MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 5, 2015
PLACE: Conference Room, Rock Island County Health Department
2112 25th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois  61201

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Ronald Fiscella, President
Mr. John Neary, RN, Vice President
Mr. Leon Gibson, Secretary
Mr. Jim Flannery
Mr. Ed Langdon, County Board Representative
Ms. Sommer Livengood, ARNP
Ms. Nancy Mulcahey
Mr. Greg Pagliuzza
Ms. Kate Varlas Teel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Prem Virdi

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Nita Ludwig, Public Health Administrator
Ms. Linda L. Roberts, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Phillip Gehrmann, Director, Systems and Finance
Dr. Jeffrey N. Maurus, MPH, MD

Vice-president Neary called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

MOTION The minutes of the January meeting were approved motion made by Mr. Flannery and second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

MOTION The transfers of appropriations were approved with a motion Mr. Gibson second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

The financial report for the period ending January 31, 2015, FY 2015 shows revenues of $31,313 and expenditures of $322,897 for a total deficit of $291,584.

Mr. Gehrmann presented the financial report for the second and final closeout ending November FY 2014. The financial report indicates revenues of $295,632 and expenditures of $83,450 for a total of $212,182. The department shows a year to date deficit of $72,269. We now have an ending fund balance of $768,801.

The combined financial statement for last month shows revenues of $326,945, expenditures of $406,347 for a total net deficit of $79,402.

The Health Department’s balance sheet shows our cash balance of $3,032.63 and investments of $469,000. If we do not receive any further monies we will go into March 2015 with sufficient funds to cover both payrolls.
The department’s grants accounts receivable has a balance for FY 2014 of $154,766, a balance of $225,688 for FY 2015 for a total accounts receivable balance of $380,454.

**MOTION**  
The financial report was approved with a motion by Mr. Flannery, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

**MOTION**  
Mr. Gibson made a motion to amend the Health Department’s budget, specifically the changes in the cost of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) and the employees’ health benefits which were not available to us at the time we originally presented the budget, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

**MOTION**  
Ms. Livengood made a motion to postpone the issue of managers’ salaries and the permission to hire for the open management positions, second by Dr. Fiscella. Motion carried.

Dr. Fiscella has given his official resignation from the Board of Health to Mr. Maranda, County Board Chairman.

**MOTION**  
Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve Vice-President John Neary as President, second by Mr. Flannery. Motion carried.

**MOTION**  
Mr. Flannery made a motion to approve Ms. Varlas Teel as the Board of Health’s Vice-president, second by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried.

Mr. Neary, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked Dr. Fiscella for his many years of dedicated service to the Rock Island County Board of Health

Ms. Ludwig informed the members that we have been told that Dr. Mark Bollaert, DDS, and Dr. Patricia Barron, MD will be appointed to the Health Board at the next full County Board meeting.

The department has received a couple reports of mumps in the County. These cases have not been clinically verified at this time.

The Infectious Disease Program has been very busy with the reports of possible measles in the County. There has been confirmed cases of measles in the Chicago area. The work-up of the Rock Island County cases have proved to be negative. The Illinois Department of Public Health has e-mailed a health alert to all medical providers regarding this outbreak.

**MOTION**  
The service delivery report was approved with a motion by Dr. Fiscella, second by Mr. Langdon. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig gave a brief introduction of herself to the members. Ms. Ludwig grew up in Rock Island, she attended the University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana and is married and has two children. She has been with the Health Department for twenty years serving as a Case-Manager in the Family Case Management Program, the Supervisor of Health Works
Illinois (HWI), Supervisor of Family Case Management, and the Director of Emergency Planning and Response.

Ms. Nita Ludwig, Ms. Theresa Berg, Public Health Administrator, Ms. Linda Roberts, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Linda Livengood, Director of Women’s Health, and Ms. Patricia Castro, Assistant State’s Attorney, were present at a hearing in Chicago with the Illinois Labor Relations Board on January 21st. Ms. Livengood and Ms. Roberts presented testimony regarding the management duties of our Advanced Nurse Midwife. The Department’s Chief Union Steward, Hilary Knott, and our Advanced Practice Nurse Midwife, Jessica Morris, were also in attendance and offered testimony. The Union wishes for this job description be considered a bargaining unit employee. The attorneys have six weeks to present briefs to the Labor Board and the Hearing Officer will present her findings after the reviewing the testimony of the staff and the briefs presented by the attorneys.

Ms. Ludwig presented an update on Illinois’ response to Ebola. The State of Illinois currently has four treatment centers in the Chicago area and now there is a second tier hospital (referred to Hospital X) who will perform lab work and keep the patient for 72 hours waiting for a confirmation of the disease. If positive they will be taken to one of the Chicago Ebola treatment centers.

MOTION

Dr. Fiscella made a motion to approve the Administrator’s report, second by Mr. Pagliuzza. Motion carried.

Ms. Roberts reported the hiring of two nurses for the department. Ms. Denise Winston will be a nurse for our Infectious Disease Program, and Ms. Radney Tubbs will be working in our Family Health Programs.

The monthly anniversary list high-lighted Franki Cunningham on her twenty-nine years of service.

MOTION

Mr. Langdon made a motion to approve the Human Resource Report, second by Dr. Fiscella. Motion carried.

MOTION

The claims were approved with a motion by Ms. Varlas Teel, second by Mr. Flannery. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Gibson, Secretary, by
Linda L. Roberts

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