

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

June 1, 2010 – 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Collyer, Kinowski, Southworth, Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgt. Analyst; Diane Brown, Maplewood Manor; Dale Angstadt, Mental Health; Terrayne Stortz, Alan Kempf, Public Health

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order.

Mr. Kinowski moved to approve the minutes of the April 12th meeting. Ms. Southworth seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Stortz requested a **resolution to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Health to accept ARRA funding for the Immunization Program and to amend the 2010 County Budget.** She explained in October, 2009, NYS DOH advised them of available ARRA funding for immunization services. She said they recently received word that the work plan they submitted for using the funds was approved. The award amount is up to \$34,890, and they have until 3/31/2011 to expend the funds. The goal of the funding is to increase immunization rates in children and adults for vaccines to achieve Healthy People Year 2010 goals, she said. Vaccines to be offered, subject to availability, include, but are not limited to: Tdap, PPSV23 (Pneumococcal Polysaccharide), Gardasil (HPV), Zostavax (Shingles), and influenza vaccines for adults and school-aged children.

Ms. Stortz said this funding will enable Public Health to expand their capacity to store these and other vaccines, obtain supplies required to administer the vaccines, promotional materials, a laptop PC, folding tables to use at clinics, steel shelving for storage, and heavy-duty, collapsible hand carts for transportation of materials to off-site clinics. These costs are projected to cost \$13,594. The difference (\$21,296) is payroll costs (salaries & fringes). These costs are already funded in the County Budget, she said. She stated they anticipate making all purchases of the supplies and equipment during the remainder of 2010. **Ms. Southworth moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Collyer seconded. Unanimous.**

Ms. Stortz requested a **resolution to amend the 2010 Saratoga County Budget for the Public Health Preparedness Program for \$81,791.** She said in January, there was a request for a resolution to contract for PHEP Grant funding (Res. 20-10). At that time, it was indicated that later in 2010, they would be seeking to amend the 2010 County Budget. We have completed the majority of our clinics for H1N1 and have identified costs that were greater than initially budgeted in 2009 when the County Budget was prepared. In addition, deficiencies were identified in the way the process was handled, she said. She stated to alleviate some of those deficiencies/difficulties in case there is another event, they are seeking additional supplies and services that will improve their processes as well as support costs greater than expected last August. For instance, they are looking to follow the example of other health departments, both in New York State

and nationally, to subscribe to an on-line scheduling solution. This is anticipated to eliminate 75% of the telephone time by staff setting up appointments and reservations. It will also streamline the process by having all reservation or inquiry data in one central database. This application can also be used for other clinic activities including seasonal flu, she said. To maintain vaccine cold-chain, a portable refrigerator and a portable freezer are proposed with transport cart and data loggers. We are also seeking a second Data Scanner to be used when multiple, simultaneous clinics are held. To solve part of the storage problem for these emergency supplies, up to four climate-controlled trailers may be obtained. Once we revise the budget, our revisions need to be approved at HRI before we can make certain purchases. Mr. Collyer asked how expensive these trailers are. Mr. Kempf stated they are under \$4,000 each. **Mr. Collyer moved to approve this resolution. Mr. Kinowski seconded. Unanimous.**

Ms. Stortz stated they continue to re-negotiate with their insurance plans to increase the rates they pay us for Home Care Services. We only need Committee approval (per Res. 139-07) to accept these rates, she said. Today, we are asking for approval of increased rates from MVP Health Plan, she stated. MVP has offered a 4% increase for our Home Care rates, effective 7/1/2010. In addition, the reimbursement for the Rabies Vaccine (for post-exposure only) will increase about 18% to match current costs. We last negotiated MVP rates effective 5/1/07, she said. MVP provided 2.16% of our 2009 Agency visits. We anticipate the increased rate will provide an additional \$2,000/yr. or \$1,000 for the remainder of 2010, she said. We have conferred with Mike Pratt on the MVP rates, and he has recommended that these rates of reimbursement be accepted. Ms. Southworth asked how this compares to our other big providers. Ms. Stortz said they are still among the lowest. **Mr. Kinowski moved to accept the increased rates from MVP Health Plan. Ms. Southworth seconded. Unanimous. (Committee approval only).**

Ms. Stortz displayed a plaque of recognition they received from Emergency Medical Services for their response to EMS squads for delivering H1N1 vaccines. Chairman Rowland congratulated Public Health on this. He suggested that they get out a press release on this, as it is nice to get positive recognition.

Mr. Kinowski asked if the Pro-Act cards were mailed to residents homes or P.O. Boxes. Chairman Rowland said the mailings were from the tax rolls. Mr. Kinowski stated a small group from the Village of Stillwater who use P.O. Boxes did not get their cards. Ms. Southworth said you can apply on line and print out a card. She gave Mr. Kinowski a number to call for Pro-Act.

On a motion by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Southworth, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann