



Board of Health

Study Session

March 29, 2006

The Board of Health of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District held a study session on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at the district's satellite office at 815 North Randolph Street, Champaign. Ms. Carol Elliott, Chair, called the session to order at 9:37 a.m. Upon roll call the following board members were found to be present: Ms. Carol Elliott and Ms. Barbara Wysocki. Ms. Linda Abernathy joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Public Participation – none present.

Ms. Elliott expressed her condolences for Mr. Bill Mueller, Champaign County Health Care Consumers, who passed away over the weekend.

Mr. Palazzolo asked Ms. Pryde to give further background to the board regarding Dr. Joher's relationship with CUPHD. Dr. Joher is here on a work VISA and needs to work in a clinic setting. CUPHD has contracted with Provena for Dr. Joher's services. His salary is paid 100% by Provena and he will be working at the STD's clinics for a two-year period. Questions were raised regarding well baby visits. Ms. Pryde commented that it was her belief that we were only doing well babies until Frances Nelson had their new building and was able to take control of these visits.

Ms. Dawn Garrero, citizen, gave her thoughts with regards to well baby visits and locations for services.

Customer Service Survey – A client survey will be implemented the week of April 3- 7. Staff will survey every client that comes through the door at each location. This survey will allow us to look at things that are important to our clients (i.e.: vending machines, pay phone, agency hours, etc.).

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Broadway Building – Mr. Palazzolo gave an update on the possibility of occupying the building next to the 217 N. Broadway building that we currently rent. The owners want a ten-year lease but gave several options. One of those options would be a purchase option at the term of the lease. Mr. Alex Ruggeri has recently presented other options to Mr. Palazzolo. Mr. Palazzolo will have a meeting with him next week to discuss those options further.

Health Promotion Division – Ms. Diana Yates enlightened the board about this new division. Currently each division is doing their own health education. This new division will coordinate all education aspects of the agency. Ms. Yates has been named the Director of Health Promotion and will be taking three Health Educator staff from another division and one Administration staff person under her direction. This division will be implemented by July 1, 2006.

Access to Healthcare – Ms. Yates conveyed that part of Public Health’s role is to identify the health issues in the community that are most pressing. That issue is overwhelmingly access to healthcare. Ms. Yates will be working with United Way and providers to help identify how many people need access and what the barriers are.

A Town Hall Committee update was given by Ms. Elliott. The first meeting will be April 6 at Lincoln Square Village. All meetings will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The meeting will give an explanation of services, as well as, explain the differences between the Champaign Urbana Public Health District and the Champaign County Health Department.

Space Options – The nursing home option was discussed. Mr. Palazzolo will attend the County’s April meeting to keep up to date on the progression/availability of this property.

Policy Approval Process – A draft of the process was presented to the board. It will be placed on the April meeting agenda for approval.

With no further business to be discussed, Ms. Elliott adjourned the meeting at 11:49 p.m.

Chair

Secretary