

miscellaneous notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Department of Health

Pursuant to Section 2803 (2) of the Public Health Law and the SPARCS Privacy Regulation 10 NYCRR section 400.18 the Department of Health hereby gives public notice of the following:

The New York State Department of Health has initiated the establishment of the New York Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS). SPARCS is a comprehensive, unified data system which gathers facts and figures about all hospital stays from general hospitals throughout New York State. SPARCS was developed by the Department of Health to contribute to the goal of providing high quality medical care at reasonable cost to the residents of New York State by serving as an information source for organizations and agencies seeking to promote the efficient delivery of health care services.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, the Department of Health has adopted regulations that define two classes of data that can be requested from SPARCS: deniable and non-deniable. Deniable data requests are defined as requests for specific data elements that, by themselves or in combination, might enable one to identify an individual and must be reviewed by the Data Protection Review Board (DPRB). The DPRB, which is established by the same regulations, is a 17 member Board that is broadly representative of consumers, industry and government. The Board reviews all requests for deniable data and makes recommendations to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health. While the Commissioner may reverse the decision of the Board, the Board retains the authority to overturn the Commissioner's decision by a two-thirds vote. The data received by the requestor can only be utilized for the purposes stated in the application and approved by the Board. Only those individuals listed in the application may have access to these data. Requestors may not secondarily release these data unless expressly approved by the Board.

At the December 4, 1991 Data Protection Review Board meeting the following requests were approved and subsequently ratified by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health:

1. The New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Analysis and Program Evaluation and the New York Regional Transplant Program, Inc. received approval to receive SPARCS data for the years 1990 and 1991. The requested data is proposed to serve as the principal database in a project to increase the availability of donor organs in New York City.

2. Montefiore Medical Center received approval to receive an extract of SPARCS data for the years 1989 through 1991. The requested data will be used for market share analysis, determining needs for new and expanded services, evaluating variations in length of stay and studying primary care and referral patterns.

3. The United Hospital Fund has received approval to receive SPARCS data for the years 1990 through 1992. The requestor regularly produces reports, such as the New York City Community Health Atlas, on health care facilities and depends upon SPARCS data as a principal data source.

4. The New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute has received approval to receive SPARCS data for the years 1985 through 1993. The requested data will assist in quality assurance surveillance, utilization review and health services research.

5. The National Perinatal Information Group has received approval to receive an extract of SPARCS data for the years 1987 through 1989. The requested data will be used in the research study that will focus on the organization, utilization and cost of services for women and children with HIV/AIDS in seven locations across the country, including New York.

For further information contact: Executive Secretary, Data Protection Review Board, Department of Health, Empire State Plaza, Concourse, Rm. C-144, Albany, NY 12237-0020, (518) 474-3189

PUBLIC NOTICE Department of State Routine Program Implementation Notice

STATEWIDE—Pursuant to 15 CFR 923.84(b), the New York State Department of State (DOS) hereby gives notice that the Federal Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) concurred on December 11, 1991 on the incorporation of the City of Albany Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) into the State's Coastal Management Program (CMP) as a routine program implementation action. DOS requested OCRM's concurrence on this action on May 13, 1987 in a previous notice in the *State Register* which further described the content of the action.

Pursuant to the State CMP and Article 42 of the Executive Law, the City of Albany LWRP was adopted by the City on October 7, 1991 and approved by the New York State Secretary of State on October 8, 1991.

Federal consistency with the City of Albany LWRP applies as of the date of this notice.

Copies of the LWRP are available for review at the offices of the NYS Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231.

For further information contact: George R. Stafford, Director, Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization at (518) 474-6000.

PUBLIC NOTICE Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 450, the petitions below have been received by the Department of State for action by the Uniform Code Regional Boards of Review. Unless otherwise indicated, they involve requests for relief from provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

Persons wishing to review any petitions, provide comments, or receive actual notices of any subsequent proceeding may contact Raymond Andrews, Codes Division, Department of State, 162 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231, (518) 474-4073 to make appropriate arrangements.

214-91-12 Matter of Shirley J. Grant, 6 Porti Drive, Cortland, New York 13045, for a variance concerning requirements prohibiting habitable space in cellars.

Involved is the past construction of an apartment in the cellar of a two-story building of wood frame construction for use as a multiple dwelling residence known as Grant Apartment II, at 1172 Starr Road, Town of Cortlandville, Cortland County, New York