

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES

DATE: MARCH 28, 2008

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS SOKOL
SHEEHAN
HASKELL
THOMAS
TESSIER
O'CONNOR

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING WESTMOUNT HEALTH FACILITY:
BARBARA TAGGART, ADMINISTRATOR
BETSY HENKEL, COMPTROLLER
REPRESENTING COUNTRYSIDE ADULT HOME:
BRENDA HAYES, DIRECTOR
KATHY BAKER, FISCAL MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR CHAMPAGNE

REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:
PAT AUER, DIRECTOR
SHARON SCHALDONE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
GINELLE JONES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
HEALTH DIVISION
TAMMY DELORENZO, CLINICAL & FISCAL
INFORMATICS COORDINATOR
FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN
AMY BARTLETT, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
TRISH NENNINGER, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY
ATTORNEY
HAL PAYNE, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FISCAL SERVICES
NICOLE LIVINGSTON, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR STRAINER
TODD LUNT, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
CHARLENE DiRESTA, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Sokol called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Barbara Taggart, Administrator of Westmount Health Facility, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Ms. Taggart apprised that the first item on the agenda pertained to an update on the air handler project at Westmount Health Facility. She said that she had met with the contractors and had been informed that they would begin dismantling air handler #2 on Monday, March 31, 2008. It was anticipated that a crane would arrive on Monday, April 7, 2008, she continued, to facilitate the removal of air handler #2. She reported that there was currently a contract in place between Westmount Health Facility and Highlander Engineering Services, PLLC to complete the engineering portion of the project. She noted that Dan Bruno, former Senior Project Manager of Rist-Frost Associates, was currently on staff with Highlander Engineering Services, PLLC and would continue as the engineer for the air handlers project. She pointed out that the completion date of the project was unknown at this juncture and added that the contractor and the engineer had advised that the project would need to be completed on a week by week basis. Mr. Sokol queried if any additional costs would be incurred and Ms. Taggart replied in the negative.

Ms. Taggart requested to amend the 2008 County budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations to reflect the receipt of Health Care Reform Act (HCRA) Recruitment and Retention Grant funds, as follows:

- in the amount of \$260 for Dietary Advertizing;
- in the amount of \$13,422 for Maintenance Salaries;
- in the amount of \$1,032 for Nursing Administration Salaries;
- in the amount of \$5,160 for Nursing Supervision Salaries; and
- in the amount of \$15,021 for Registered Nurses Salaries.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to amend the 2008 County budget, as outlined above and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution requests are on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Taggart requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$90 from the Plant Operation-Maintenance-Supplies Code (EF.82200.5906 410) to the Plant Operation-Maintenance- Furniture-Equipment Code (EF.82200.5802 210) to cover the cost of purchasing two wall containers for the shower rooms.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of funds, as outlined above and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Taggart requested to amend the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Westmount Health Facility and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to include the authorization that all replacement linen inventory costs for

Countryside Adult Home become the responsibility of the Department of Social Services. Mr. Haskell inquired as to the terms of the current MOU and Ms. Taggart responded that under the current MOU, Westmount Health Facility was paying for all of the linen for Countryside Adult Home. Betsy Henkel, Comptroller for Westmount Health Facility, informed the Committee that Kathy Baker, Fiscal Manager of the DSS, had noted that linen expenses had not been accounted for in the 2008 DSS budget. She added that Westmount had transferred 300 washcloths to Countryside in January 2008 and it was not anticipated that there would be additional linens needed until 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and carried unanimously to amend the Memorandum of Understanding between Westmount Health Facility and the Department of Social Services, as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Taggart requested authorization for Sandra Smith to attend the Medicare Management and the Skilled Nursing Facility Seminar at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany, New York on May 13, 2008, using a County vehicle.

Motion was made by Mr. O' Connor, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to authorize Sandra Smith to attend the Seminar, as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Taggart requested authorization for her to attend the NYAHS (New York Association of Homes & Services for the Aging) Spring Training Institute and Exhibition on May 19-22, 2008 at The Saratoga Hilton Hotel & Conference Center in Saratoga, New York, using a County vehicle. She noted that the conference would give her credits necessary to maintain her license.

Motion was made by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to authorize Barbara Taggart to attend the conference, as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Taggart informed the Committee that the New York State Department of Health (DOH) had completed a one week evaluation of Westmount Health Facility on February 12-19, 2008. She reminded the Committee that Mr. Champagne had requested at the last meeting that she provide the Committee members with copies of the report and added that she had copies available for those who wanted to review them. She commented that there were approximately six items that had been cited by the DOH and they had approved the Facility's plan of correction. She

noted that all of the items had either been corrected or were currently in the process of being corrected.

Ms. Taggart indicated that she was requesting authorization to fill the following vacant positions:

- Health Facility Office Records Specialist, base salary of \$33,590, Employee No. 6807, due to retirement; and
- Senior Account Clerk, base salary of \$27,559, Employee No. 7810, due to promotion.

She reported that the current Senior Account Clerk would be assuming the Health Facility Office Records Specialist position and therefore, it would be necessary to backfill the Senior Account Clerk position. Mr. Haskell asked if Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative & Fiscal Services, had been informed of the need and Mr. Payne responded affirmatively and added that both positions were vital to the operation of the Facility.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to authorize the filling of the two vacant positions, as outlined above and to forward same to the Personnel Committee. *Copies of the Notices of Intent to Fill Vacant Positions are on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Taggart acknowledged that she had not included the budget report on the agenda and added that Ms. Henkel was present to give the report. Ms. Henkel advised that Mike McCarthy, the auditor for Westmount Health Facility, would be present at an upcoming meeting to give a more detailed financial report for the Facility. She pointed out that \$6,869,978 had been budgeted for 2007 expenses and \$6,694,288.55 (97%) had been expended, with a remaining balance of \$175,689.45. Revenue for 2007 had been budgeted at \$6,419,978, she continued, and \$6,271,695.84 (98%) had been received, which was \$148,282.16 less than had been anticipated. Mr. Haskell inquired if the revenue was less due to the number of patients or due to non payment and Ms. Henkel confirmed that it was due to the number of patients. Mr. Haskell voiced his opinion that Westmount Health Facility had done a very good job of staying within their budget.

Amy Bartlett, First Assistant County Attorney, entered the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Ms. Taggart remarked that the final items on the agenda were reports on staffing levels and overtime and added that both reports had been included in the agenda packet for the Committee's review. Mr. Haskell commented that due to the fact that the Facility was not fully staffed, the amount of overtime usage was to be expected.

Mr. Sokol noted that as per a request from Mr. Haskell, the Committee was going to visit the Westmount Health Facility; however, he added, due to the current weather, they would not do so today. He suggested that the Committee meet at Westmount for the June Committee meeting. Mr. Haskell commented that meeting at the individual facilities enabled the Committee members to view the facilities and any changes that had been accomplished. Mr. Sokol agreed that it was beneficial for the Committee members to be familiar with the facilities. Ms. Taggart asked if 9:30 a.m. would be an acceptable time. It was the consensus of the Committee that the June Health Services Committee meeting would be held at Westmount Health Facility at 9:30 a.m.

The Westmount Health Facility portion of the Committee meeting concluded at 9:44 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brenda Hayes, Director of Countryside Adult Home, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Hayes said that the first agenda item was a report on the 2007 budget from Kathy Baker, Fiscal Manager of the DSS. Mrs. Baker reported that \$1,179,569 had been budgeted for 2007 expenses and \$1,156,447.86 (98%) had been expended, leaving a remaining balance of \$23,121.14. Revenue for 2007 had been budgeted at \$1,766,812, she continued, and \$1,727,353.01 (98%) had been received, which was \$39,458.99 less than had been anticipated. Referring to the 2008 Budget Performance Report, she noted, the Medicare claims for this year had not been posted as of yet, which accounted for the 2008 revenue received currently being only 9%. Mr. Haskell expressed that with facilities such as Westmount Health Facility and Countryside Adult Home, it was impossible to accurately predict the number of patients that would be served in any given year and therefore, he added, he felt that 98% of the budgeted amount was a great job.

Mrs. Baker exited the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Ms. Hayes requested authorization to pay an invoice from Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$2,451.74, for emergency repairs performed on the heating system at Countryside Adult Home. She explained that the current contract for the boiler was with D & E Technologies; however, she added, after three visits D&E Technologies had been unable to repair the problem. She noted that Countryside Adult Home did not have a building maintenance mechanic on staff and was currently utilizing the services of the Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic at Westmount Health Facility. She added that he had been called to the building numerous times because of this problem.

Mr. Strainer entered the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Ms. Hayes apprised that the D & E Technologies technician had informed her that the issue was a control problem and therefore, Siemens Building Technologies had been called to look at the issue. She related that Siemens had informed her that someone had altered the override temperature controls on the boiler. She added that Siemens had removed control access of all employees with the exception of the Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic and herself. She advised that this had alleviated the temperature issue; however, she added, they continued to have an issue with the boiler shutting down. She explained that the boiler had an aquastat, which had been altered to measure the temperature of the outside air, which would set off an alarm if the heat was not on and would shut down the boiler if the temperature was too high. She noted that previously they would temporarily fix the problem by pressing the reset button; however, she added, when there was no one available to press the reset button the problem became more evident.

Ms. Hayes commented that she had been with the D & E Technologies technician on February 19, 2008 and added that he had said to her that he was basically 'babysitting' the boiler because he was unable to get it to shut off and that he thought it had something to do with the controls. She said at that point they called Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. to look at the boiler. She explained that Siemens contract with Countryside Adult Home did not include the boiler and therefore, the invoice would need to be paid. She reported that the Siemens technician replaced the aquastat and set the controls to where they needed to be. She commented that the boiler had been operating without any further problems since Siemens last visit.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. O' Connor to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,451.74 to Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. for emergency repairs to the heating system at Countryside Adult Home.

Mr. Haskell voiced his opinion that when the D & E Technologies contract ended, the Committee should take into consideration the fact that it was not always necessary to accept the lowest bidder, especially if there had been past problems. Trish Nenninger, Second Assistant County Attorney, related that the issue was under consideration and added that this had been an emergency situation. She stated that the contract with D & E Technologies related to all of the facilities and to certain maintenance and that the County Attorney's Office was researching whether they should deal with this on a procurement basis in the future. Mr. O'Connor questioned if access to the boiler controls were now limited to certain personnel and Ms. Hayes replied affirmatively.

Mr. Sokol called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,451.74 to Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. for emergency repairs to the heating system at Countryside Adult Home. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Taggart and Ms. Henkel exited the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Mr. Sokol noted that the Committee would need to enter into an executive session in order to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 9:53 a.m. to 10:03 a.m.

The Committee reconvened and Mr. Sokol advised that no action was necessary pursuant to the executive session.

Mr. Sokol suggested that the Committee have their May meeting at Countryside Adult Home and added that May was "National Homes for the Aging" month. Mr. Payne presented a letter from Douglas E. Cosey, Administrator of Pleasant Valley Nursing Home. He said that Mr. Cosey and Ellen Kent, Administrator of the Pleasant Valley Adult Care Facility, had visited Countryside Adult Home last year and the letter addressed how impressed they both were with the facility; a copy of the letter is on file with the minutes. Mr. O' Connor suggested that when the Committee met at Countryside Adult Home, they should ensure that the daily routine of the residents was not interrupted. Mr. Haskell voiced his opinion that Ms. Hayes was doing an excellent job as Director of Countryside Adult Home.

The Countryside Adult Home portion of the Committee meeting concluded and Mr. Lunt, Ms. Hayes and Mrs. Bartlett exited the meeting and the representatives of the Department of Public Health entered the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Pat Auer, Director of Public Health, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Ms. Auer related that the 2007-2008 Tobacco Usage Survey Report, which was put out by the Council for Prevention, would not be available until later this year. She requested that the item be removed from the pending items list and added that she would present the report once it was received.

Ms. Auer informed the Committee that the bids had been received from the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Point of Care Software System. She said that she had spoken with the Purchasing Agent and was told that she needed to inform the Committee of the bids that were received; however, she added, there was no need for a tabulation sheet. She announced that Delta Healthcare Technologies, LLC was the lowest responsible bidder and had been awarded the contract. She stated that the bonding for the Point of Care Software System had been approved at the last Board meeting. She advised that a technical amendment would be needed for the contract with Delta Healthcare Technologies, LLC regarding the term. Mrs. Nenninger explained that Resolution No. 214 of 2008 stated that the term would commence on April 1, 2008 and terminate with 60 days notice by either party. She pointed out that the resolution would need to be amended to include, the following wording:

- ▶ Provide a five year contract, at which time the agreement between the parties will be reviewed and may, at the County's option, be renewed for an additional period of five years. The County will reserve the right to terminate the agreement at the end of each one year term.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 214 of 2008, as outlined above. *The necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Auer indicated that a report of the monthly emergency response and preparedness activities that had been completed was included in the agenda packet for the Committee's review.

Ms. Auer requested to renew the current contract with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Children with Special Health Needs Program to allow receipt of continued funding, commencing October 1, 2008 and terminating September 30, 2009, for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and carried unanimously to renew the current contract with the NYSDOH Children with Special Health Care Needs Program, as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Auer requested to renew the current contract with the NYSDOH Childhood Lead Poisoning Program to allow receipt of continued funding, commencing April 1, 2008 and terminating March 31, 2009, for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Tessier, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried

unanimously to renew the current contract with the NYSDOH Childhood Lead Poisoning Program, as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Auer requested authorization for Patricia Belden, Communicable Disease Coordinator, to attend the New York State APIC (The Association for Professionals in Infectious Control and Epidemiology, Inc.) Coordinating Council Basic Training Course for the Novice Infection Prevention Practitioner on May 12-16, 2008 at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany New York, at a cost of \$150 for registration, using a County vehicle.

Motion was made by Mr. Tessier, seconded by Mr. Sheehan and carried unanimously to authorize Patricia Belden to attend the conference, as outlined above. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Auer requested a contract with Adam Willis to provide physical therapy services, commencing April 21, 2008 and terminating with 30 days written notice by either party, to be paid on a bi-monthly basis at the agreed upon per individual visit and meeting rates, upon receipt of required documentation for each visit. She related that Mr. Willis preferred working with adults, as opposed to the other physical therapists they had used who preferred working with children.

Motion was made by Mr. O' Connor, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to authorize the contract with Adam Willis, as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Auer requested authorization to fill the vacant position of Community Health Nurse, base salary of \$40,647, Grade 20, Employee No. 10384, due to resignation. She indicated that the position was funded within the budget and was a revenue generating position. She added that the previous Community Health Nurse had resigned in order to take a full-time school nurse position. She stated that she was aware that she would be unable to fill the position until it was approved by the Board; however, she added, she was requesting permission to post the vacancy immediately.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to authorize the filling of the vacant position, as outlined above and to forward same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Auer requested to renew the current contract with Outcome Concept Systems, Inc. for Benchmark Business Intelligence and Electronic Performance Consultant browser services, commencing April 1, 2008 and terminating in 30 days, for a lump sum amount of \$5,000.

Mr. Sokol asked if it was necessary to have a resolution to renew the contract. Mrs. Nenner interjected that from this point forward the County Attorney's Office would write the majority of the resolutions for contracts in a format that would allow for an automatic renewal of the contract, provided that there were no changes.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to renew the current contract with Outcome Concept Systems, Inc., as outlined above. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Auer requested authorization to accept a one-time grant from Sanofi Pasteur, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500, to be used for staff education of nurses with regards to travel medicine. She noted that staff education for travel medicine had been one of the Department's goals for 2008. She had spoken with Mrs. Nenner, she continued, and had been informed that the funds would need to be accepted as a gift. Mrs. Nenner stated that there was no documentation as to grant requests from Sanofi Pasteur, Inc. and therefore; she said, the funds would need to be accepted as a gift by resolution, designating the purpose for which the funds would be allocated. She added that typically when the County accepted a gift, a letter was authorized from the Chairman, thanking the company for the contribution.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously to accept a monetary gift from Sanofi Pasteur, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500, to be used for staff education of nurses with regards to travel medicine and to authorize Chairman Monroe to forward a letter of appreciation to the company. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 18, 2008 Board meeting.*

Ms. Auer introduced Tammy DeLorenzo, Clinical & Fiscal Informatics Coordinator for the Health Services Department. Ms. DeLorenzo referred to the Department's Budget Analysis Reports for 2007 and through March 26, 2008. She pointed out that these reports were for the entire Health Services Department and were not broken down by division. She noted that the Early Intervention and Pre-School Programs were mandated by the State. She said that the State did not reimburse 100% of the costs of the programs and added that the Pre-School Program was reimbursed at 59%. She stated that it took approximately \$700,000 to operate the

Health Services Department for 2007. She added that the Home Care Division's revenue had exceeded expenditures by approximately \$800,000. Ms. Auer interjected that the mandated Early Intervention and Pre-School Programs cost approximately \$4 million per year to operate.

Mr. Haskell pointed out that \$181,972.69 had been expended on overtime salaries in 2006 and only \$96,506 had been budgeted for 2007, with an actual expenditure of \$197,947.99. He questioned why so little had been budgeted for overtime in 2007. Ms. DeLorenzo responded that they had requested to increase funds for the overtime salaries in 2007; however, she added, the decision had been made not to increase the amount in 2007 due to the fact that it was late in the budget process. She noted that due to the amount of vacant positions they had been able to cover the cost of overtime for 2007. She added that overtime salaries had been budgeted at \$172,838 for 2008. Mr. Payne commented that he had spoken with Rick Murphy, Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal Services, and had been informed that the 2008 Health Services budget was going well thus far. Ms. Auer noted that the Department would be receiving a reimbursement this year from Telemedicine and added that the Point of Care System would move them up one tier and would increase the amount of the reimbursement.

Ms. Auer informed the Committee that the New York State Health Commissioner, Dr. Richard Daines, would be visiting Warren County Health Services Department on April 8, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. She added that they would be showcasing the Community Health Assessment Project. She said that they would show Dr. Daines the Telemedicine Program and added that he would visit one of the clients from the Home Care Program. She advised that Rural Health Network would pay the cost for the lunch and no County funds would be used.

Ms. Auer distributed copies of an information packet to the Committee members, which pertained to the Six Flags Great Escape Lodge and Water Park gastrointestinal illness outbreak; a copy of which is on file with the minutes. She noted that as of March 27, 2008, 463 people had been infected with the Norwalk virus, also known as calicivirus. She said that the illness had affected people in 32 counties in New York State, seven other states and Canada. She indicated that there was a fact sheet on Norwalk virus included in the packet.

Mr. Haskell criticized the New York State Department of Health (DOH), saying that they had 'dragged their feet' on this outbreak. He voiced his opinion that the DOH did not aggressively investigate the issue and stated that this was a tourist area and the bad press could affect tourism, our number one industry. Mr. O' Connor agreed with Mr. Haskell and added that Six Flags had been aware of the issue and continued to book additional guests. Mr. Haskell remarked that the DOH should have forced Six Flags to close until the issue was resolved. Ms. Auer notified the

Committee that Six Flags had hired their own infectious disease doctor and added that the press release from Six Flags insinuated that the infection had come from the community and not the Lodge. She apprised that due to the fact this was a tourist area, the immunization status of many of our visitors was unknown.

Discussion ensued.

Ginelle Jones, Assistant Director of Public Health, related that her biggest concern was that the DOH had not officially notified Warren County Public Health of the issue. She expounded that the original complaint had been lodged over the weekend through the DOH duty officer system. The DOH was fully aware of the issue by Monday morning, she continued, and did not collect samples or specimens from the Six Flags Lodge until late Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. Ms. Auer interjected that at the time there had been a diabetic children's camp at the Water Park, who were at higher risk due to compromised immune systems. Ms. Jones expressed that the DOH District Office was supposed to collaborate with Warren County Public Health. She said that last year during the rash issue at Six Flags, she had sent an email to the DOH complaining about the lack of communication.

Ms. Jones advised that Warren County Public Health had emailed doctors, school nurses and nursing homes with all of the updates and information. Ms. Auer said that she had inquired of the DOH if an after action report would be available. She added that she would be notified of the date and time when the report would take place and suggested that Mr. Payne attend with her. Mr. Payne suggested that the Dr. Daines be informed of the County's concerns during his visit on April 8, 2008. He notified the Committee that he had been part of a phone conference on the Tuesday after the outbreak with the DOH. He added at that time it had been at least 48 hours after the onset of the outbreak had been reported to the DOH and they still did not have a phone number set up for people to get further information. Ms. Jones stated that the phone number that had been in place gave a recorded message for the caller to contact Warren County Public Health.

Discussion ensued.

As there was no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. Tessier, Mr. Sokol adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene DiResta, Legislative Office Specialist