

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., August 4, 2022

PLACE: Rock Island County Health Department, 2112 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS Ms. Kaye Whitley, President

PRESENT: Dr. Jean Wardlow

Mr. Andrew McClarity, Vice President

Ms. Debbie Freiburg

Ms. Edna Sowards, County Board Representative

Mr. Larry Coyne

Mr. Leon Gibson

ABSENT Dr. Mark Bollaert

Mr. Michael Daly

Dr. Naurin Ahmad

STAFF

PRESENT: Ms. Nita Ludwig, Administrator

Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer

Ms. Megan Michels, Grants Manager

Ms. Kate Meyer, Emergency Preparedness Manager

Board President, Kaye Whitley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Introductions were done.

MOTION The minutes for the July 2022 Board of Health meeting were approved with a motion made by Mr. Gibson, second by Ms. Freiburg. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the transfer. We need to move money from Administration to Maintenance. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Ms. Sowards, second by Mr. McClarity. Roll call vote taken-all yes. Motion carries.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the financial reports for the period ending July 31, 2022 with revenues of \$129,332 and expenditures of \$474,468 for the month of July and a net loss of \$345,136 for the year.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the base cash flow for the month of August. The Health Department's balance sheet shows a cash balance of \$3,057 and investments of \$3,030,000 and \$145,805 from the State and \$221,712 from tax disbursement. Mr. Bryant shared there will be two payrolls in the month of August. There are vouchers that need to be paid totaling \$91,234. The Department's projected cash balance for the end of August is \$3,046,444. A motion to approve Financial Reports was made by Ms. Freiburg, second by Mr. McClarity. Roll call vote was taken-all yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared that the School Health LINK will be moving to an office in Moline High School on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ludwig also shared that we hired a new LINK supervisor. She will be starting on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION A motion to accept the Service Delivery Report was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared that there are approximately 50-60 cases of COVID a day. We are still proving vaccinations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There have been 3 deaths this week from COVID.

Ms. Ludwig gave information on Monkeypox. Monkeypox has been declared a public health emergency in the United States. Illinois has one of the higher case counts in the US. There are 547 cases in Illinois. There are cases in 60 counties of 102 counties. We have had one positive in Rock Island County. The person was outside of the window to be vaccinated. We were able to order a small amount of MPV vaccine. It is meant for post exposure, but if cases go up that can change.

Ms. Meyer spoke about the Medical Reserve Corp. She shared it's a volunteer group that was started after 9/11. They have helped with COVID clinics. The volunteers can also be used in area hospitals if staffing goes down. In 2020 there were 75 volunteers that were added to MRC. Currently there are approximately 185 total volunteers with our MRC. There is also an Augustana branch MRC. So

far in 2022, we have had over 570 hours put in with our MRC volunteers. Ms. Meyer applied for a grant, MRC Rise award. Rock Island County MRC was one of three units that received \$75,000 in the State of Illinois. The award was to promote and educate volunteers. A commercial has been recorded. There will also be billboards, radio ads, and newspaper ads.

MOTION A motion to accept the Administrator's Report was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Ms. Sowards. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to go into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) at 6:08pm was made by Ms. Whitley, second by Ms. Freiburg. Roll call vote taken-all yes. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to go back into open session at 6:14pm was made by Mr. Gibson, second by Ms. McClarity. Roll call vote taken-all yes. Motion carried.

MOTION Permission to fill one full time RN or Nutritionist was made by Ms. Whitley, second by Ms. Freiburg. Roll call vote taken-all yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared a full-time nutritionist starts on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We also hired a full-time health educator and she started on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Ludwig shared monthly anniversaries.

MOTION A motion to accept the Human Resource Report was made by Ms. Freiburg, second by Dr. Ahmad. Motion carried

MOTION A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Dr. Wardlow. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Sowards, Secretary, by  
Megan Michels, Grants Manager

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