



**Board of Health Meeting Agenda: August 7, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Rock Island County Health Department, 2112 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL**

- 1. Consideration of:** June 2025 Board of Health Meeting Minutes
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Human Resource Report**

**Executive Session:** The Board of Health may vote to enter into Closed Session for the following:

- 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
  - 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2) – Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
  - 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (3) – Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probably or imminent, in which case the basis for the action as necessary based on closed session.
- a. Monthly Anniversary listing- please see packet

**4. Transfers**

**5. Resolutions**

**6. Review of Financial Reports**

- a. Monthly Financial Report
- b. Monthly Accounts Receivable report
- c. Projected Cash Flow
- d. Grants and Accounts Receivable
- e. Claims

**7. New Business**

**a) Review and Approval of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the Rock Island County Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan as presented, authorizing their adoption and public release.

**b) Review and Approval of the Organizational Self-Assessment Plan**

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the Rock Island County Health Department Organizational Self-Assessment Plan as presented, authorizing its implementation as part of the department's ongoing performance improvement and strategic planning efforts.

**c) Designation of Executive Officer for IPLAN Submission**

**Recommended Action:** Motion to designate George Verástegui as the Executive Officer of the Rock Island County Health Department for the purpose of IPLAN submission,

confirming that he meets the minimum qualifications for Public Health Administrator as set forth in Section 600.310 of the Illinois Administrative Code and has been duly appointed by the Board of Health.

**d) Approval of Vehicle Disposal**

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the disposal of the following surplus vehicles from the Rock Island County Health Department fleet due to age, mileage, and mechanical conditions:

1999 Saturn SL, **162,000 miles**

2002 Ford Taurus, **134,000 miles**

2003 Chevrolet Impala, **174,000 miles**

**e) Recommendation to County Board to Ban the Sale of Kratom Products Containing 7-Hydroxymitragynine and Mitragynine Pseudoindoxyl in Rock Island County**

**Recommended Action:**

Motion to recommend that the Rock Island County Board adopt an ordinance prohibiting the sale, distribution, and marketing of products containing 7-hydroxymitragynine and mitragynine pseudoindoxyl, synthetic or naturally derived, which are found in products commonly marketed as Kratom, within Rock Island County.

**8. Old Business**

**9. Administrator's Report**

- a. Service Delivery report - June 2025 (emailed)

**10. Adjourn**

*Our mission: Rock Island County Health Department prevents disease, promotes wellness of mind and body, protects public health and prepares for emergencies.*

## Background of the Agenda Package

### **New Business**

- a) The Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan were developed through a collaborative process involving local stakeholders, partners, and residents. These documents identify key health priorities and outline a five-year strategic roadmap to improve community health outcomes. Board approval is required for formal adoption and implementation.
- b) The Organizational Self-Assessment Plan provides a structured framework to evaluate the Health Department's internal capacity, workforce development, operational efficiency, and readiness to meet public health priorities. This plan supports continuous quality improvement and aligns with state and national public health standards. Board approval is requested to formally adopt the plan and proceed with implementation.
- c) The Illinois Administrative Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 600.400) requires that a Certified Local Health Department designate an Executive Officer who meets the qualifications outlined in Section 600.310 to oversee the submission of the Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Needs (IPLAN). George Verástegui meets these qualifications and has been appointed by the Board of Health to serve as the Public Health Administrator. This action formally designates him as the Executive Officer for IPLAN purposes.
- d) These vehicles have exceeded their useful service life and are no longer cost-effective to maintain. The Health Department recommends disposal through public auction, recycling, or other appropriate means as allowed by county policy. Board approval is required to formally declare the vehicles as surplus and authorize their disposal.
- e) Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) and its derivatives, including **7-hydroxymitragynine** and **mitragynine pseudoindoxyl**, are increasingly associated with health risks, including dependence, overdose, and interactions with other substances. These compounds are not FDA-approved for any medical use, and their unregulated sale poses a threat to public health and safety. The Board of Health is requesting that the County Board consider an ordinance to restrict their sale and protect residents, especially youth and vulnerable populations, from harm.