

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Ordinance Review Subcommittee Meeting Monday, May 21, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Ordinance Review Subcommittee held a meeting on May 21, 2007 in Meeting Room 3 at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

Roll Call

Carrie Storrs was the Ordinance Review Subcommittee member present at the time of roll call. Kim Winston was absent. Also present was Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney).

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Discussion and Recommendations Concerning Update and Revision of Champaign County Public Health Ordinance 573

McGrath stated they were considering revisions to the Public Health Ordinance passed by the County Board on November 4, 1996. The statute requires periodic review of the ordinance to ensure it is up-to-date with the law and to include changes recommended by the Champaign County Board of Health. McGrath distributed her recommended changes to the ordinance based on changes in the law. Storrs and McGrath proceeded to review the ordinance by chapter to discuss possible revisions. McGrath recommended the following revisions to the ordinance: adding language to Section 1.3 about how the Board of Health is allowed to regulate programs beyond the four core programs, language that specifically addresses isolation and quarantine for communicable diseases, including the fact that the BOH has entered into emergency preparedness agreements as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health in Chapter 2, and adding emergency preparedness, bio-terrorism, and communicable disease outbreak related definitions in Chapter 3.

Storrs suggested changing the language on Page 3 under Chapter 2, Purpose D to read "to reduce the risk of transmission of disease." Storrs pointed out other typos in the ordinance. Storrs and McGrath agreed all the definitions need to be reviewed so they correspond to current law and administrative code. Storrs suggested citing the sources for the definitions and other changes to assist in future ordinance reviews.

In Chapter 4, McGrath recommended also citing the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and HIPPA. Storrs and McGrath agreed the Communicable Diseases section needs to be updated to reflect current statute language. Storrs has left three phone messages for Gary Bird in CUPHD's Environmental Health Division with no return call. She wants to review a copy of the

CUPHD ordinance to compare with the County's ordinance to be consistent on Environmental Health enforcement language.

McGrath wanted to update the penalty provisions at the end of the document. She noted the fee amounts are outdated and they need to make it clear that penalties can be accrued during the case, not just when it goes to court. Storrs recommended reviewing the Illinois Health Protection Rules to ensure the ordinance is consistent in its language. The grant rules for the four core programs would be reviewed for any ordinance changes that need to be incorporated.

McGrath stated there is a new statute regarding boards of health and the County Board of Health has adopted bylaws since the ordinance was adopted. The ordinance section describing the Public Health Board needs to be compared to these documents. The Health Officer title has been changed by statute. The duties of the Health Officer are listed in the ordinance and should be forwarded to the Contract Subcommittee to assist in its discussions about the CUPHD contract. She was aware the section about submitting the budget and annual report is out of date and needs revising. McGrath agreed with Storrs that health ordinances in other comparable counties should be reviewed to see how they address certain issues. McGrath agreed to review Chapters 9 thru 12 to determine if any revisions are necessary based on statutory changes.

Establishment of Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for June 19, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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.