

Public Health Committee Minutes  
October 7, 2009 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lucia; Supervisors Barrett, Richardson, Wood and Wormuth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Janet Glenn, Alan Kempf, Terri Stortz, Public Health; Hans Lehr, Mental Health; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; League of Women Voters.

Chairman Lucia called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Lehr said Mental Health has had a Managed Care Contract with CDPHP for many years, however they have had a contract with a separate managed care company to provide management of the behavioral health services which includes mental health and alcohol services. CDPHP has now taken that back in house; therefore, they will have to redo their contracts.

An outline of the CDPHP Ancillary Provider Agreement was distributed to all committee members for their review.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the CDPHP Managed Care Contract for the Office of Mental Health. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Glenn requested authorization to write off bad debts in the amount of \$938. There were 14 write-offs this year representing less than two tenths of a percent of the non-Medicare/Medicaid home care revenues. Bad debts in 2008 totaled \$1,485.

Mrs. Glenn said none of the accounts/patients are currently active with the agency. The services were provided in 2007 and 2008. Two were PRI's, three represent home care co-pays, six were for flu shots, and three were for adult immunizations.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson to authorize the write-off of bad debts in the amount of \$938, and to move it forward to the Law and Finance Committee for final write-off. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Glenn requested a resolution authorizing an agreement with NYS DOH for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program for the period 10/01/09 – 9/30/12.

The office of the State Comptroller has approved funding for this program for a three-year grant period. The funding for the current year, 10/01/09 – 9/30/10 is \$26,405.

Public Health has participated in this program since 1998-1999. Originally it was coupled with the Early Intervention Administration Grant. In 2006, the Department of Health decided to separate out the CSHCN Program Grant into its own agreement.

The program provides information and referral services about health related services to eligible families. It also provides outreach services to the community targeting families and health care providers who serve them and to give them information about what health insurance might be available for them.

Public Health staff provides information to families on the many insurance/financial support programs available to children in the county, including the Physically Handicapped Program, Early Intervention Program, Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus. Access to other Public Health Service and the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program are available and quarterly reports are submitted to the NYSE DO.

This year, outreach activities were conducted in a variety of places throughout the community, i.e. Elementary/middle/high schools, daycare centers, community centers, Head Start, pediatric facilities and the YMCA. Outreach was also conducted in many organizations such as WIC, DSS, and Captain.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a resolution authorizing an agreement with NYS DOH for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Program for the period 10/01/09 – 9/30/12. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Glenn said for the flu season 41 clinics have been scheduled for staff, county employees and the public. Employee clinics began on October 1<sup>st</sup>, as it is mandated that Public Health employees receive the seasonal influenza vaccine, beginning this year. Half of the seasonal influenza vaccine has been received, with the remaining anticipated by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Glenn said Public Health has received the first doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine. Five Hundred doses of the live Attenuated Intranasal Monovalent H1N1 vaccine were received. This is for those in the two year to 49-year age group who have no other underlying medical conditions. Public Health is in the process of setting up clinics at their office for the target population who are eligible to receive this form of the vaccine. Once production and distribution increases, weekly shipments of the vaccine will be received for distribution and clinics. The clinics will be for those in the following priority groups:

- Pregnant women
- Health care workers and emergency medical responders
- People caring for infants less than six months of age
- Children and Young adults from six months to 24 years
- People aged 25-64 years with underlying medical conditions (i.e. asthma, diabetes).

Clinics will also be scheduled at schools to reach that population.

**On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the minutes were approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom