Nancy Greenwalt explained they have presented a new format for the February and March reports, basically summarizing the information. She asked the committee to let her know if they want anything more than this. She explained that they will have an open house, on May 22, 2007, to allow people to see the new office and meet the staff.

Mr. Rappaport stated, by looking at the report, he couldn't figure out if the total number of children served in February included some repeat patients and asked if there is a way to show how many different children have been seen; how many total new children. Ms. Greenwalt stated that should be easy to provide.

Correspondence & Communications

Ms. McGrath stated there is nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

1. Report from Champaign County Administrator Deb Busey

Ms. Busey explained that the report that is before the committee is the same as it has been; the revenues will come in as projected and the expenditures will go out as projected. She pointed out that with the professional services contract, as of March 31st, there hasn't been any expenditure there and explained that the Auditor is holding the first two payments, that have been approved because they are requiring the Board to approve a motion that those billings be paid based on 1/12th the annual contract. That motion is on the agenda tonight, the bills have been submitted at 1/12th and as soon as the motion is approved she believes those payments will be paid.

2. Approval of Invoices submitted by CUPHD for 2/07 and 3/07.

Mr. James stated the bills don't make much sense to him and they don't tell him how many clients are served. Ms. Storrs stated some of the nursing money doesn't cover just the visits but the entire nursing program and asked if the County Board might take issue that the money isn't used strictly for home nursing.

Ms. McGrath stated the grant that was given by the County Board was for the home health program, period, so there is that restriction. There was a different explanation of what that line item was for at another meeting when they were told that number 30, nursing, was for the home health program so if there are other programs using that, we will need a clarification because the county money is just for home health.

Ms. Scott stated she is not representing CUPHD this evening however she will answer any questions to the best of her knowledge. Mr. James stated if he had a bill like this in front of him he would ask exactly what he is paying for and he doesn't have that information even though it has been requested more than once. Ms. Storrs stated, since the home health visits are budgeted separately for us is, it might be possible to get something itemized for those services.

MOTION by James to approve the CUPHD invoices for 2/07 and 3/07; seconded by Rappaport.

Mr. O'Rourke stated he will not vote for approval of these bills because he doesn't feel he should have to go to the web and try and find this information, he wants hard copies. He cannot approve something based on the information they are given, he doesn't believe there is anything wrong with the bills, he just doesn't have enough information to make an informed decision.

Motion carried with O'Rourke voting no.

Mr. Rappaport stated he is interested in asking that in the future, they be provided with a person who appears, when the invoices are presented and who is able to answer questions about them. They are looking for communication and he would like to have some official record of the problem, what the board has asked for and what they haven't received. Ms. Busey stated they may be looking for a monthly report similar to CIDES, in addition to the invoices. Ms. Storrs stated for the most part the monthly reports are on the web and because there are people who don't like to view them online, they can be pulled off the web and given out with the agenda. Ms. Busey stated they can pull them off the web and include them with monthly reports on the agenda.

3. Required by Champaign County Auditor: Motion to approve payment of CUPHD invoices on monthly basis equivalent to 1/12th of annual payment due to CUPHD.

MOTION by Storrs to approve the payment of CUPHD invoices on a monthly basis equivalent to 1/12th of the annual payment due to CUPHD; seconded by James.
Motion carried.

Report from CUPHD Administrator

Ms. Scott reported that the CUPHD Administrator is on vacation.

Old Business

1. Discussion and recommendations concerning potential cooperative efforts with the Champaign County Mental Health Board

Ms. McGrath explained Mr. Tracy was informed of the Board's action, deciding that two members will serve on a joint committee between the Mental Health Board and the Board of Health, they haven't taken action yet to select their members but they are in the process. She is setting up a meeting with Darlene Kloepel and Peter Tracy to follow up on some information and that will touch on the question about some cooperative efforts we might make with the Mental Health Board.

Mr. Rappaport stated there was a meeting with himself, Peter Tracy and Tom Moore with Claudia Lenhoff, because she had a student she had asked to research what kinds of programs for these services exist. She gave a report and some model examples and it does appear there are many places that are doing very efficient services for elderly people and they are being run in ways similar to what we are thinking of doing. There is a lot of indication there that what we have talked about is quite feasible, and Mr. Tracy was going to carry the information back to his board. When asked about a written report from the meeting, Mr. Rappaport stated there is a summary report that he could get a copy of.

Report from contract committee meeting April 16, 2007

Mr. O'Rourke stated the committee met and they are following up on the motion to investigate alternatives for service delivery for our Board of Health programs in the County. They had a productive meeting, raised a couple questions about our legal status and if we could apply for grants. He has been collecting information and it appears they are a legal entity and can apply for grants. They have identified people in IDPH and are including organizations and agencies within and outside Champaign County, following up with them including the legal and programmatic sides of issues; he and Susan are working on that. The question of an Administrator has come up and legally we have to have one and it is interesting that we don't. There are very minimal qualifications for being an administrator and they are also following up on that. The next meeting is scheduled for the 7th at 4:00 p.m. and they will have more of a report after that. Mr. O'Rourke stated he would ask our legal council to again contact Mr. Grosser to respond to the question that was posed in January and re-iterated in March.

Ms. Storrs stated she believes Mr. Grosser made his interpretation clear we just need the attorney's to resolve the two different legal interpretations.

Ms. McGrath stated they had given Mr. Grosser some questions he was going to respond to after he expressed his opinion. Mr. O'Rourke stated he asked if the Administrator came to the meetings because they feel its part of their contractual obligation with us or do they come because they feel like it; Mr. Grosser has not responded to that question.

Continuing discussion and recommendation as to County Home Health Program

Mr. Rappaport stated there are some options we know exist and Mr. Tracy will be pursuing things with his board. In the interest of pursuing viable options, they believe there may be some that involve the Mental Health Board and RPC.

Ms. Storrs stated if they move toward one of the models we need to decide what the CUPHD is hoping to move toward and figure out if it is possible to move in the same direction, together.

New Business

Agenda for May 15, 2007 Study Session

Ms. McGrath stated the calendar of meetings adopted, allow for a study session each month, if needed. She stated they may want to wait until June because that will be the beginning of their budget preparation and they may have more information on a variety of issues by then.

Submission of Statements of Economic Interest for all Board members

No action taken.

Set meeting for Ordinance Review Committee to make recommendations to Board of Health and County Board as to potential changes in present County Health Ordinance

Ms. McGrath stated she will set a date for this meeting and the biggest things they need to review are the enforcement issues. When reading the budget from last year it became clear that some of the costs in the Environmental Health Division are high because of enforcement issues on license holders in food establishments who are not following the rules or people who are not following the rules on having septic and well water inspections. Currently, they don't have a mechanism in the ordinance to charge people with the enforcement aspect of all those case, therefore we are not covering our costs there and that's a huge oversight that we can correct. Other than that, they need to look at changes in the statute to make sure we are up to date.

Other Business

There was no other business

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn by James; seconded by Rappaport. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.