

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Monthly Meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Call to Order

The Board of Health (BOH) held its monthly meeting on January 26, 2010 in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board President Julian Rappaport.

Roll Call

Board members present at the time of roll call were Prashanth Gowda, Mark Huls, Stan James, John Peterson, Julian Rappaport, Bobbi Scholze, and Betty Segal. Board member Brenda Anderson arrived after roll was called. The staff member present was Kat Bork (Board of Health Secretary).

The absent Board member was Cheryl Ramirez.

Also present were Deb Busey (County Administrator), Victoria Christensen (Regional Planning Commission Senior Services), Nancy Greenwalt (Smile Healthy Executive Director), Darlene Kloepfel (Regional Planning Commission Social Services Director), Julie Pryde (CUPHD Administrator), Jennifer Sampson (Crisis Nursery Family Specialist), Peter Tracy (Mental Health Board & Developmental Disabilities Board Executive Director), and Andrea Wallace (CUPHD Finance Director).

Rappaport welcomed Bork back as the Board of Health's Administrative Secretary.

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by James to approve the agenda; seconded by Scholze. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Peterson to approve the October 27, 2009 and November 24, 2009 minutes; seconded by James.

Peterson asked that the November 24th minutes on Page 12 of the agenda packet reflect that the BOH was informed about the specific results of the County Board vote on the termination notice for the CUPHD agreement. Rappaport requested the phrase "Motion carried with all ayes" be removed from line 221 of the October 27th minutes because it was repetitive when the motion's approval was noted in a previous line.

Motion carried as amended with all ayes.

Public Participation on Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation on the agenda items.

Crisis Nursery Beyond Blue Program Quarterly Report

Jennifer Sampson, Family Specialist for the Beyond Blue program, described how the program has been very successful in rural areas and shared the story of a Rantoul mother who benefited from a connection with Crisis Nursery. The program's outreach efforts continue strongly with many home visits. The WIC Office has been great about referring mothers in Rantoul and other towns to the program. They are working at the Tolono library in an outreach effort. They will try to reach Savoy in the next effort. Sampson stated the support group is going well. Rappaport asked if the program was on target for the number of participants and Sampson confirmed they were on target.

MOTION by Peterson to receive and place on file the Crisis Nursery Beyond Blue Program Second Quarter Report; seconded by James. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

RPC Senior Wellness Program Final Report

Kloepfel and Christensen announced this was the final report for the RPC Senior Wellness Program. The program's first year was spent doing a needs assessment and the second year was spent trying to get referrals for clients in need of services. Kloepfel tried to provide a baseline to show the program's impact. Champaign and Urbana residents within the city limits are also included. Kloepfel provided a list of outreach events RPC offers to information about available resources to the community. Narratives were included to give the BOH an idea about the kind of clients RPC sees. She acknowledged it was difficult to reach the rural community. She hopes the gatekeepers will maintain the contacts.

James inquired if part of the program would be ongoing through other services provided by RPC. Kloepfel stated RPC Senior Services provides seniors with general information and assistance on referrals through other funding the department receives. They will probably not perform as many outreach events since losing the BOH's funding. James asked if the client numbers given by RPC were new clients generated by the Senior Wellness Program. Kloepfel said they were not because it was hard to separate out new clients. She listed the number of clients served before the program's inception versus while the program was operating. The additional clients served were attributed to the program because the BOH funding was the only difference. Christensen said RPC was able to provide follow-up services and continue to provide services in rural parts of Champaign County. RPC presently has a waiting list that will be longer with the loss of the program.

Rappaport asked Christensen to interpret some graphs in the report to determine the program's effects from one year to the next. Christensen explained the graphs combined data from counties other than Champaign and involve multiple agencies providing multiple services. Kloepfel stated information and referral calls in Champaign County were reflected and there was no connection between needs one year to the next. Essentially the data is the number of people

making requests. There are likely more needs than what is represented in the data collected by RPC because not all seniors with needs contact RPC. Kloeppel explained some needs can be considered financial because while services are available in the community, some people cannot afford purchasing the services. A needs assessment does not mean services to meet those needs are not available. Rappaport thanked RPC for administering the program and expressed regret the BOH could not continue its support. Kloeppel said her staff was glad they were able to do a program that helped people.

MOTION by James to receive and place on file the RPC Senior Wellness Program Final Report; seconded by Huls. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Smile Healthy

Greenwalt reported that on February 6th Smile Healthy is offering free dental exams without screening for income or residency requirements with the Give Kids a Smile Event. Smile Healthy has less money to provide children with dental appointments and this has increased the waiting list, which is at 200. The waiting list for restorative care is also lengthening. Scholze stated there is big community movement to bring dental care to more people. Greenwalt acknowledged Peg Boyce at Parkland College is big part of this group. Greenwalt explained the need for adult dental care is worsening. Head Start has a dentist volunteering one morning a month for adult dental care and Greenwalt receive 90 calls in one day for appointments. Huls sees a large cross section from various clinics in his practice and spoke about the remarkable need over past winter in children. He has had to turn away a lot of patients for orthodontic work because the children's teeth are too decayed for braces.

MOTION by Huls to receive and place on file the Smile Health monthly reports for November 2009 and December 2009; seconded by Scholze. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Correspondence and Communications

There was no correspondence or communications.

CUPHD

Administrator's Report for January 2010

Pryde had no additions to her written report. Peterson asked if H1N1 influenza vaccinations had come to a halt. Pryde said CUPHD is still doing clinics and plans to host a clinic at Parkland College this week. CUPHD has aimed vaccination clinics at large employers or gatherings of people. She estimated CUPHD vaccinates 50-100 people each day at its Kenyon Road facility.

James suggested CUPHD contact the owner of Gordyville with vaccination information because it will host a big farming show this weekend. Scholze inquired what the BOH could expect with H1N1 for the rest of the year. Pryde said there may be a possible wave in February. People are getting H1N1 much less frequently. Peterson said Provena had not seen any new cases since early September. In response to James's questions about the number of rural people vaccinated, Pryde directed him to a pie chart with area percentages in her report. Tracy asked where the County

residents, shown as 37% of the total vaccinated, had received vaccinations. Pryde said many received vaccinations at school-based clinics in Rantoul and Mahomet. Tracy asked how many people receive the vaccine from other sources. Pryde said the biggest dispenser is CUPHD, followed by Carle, and then Christie.

Segal said she really liked Pryde's publicity spots on WILL. Pryde expressed that WILL asked her to do the spots and it was free advertising.

MOTION by Segal to receive and place on file the January 2010 Administrator's Report; seconded by Anderson. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Approval of CUPHD Invoice for November 2009

Peterson said the invoice showed a big increase due to the H1N1 grant and otherwise the expenses are in line with the budget.

MOTION by Peterson to approve payment of the CUPHD invoice for November 2009; seconded by James. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Well Water Testing Program Recommendation

Rappaport attempted to clarify the recommendation and details that had been sent by Julie Pryde and Jim Roberts via email. As he understood it, well water testing is a service the BOH expects the consumer to pay for, as it is not a mandated public health service and the BOH is not required to provide it. CUPHD has indicated it will not offer the service to County residents unless the BOH pays for it or assesses a fee to cover the costs. The BOH requested Jim Roberts present a recommendation for a program and fee to cover the total cost, which was provided in the agenda packet. Roberts recommended implementing a fee of \$125 per test. Rappaport understood that other counties offer the service inexpensively by giving a sample bottle and packing materials to a consumer. The consumer then takes a water sample and mails it to IDPH. After testing, IDPH forwards the results to the public health department, who then contacts the consumer. He understood other counties charge \$25 to cover their program costs and asked why CUPHD's recommended fee was substantially higher.

Pryde explained well water testing is a non-mandatory service and CUPHD is making sure to cover its costs with the fee. Roberts looked at CUPHD's time system and calculated the staff time involved cost \$125. The difference in cost is because Pryde doubted other counties look at their historical record to ensure the fee actually covers the staff costs. Most likely other counties' programs are subsidized. Rappaport asked if CUPHD staff are sent out to residents' homes to collect samples instead of requiring residents to collect and mail samples to the lab. Pryde stated CUPHD uses the state labs for testing and assumed CUPHD followed the same process as described by other counties. She indicated the Board would have to talk to Roberts to learn the exact process.

James spoke to the University of Illinois Extension Office, which also offered well water testing services. He was told that the state lab is raising their fees and the Extension Office may raise their fee to the \$50-\$75 range. James noted CUPHD originally quoted a well water testing fee

at \$50 and he thinks \$125 is high, but that is what has been recommended by CUPHD. He suggested posting information about the Extension Office's program or links to labs used by CUPHD on the Board of Health's website. This would enable residents to know who to contact to test their wells without creating any expense for the BOH. He said any program must be revenue neutral and with no costs not covered by the program fee. Pryde confirmed the BOH could do this and CUPHD was willing to provide referrals to labs. She noted the testing is mostly requested by realtors when selling a property and they will look for the cheapest method of getting the test. Discussion continued over the options for well water testing. Rappaport said the BOH did not need to take action tonight. He was interested in pursuing this item to help understand how CUPHD arrives at its charges when looking at the whole budget, if Pryde was willing, because it would be instructive for the BOH as a case example. The BOH could also view comparisons from other counties. Pryde objected and said the BOH did not make such requests from any other agency. Rappaport stated CUPHD was the BOH's biggest contractor and this would serve as a useful example to better understand the whole budget process. Scholze remarked it would help to understand there is no difference in CUPHD's process than any other entity by seeing the cost breakdown on a small item.

MOTION by Scholze to defer the well water testing issue to gather more information from other places and understand more about the process from Roberts for comparison; seconded by James. **Motion carried with all ayes.**

Other Business

Illinois Public Health Association Consultant Update/Discussion

Tracy stated Bob Keller has been gathering information and been in contact with Pryde to arrange a meeting. He asked Pryde if she and Keller had met or had a time scheduled. Pryde said she has not met with Keller. She directed Keller to the CUPHD website to review the minutes and reports posted there to find the information he was seeking. Keller will let her know if he has any questions. Tracy said they will be looking to prepare for the next budget cycle and putting together a template consistent with County's process.

James asked if Keller would still give the BOH an initial draft of the things he is developing by March, which Tracy confirmed was correct. James noted Keller started in October and he has not seen any suggestions from the consultant to fine-tune or make the BOH more effective. James expected there would be some conversations occurring, but he has not heard anything from Keller. He expressed reservation that the BOH was paying a consultant when they had no idea what was going on at this point. Tracy verified he has been consistently meeting with Keller, who is gathering information. Keller, who attended the October and November BOH meetings, asked if he should attend tonight's meeting. It was thought there was not any definitive information to share and there was no need for Keller's to attend tonight's meeting. Rappaport noted the BOH is only being charged for the actual time Keller spends on their work so the Board was not being charged for work he is not doing. James wanted to see how the charges break out for Keller's time. He asked if the BOH had paid any bills yet. Tracy said one bill had been received and paid. James asked why the BOH did not receive those reports. Busey said the County will adhere to the agreement between the BOH and Keller, as the County Auditor's Office will require strict adherence. Tracy said there are deliverables, the first being a summary due in March.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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.