

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2017
PLACE: Education Room, Rock Island County Health Department
2112 25th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. John Neary, President
Ms. Kate Varlas Teel, Vice President
Mr. Ed Langdon, County Board Representative
Dr. Mark Bollaert
Mr. Doug Vroman
Mr. Rick Ryckeghem
Dr. Patricia Barron
Mr. Randy Jacobs

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mr. Leon Gibson, Secretary
Ms. Sommer Livengood, ARNP
Dr. Prem Viridi

STAFF

PRESENT: Ms. Nita Ludwig, Public Health Administrator
Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer
Ms. Janet Hill, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Linda Livengood, Chief Nursing Officer
Ms. Jyla Vipond, Administrative Office Assistant

Board President John Neary called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

President Neary welcomed new member Mr. Randy Jacobs to the Board and introductions were made.

MOTION The minutes of the February 2017 meeting were approved with an amendment to be made for approving payment of the FY16 Cost Allocation: Mr. Langdon made the second instead of Mr. Vroman. Motion by Dr. Bollaert, second by Mr. Ryckeghem. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant reviewed the financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2017, with revenues of \$272,501 and expenditures of \$395,546 for a total net loss of (\$123,045).

The Health Department's balance sheet shows a cash balance of \$42,130.49 and investments of \$477,000.00. Mr. Bryant mentioned this is the time of year the balance continues to decrease until the first tax distribution in June is received.

The department's cash balance projected for March 2017 is \$179,056. Mr. Bryant noted that there are three payrolls in March. The grants receivable totals for FY17 is \$462,172.

MOTION The financial report was approved with a motion by Mr. Jacobs, second by Dr. Barron. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Bryant reviewed the Long Range Projection report. He recommended getting the Tax Anticipation Warrant in place in case it is needed due to the time delay between the request and being able to use it. A motion to proceed with the Tax Anticipation Warrant was by Mr. Vroman, second by Mr. Langdon. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant began the discussion on the future of the Family Planning and Women's Care Clinic programs by going over a report analyzing revenues and expenses for these programs over the past two grant years and a projection for 2017. For several years, revenues have not been covering the payroll expense let alone the other expenses incurred from operating these programs. The hardest part about coming up with a plan to keep these programs going or at least break even is that the grants are fixed amounts and have been drastically cut for several years in a row. Also taking into consideration the amount received in insurance fees and reimbursement that even if the number of people seen was doubled a loss would still result. In order to operate without a loss, staffing would have to be cut to 24 hours per week which eliminates paying benefits. From a staffing and service stand point this would hardly be feasible.

Dr. Maurus, a retired physician, came to the meeting as an advocate for public health. He said he was not here to ask for continuation of a losing program but to ask that the Board of Health and administration meet with Tom Bowman of Community Health Care and the liaison from Unity Point Health to discuss what impact closing the program would create and what can be done to implement a smooth transition for the clients. It was decided that a meeting should be held before a final decision was made on the future of the programs to ensure the clinics and resources in the community that would be affected were alerted to the possible closing and decide how best to notify the program's clients of the alternative resources that would be available for them.

MOTION A motion to table the decision regarding the Family Planning and Women's Care Clinic for another month to allow time for the meeting and get the processes in place was made by Ms. Varlas Teel, second by Mr. Ryckeghem. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to approve the Service Delivery Report made by Ms. Varlas Teel, second by Dr. Barron. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared some good news. Illinois Liquor Commission is contracting with local health departments to do some of their inspections at bars, restaurants, convenience stores. We believe our Environmental Health program at its current staff level will be able to perform approximately 115 of these inspections at the same time they do a health inspection. This is a contract paying \$75 per inspection, not a grant.

MOTION A motion to approve the Administrator's Report made by Mr. Jacobs, second by Mr. Ryckeghem. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to approve the Human Resource Report made by Mr. Langdon, second by Mr. Ryckeghem. Motion carried.

MOTION The claims were approved with a motion by Ms. Varlas Teel, second by Dr. Bollaert. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Gibson, Secretary, by
Jyla Vipond, Administrative Office Asst.

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