

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The Board of Health held its monthly meeting on May 27, 2008 in Meeting Room 2 at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Julian Rappaport. Stan James, Nezar Kassem, Thomas O'Rourke, John Peterson, Julian Rappaport, Bobbi Scholze, Betty Segal, and Carrie Storrs were present at the time of roll call. The staff members present were Kat Bork (Board of Health Secretary) and Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney). Others present were Nancy Greenwalt (CIDES Executive Director) and Julie Pryde (CUPHD Acting Administrator).

Rappaport welcomed Bobbi Scholze the newest member of the Board of Health. The other Board members introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Kassem to approve the agenda; seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation on Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation on the agenda items.

Correspondence and Communications

There were no communications or correspondence.

Treasurer's Report

Invoice submitted by CUPHD for March 2008

McGrath said the invoice is 1/12 of the contract amount with the addition of specialized grants. Peterson questioned why the amount is less than other invoices. Pryde said this was amount that represented 1/12 of the CUPHD contract, except for the grants. CUPHD bills the Board of Health for the actual expenses the grants cover each month. Pryde confirmed the first line of the invoice will always been same.

MOTION by Peterson to pay the CUPHD March 2008 invoice; seconded by O'Rourke. **Motion carried.**

Request for Return of Unused West Nile Virus Grant Funds to Illinois Department of Public Health

Peterson explained that due to CUPHD staff absences there was a lack of activity so the district had to return the unused West Nile Virus Grant money to the Illinois Department of Public Health. This should not negatively affect next year's grant. Pryde concurred as next

year's grant has an increase. The grant funds are once a year and CUPHD has to show the grant expenditures each month, which are mostly for staff. Of the two CUPHD employees funded with this grant, one broke a leg and the other broke an arm, then one resigned to open restaurant and the other left to work for the state. Pryde explained it is a survey project requiring the collection of mosquitoes and a few birds. Two new CUPHD staff have been sent to Mosquito University and have the lab set up, so their outlook is positive for the next year.

Peterson stated the next Budget Subcommittee meeting is scheduled before the Board meeting in June at 4:30 p.m. For the coming meeting, the major decisions concern the general state of the County budget and the request for reducing the subsidy the General Corporate Fund has been providing for the last six years. A reduction in the subsidy while maintaining the current program expense will eat into the Board of Health's fund balance. The Budget Subcommittee will ask all agencies to present their 2009 budget figures for consideration at the next meeting. Rappaport stated the projected budget requests to develop a plan for the long-term future. James said the subcommittee would be asking each agency for this year's budget, next year's projected budget figures, and a budget narrative.

Issues Regarding CUPHD

Report from Acting CUPHD Administrator

Pryde had emailed her report to the Board prior to the meeting. Pryde outlined the new initiative in a potential grant for the Healthy Teen Initiative from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. CUPHD made it through round one. The program would involve CUPHD, Rape Crisis, Mental Health Center, and Planned Parenthood. The program would only be in a specific part of Champaign-Urbana. CUPHD will host a Farmers Market on July 17th and August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in its parking lot. WIC recipients will get a voucher for the Farmers Market. Pryde hopes to increase utilization of the Farmers Market by WIC recipients by holding it during Head Start enrollment days. CUPHD is trying to get Provena to give away the sweet corn it planted for free. Vendors are reimbursed for accepting WIC vouchers and CUPHD is still looking for more vendors. There is no fee for vendors. CUPHD is looking into implementing a teaching garden and deciding which groups, like teen parents, will use this.

CUPHD is offering an open house for all school secretaries in the entire County before school starts. CUPHD is trying to stress with school secretaries how important they are to reporting issues or concerns to public health. O'Rourke asked if the school secretaries had been a source of contact in past for problems. Pryde said the secretaries used to be and CUPHD is trying to nurture this relationship again.

Pryde spoke about gonorrhea elimination specifically targeted for Rantoul. In order to make an impact, CUPHD has to hunt down an infected person's sexual partners to test and treat them aggressively. Because the test takes time, emergency rooms will release patients without treatment or partner notification. Rappaport asked Pryde to explain the aggressive approach. Pryde said CUPHD goes out and finds the partners, sometimes with only a screen name, a physical description, or where a person hangs out to go on. Peterson asked why this is being done for gonorrhea but not chlamydia. Pryde answered that her staff would not have time to do anything else if they did this for chlamydia. Peterson suggested advocating for rapid test in

emergency rooms because the ERs could treat on the spot. Rappaport asked how to get the rapid test established as policy. Pryde said it would take money. Peterson will look into going through the pathology committee at the hospital or bring this up at an ER meeting. The problem is that most of the people coming in with these symptoms are uninsured and do not pay. Pryde would apply for any grant funds that become available. Segal asked about the health department providing the rapid tests to the hospitals. Pryde said the same problem exists in the clinics and doctors' office as well as the ER. CUPHD will be making the hospitals aware that they will provide the partner notification. Storrs suggested a letter to doctors on this initiative and Rappaport suggested it be signed by both boards. Peterson gives the CUPHD card to people who test positive to send their partners for treatment. Scholze suggested the quality departments examine the cost effectiveness of the rapid test cost versus regular testing and broad spectrum antibiotics costs. Peterson explained the DNA magnification system takes three days. He wanted to see test data on the rapid test.

Pryde described CUPHD-TV, an internal closed loop system with each division having their own targeted tape. Storrs asked where the funding came from. Pryde said it was a part of the \$52,000 IDPH grant. The large mobile has moved into the Infectious Disease and Management Division. CUPHD hired new dentist who will start on August 6th. Pryde reviewed the rest of her report for the Board.

Storrs inquired if the other Board members received an email from a citizen concerned about the termination of CUPHD's lease with the Christian Health Center. The other Board members did receive the email and none could recall if they responded. Storrs will forward it to Bork so she can tell the citizen person that the CUPHD Board is the correct entity to address. Pryde stated the termination of the lease was not a sudden decision by CUPHD and the concerns with the Christian Health Center had been ongoing for some time.

Division Monthly Reports – April 2008

The monthly CUPHD division reports were received and placed on file. Rappaport suggested each Board member be assigned to look after a certain report for the programs the Board funds, such as the mobile unit, water, sewage, or food permits. The Board will consider the assignments at the next meeting.

Joint Study Session with CUPHD Board Regarding CUPHD Contract Wednesday, on May 28, 2008, 9:30 a.m. at 201 Kenyon Road Facility

Pryde advised the Board to park on the north side of the Kenyon Road facility for the joint study session with the CUPHD Board. O'Rourke and Rappaport will both attend the study session and all members are welcome. O'Rourke reviewed the process that the Contract Subcommittee underwent in revising the CUPHD contract and submitting it to CUPHD for review, including meeting with Pryde and receiving her input. O'Rourke stated the only apparent issues are one with the billing and another with the Board of Health having some input in the evaluation of the CUPHD Administrator. O'Rourke had requested that McGrath check with CUPHD's legal counsel to see if there were any other issues. McGrath said that she emailed Fred Grosser today about the contract. Pryde recommended the Board check with Deb

Busey on Point 11 in the contract regarding the billing. The Board discussed the revised contract.

Issues Regarding CIDES

Monthly Report – April 2008

Rappaport asked if Greenwalt understood the format for the FY2009 budget request. Greenwalt confirmed she did and that it would be easy to do. James asked if CIDES obtained the other grant funds to supplement the \$10,000 equipment grant from the Board of Health. Greenwalt they are getting repossessed equipment so it would not be as expensive as originally proposed to the Board. It was Kassem who recommended CIDES purchase the repossessed equipment at a reduced cost. Though Greenwalt has not gotten the equipment, they should buy it for less than what was budgeted.

James said that John Jay sent word that the Champaign County Fire Chiefs Association has purchased the defibrillators and put them to work in the field. Jay and the fire departments greatly appreciated the grant from the Board of Health that enabled this purchase.

Greenwalt said the demand for dental services has grown because dental providers have stopped accepting Medicaid and kicked off the Medicaid clients that they previously accepted. She stated the CIDES phone is ringing off the hook.

Segal and Greenwalt discussed school presentations on dental care called The Tooth Wizard Show. O'Rourke has been getting calls that some providers, who previously accepted Medicaid, are no longer taking accepting Medicaid because CIDES pays a higher reimbursement rate. Greenwalt said CIDES was not taking new providers and she did not know if any dentists participating in CIDES stopped taking Medicaid patients. O'Rourke asked if anyone who was participating in Medicaid was no longer doing so because CIDES pays more. Greenwalt said she knew of two dentists who kicked out their Medicaid clients and neither participates in CIDES. O'Rourke wanted confirmation that no providers terminated their Medicaid clients because they are taking CIDES's higher rate. Greenwalt said she has seen dentists that take both Medicaid and CIDES. James was concerned that Medicaid is not being billed for the dental services because the state should be paying those bills. Greenwalt stated CIDES gets a lot of pressure from the state to bill Medicaid. Pryde explained CUPHD bills Medicaid for children's dental services to function. The Medicaid reimbursement for kids is not the best, but it is relatively good because they are a public health department. CUPHD is working to make sure the children they are seeing get on All Kids. Greenwalt sees Medicaid billing as a crunch because it takes three months to get paid by the state. James asked if a dentist would rather not accept Medicaid. Kassem said the issue for dentists is not when the state pays; it is because the Medicaid reimbursement is so low. The April CIDES monthly report was received and placed on file.

Other Business

Decision Regarding Use of County Van

James spoke to the Coroner about the Board of Health's van. The Coroner would take the van if it was donated, but he strongly encouraged it to be given to the Animal Control

Department. McGrath explained the decision is whether the Board wants to replace the van or just pay mileage to CUPHD. Pryde confirmed the mileage costs were mainly from the Environmental Health Division. Mileage is \$0.55 cents per mile and would amount to about \$1,200 more than what the Board is paying now in mileage. McGrath notes this is less than a payment on a new van. The Board held a short discussion about the van and mileage costs. Rappaport asked if the Board was ever charged mileage for the van they owned. Pryde said the misconception was because there are four staff people who traveled into the community for the program and only one could drive the van, so the mileage was for the three other people driving their own vehicles.

MOTION by Peterson to reallocate the Board of Health's van to the County for disposition as it wishes at the end of the fiscal year and to pay mileage to CUPHD instead of purchasing a new van; seconded by O'Rourke. **Motion carried.**

Status Report as to Ongoing Items to be Addressed by the Board of Health in Future Meetings

Rappaport reviewed list of ongoing items. Rappaport noted the Champaign County Nursing Home fine will pass through the Board of Health to CUPHD to fund more mobile services for the County and the Living Well with Diabetes Program. McGrath stated the consent agreement between the County and the state outlines how the money will be distributed. The Board asked Bork to obtain the consent agreement and email it to the members. McGrath reminded the Board that on the June agenda they wanted a report from the Mental Health Board on the joint initiative and approval of contract with Crisis Nursery. The Board hoped to have the CUPHD contract for the June meeting. Rappaport asked about the differing fiscal years and joint funding. McGrath said the \$25,000 will be spent this year according to the contract with the Mental Health Board.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items Only

Rashelle Le Captain of Connecting Cultures, interpreters for the healthcare field, introduced her agency. Connecting Cultures works mainly in the healthcare field and would look to expand to become a part of the community. She distributed business cards to the Board. Storrs asked in how many languages they provide translation services. Le Captain said they offer Spanish in this area to ensure quality control and they offer translation of medical documents.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Board of Health Secretary

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