

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Champaign County Board of Health held its monthly meeting on May 22, 2007 in Meeting Room 2 at Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Susan Maurer. Upon roll call, the following board members were found to be present: Storrs, James, Gouda, Peterson, Maurer, and Rappaport. The following members were absent: Kassem, Winston and O'Rourke. Others present: Susan McGrath.

Ms. Winston arrived after the roll call had been taken.

New member Dr. Prashanth Gowda introduced himself explaining he is the Internists at Francis Nelson.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Monthly Reports (April 2007)

1. CIDES

The monthly report was handed out to the members. **MOTION** by James to receive and place on file the CIDES monthly report for April 2007; seconded by Maurer. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Storrs stated it helped to receive the information regarding the number of children and treatments, which they asked for at the last meeting.

Ms. Winston asked if CIDES is seeing adult patients yet. Ms. Pryde stated that with Champaign County Health Care Consumers and Public Health together, they have started seeing adults. She explained if they come in through Health Care Consumers they have to have Medicaid and have to be in C-U, if they come in through the HIV Care Consortium they can come from an 11 county service area. Right now there are three referring agencies, they have two dentists working full time seeing adults two half days a week and they are booked out through August.

Jill Myer, Program Coordinator for CIDES, passed out information on the Combined Charities program. Ms. Greenwalt, who is part time with CIDES, is also part time with Combined Charities and they are requesting a letter, from the board, that states basically that the board would sponsor CIDES as their charity of choice. There isn't any cost to the board, the administrative fees are minimal and it will get the CIDES name out there and will allow them to be included in the book which will enable employees to designate CIDES as their contribution.

The goal is for this to take place during the 07/08 campaign; it is not anything they have to give money to, just a letter saying they support it.

MOTION by James to send a letter of support for CIDES to be included in the combined charities, after review by our legal council; seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Storrs stated Ms. Greenwalt also wanted the committee to review the new brochure and if they have any issues give her a call at the office.

Correspondence & Communications

There was nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

1. Report from Champaign County Administrator Deb Busey

There was no report from Ms. Busey because she has been in negotiations.

Approval of invoice submitted by CUPHD for 4/07

Ms. McGrath stated we have not received an invoice for April.

Discussion regarding Board of Health Budget for FY08

Mr. Peterson stated he talked with Julie Pryde about the budget process and it may go more smoothly this year. He would like to schedule a budget subcommittee meeting with Ms. Pryde and the Auditing staff near the end of June and he is looking at having three meetings to finish up the process. He asked Ms. Pryde to have her auditing staff look at our core programs in terms of what they would require in the contract, at this point we will continue to put our budget together on our side, rather than requesting CUPHD do it.

The committee discussed the date this information will be presented to the County Board.

MOTION by Storrs to move the August monthly meeting to August 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the budget preparation to the County Board; seconded by Rappaport. **Motion carried.**

Report from Interim CUPHD Administrator

Julie Pryde, Interim CUPHD Administrator, stated she doesn't know how long she will be in this position and she doesn't know what is going to happen. The moral of the staff is very good but the leadership team is the most nervous right now. Nothing is being put on hold, the new building is rapidly moving along and of the 99,000 square feet, only 40,000 is occupied by CUPHD; they have greatly expanded their space and it will still leave a lot of space to rent out. She provided the committee with the numbers and information on the home health nursing program, explaining that the numbers are sad and when all the dead clients were removed from the case load there were 73, with only 14 in the County. After the nurse manager reviewed those 73 cases and took out the ones she felt we shouldn't be seeing at all, she came up with 33 cases we should be seeing, 9 of which are in the County.

Ms. Winston stated there is a need for nursing in this County, yet we don't have an admission or discharge criteria. Ms. Pryde stated there is going to be more information provided to patients, they will be holding seminars and demonstrations. Also looking at helping family members learn how to take care of their loved ones.

Ms. Pryde stated there is no reason their new mobile cannot go out, and she is planning on getting the board a real description of what core services they are providing. Mr. Rappaport stated the key for them is to get as many services as efficiently as possible so people don't have to come to Champaign-Urbana to get Health care, Ms. Pryde stated that shouldn't be an issue.

Dr. Peterson stated he and Ms. Winston had volunteered to do school physicals last year and weren't called, Ms. Pryde stated that is just one example of how things were done and, at least temporarily, things are different. Mr. Rappaport stated it would be nice if our budget wasn't just an exercise in accounting but in those numbers to the actual services so they really need a dialogue going on. Ms. Pryde stated for the last year and a half she hasn't seen a budget, she would really like for the board to find out about the programs and see what they like and don't like.

Old Business

Discussion & Recommendations concerning potential cooperative efforts with the Champaign County Mental Health Board

Mr. Rappaport stated he and Ms. McGrath met with Peter Tracy and Darlene Kloepfel from RPC, trying to see where we could combine with them. They discussed the philosophy they are after with the home health care and they proposed to Ms. Kloepfel that the RPC may be a good place to provide us with the kind of home visits we want and development of a network of people who could train, using real community people and developing what people need. They suggested she come back with a proposal of what they could offer talking about spending \$60,000. Mr. Tracy stated if they were to develop that, and we were interested, that could be a program where they could apply to MHB for additional support.

Ms. McGrath stated Ms. Kloepfel will be bringing a sample model with her to the June 26th Board meeting with the idea in mind that this would be something to start in the next fiscal year. She informed the board that RPC already has a senior services staff in place and they will bring the experience of training volunteers with them.

Mr. Rappaport stated we can pick and chose which programs we want to support because in the past we have been just turning it over to someone else. Mr. James stated they should say up front that we want the information and want the reports, and if we don't get them we will pull our money.

Report from Contract Committee Meeting May 7, 2007

Mr. Peterson stated he met with Ms. Pryde today and he informed her of the RPC proposal and suggested that is probably where the board is going to go. He asked her to put together a real budget request on their part, in terms of what they will need of our money. They talked about the problem we have had with not having anyone identifying themselves as our Executive Director; we need one and thought the contract we had with CUPHD provided us with one. They discussed identifying a portion of our budget that will be specifically for services rendered by our Executive Director.

Mr. Rappaport stated he talked to Mr. Weibel and he was very receptive about all of our ideas and suggested he also speak with Carol Elliot, which he will be doing.

Mr. Peterson stated they took a look at the legal basis for the grants that are given to public health and discussed with those agencies what our standing would be if we were to apply for these grants. The county trumps the city in a lot of these discussions and they were giving some thought to applying for these and C-U would then come to us for their piece of the pie. He doesn't feel we should go in that direction now that the changes have taken place in the CUPHD.

Mr. Rappaport stated they should make it clear to the CUPHD board that they should be represented in the search for a new administrator, if it goes in that direction; to make sure it is a person who is concerned with the county and interested in helping us. Mr. James asked what type of director we need to oversee us. Mr. Peterson stated a physician is more than accurate, but the person could have a Masters Degree. Ms. McGrath stated the county's ordinance specifies exactly what the administrator is supposed to do and what their qualifications are supposed to be. The notion that it doesn't provide for that isn't true, the person can be, but doesn't have to be a licensed Physician, if not; they have to be a master level administrator. Mr. James stated CUPHD is going through changes but our history with them speaks for itself. Ms. McGrath stated there is another alternative there as well; the Mental Health Board is contracting with someone to provide administrator services for them who is also a licensed public health administrator so we do have another option for that service, if we are looking for cooperative efforts with the mental health board. Ms. McGrath stated they have the legal authority to contract for any service they want to provide.

Continuing discussion and recommendations as to County Home Health Program

Addressed above.

Report from Ordinance Review Committee meeting May 21, 2007

Ms. McGrath stated there are some changes that may come before the board in July. In theory, we are supposed to review the ordinance every year and make recommendations about changes we think appropriate, that hasn't happened since the ordinance was adopted. There are some major things we need to look at because of changes in state law.

New Business

Agenda for June 12, 2007 Study Session if needed

There will be a study session on June 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. The committee discussed asking Ms. Pryde to attend.

Other Business

Mr. Rappaport stated they should consider, in their budget, a line item for their own staff person. When asked how much they are paying currently, Ms. McGrath stated we are paying nothing because the County has not billed us. Ms. McGrath stated they have money in their budget for this right now and if they agree, they find out who they can contract with to provide that service. Mr. Rappaport stated he is thinking about someone who might be a staff member who will do more than minutes but they need their minutes shortly after a meeting so they have time to digest them. Ms. McGrath stated that staff member could come from the administrative services department if we paid them to do it but we need to bring back a proposal.

Ms. Maurer stated she believes that when they contract with someone else for an administrator, that person should have a hook with public health. Should be someone who can be proactive for them.

Adjournment

Ms. Winston declared the meeting adjourned.