

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016
PLACE: Conference Room, Rock Island County Health Department
2112 25th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

MEMBERS Mr. John Neary, RN, President
PRESENT: Ms. Kate Varlas Teel, Vice President
Mr. Leon Gibson, Secretary
Mr. Ed Langdon, County Board Representative
Dr. Patricia Barron
Dr. Mark Bollaert
Ms. Sommer Livengood, ARNP
Mr. Doug Vroman

MEMBERS Mr. Jim Flannery
ABSENT: Mr. Greg Pagliuzza
Dr. Prem Viridi

STAFF Ms. Nita Ludwig, Public Health Administrator
PRESENT: Ms. Linda L. Roberts, Human Resource Manager
Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer
Mr. Paul C. Guse, Environmental Health Supervisor

President Neary called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

MOTION The minutes of the March meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Vroman, second by Dr. Bollaert. Motion carried.

The financial report for the period ending March 31, 2016, shows revenues of \$210,207 and expenditures of \$286,981 for a total net loss for the month of \$76,774.

The Health Department's balance sheet shows our cash balance of \$3,606.52 and investments of \$459,000. The department currently has enough funds available to cover the first payroll in May. If receivables hold steady, we may have enough to cover the second payroll in May.

Mr. Bryant showed the grants receivable for January 2016 of \$634,689, and February 2016 was \$426,637; and for March of \$466,159. All the State grants are held up due to the budget impasse.

MOTION The financial report was approved with a motion by Mr. Langdon, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

Mr. Guse, Supervisor of Environmental Health, informed the Board members on the updates for the Environmental Health Ordinance governing Solid Waste. The Solid Waste Ordinance was last amended in 1985. The Board needs to approve the amendment and the new fee schedule in order to update this ordinance.

Mr. Neary requested that all documents of this nature be approved only by the Board of Health (Board); the Board makes the decisions regarding the Health Department ordinances and other protocol and the Board is the final decision maker and the authority.

Hearings on the adherence to these ordinances will be heard by the Board and the Administrator.

MOTION Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Ordinance, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

MOTION The updated fee schedule for the Solid Waste Ordinance was approved with a motion by Dr. Barron, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

Mr. Guse and Ms. Ludwig informed the members of the wind damage to the east side of the building. The façade on the upper part of the building (decorative in a rust brown) was torn away leaving a jagged edge with the cement block exposed.

Mr. Guse contacted a friend, (who is also an architect). He estimated the cost of repair and the proper removal of the missing piece (which contained asbestos) would be approximately \$600. This would also include trimming the uneven section of the damage and sealing the repaired edge so there would be no water damage from seeping under the open edge. This would leave the painting, which would match for rust brown color, for our maintenance staff.

MOTION Dr. Bollaert made a motion to seek estimates up to \$750 for the removal and sealing of the existing panel, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

President Neary informed the members that the paperwork claiming that Unity Point had first right of refusal of the purchasing of the Health Department site (including the property and the building) had not been signed by this Board nor the Administrator making this document null and void.

MOTION The Service Delivery Report was approved with a motion by Mr. Langdon, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

The report contained the 2015 Annual Health Department Report. This report was designed and compiled by Ms. Traci Owens, Chief Operating Officer. She did a great job in designing and compiling the information.

Ms. Kate Meyer, Manager of Emergency Planning and Response, and Ms. Ludwig wrote a grant for a Medical Reserve Corps Challenge Award. Only 160 total awards are given nationwide and we were one of the successful agencies. Rock Island County Health Department will receive \$15,000 in Federal monies.

The Department will hold an open house on April 19th celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

On March 15th, as a result of the area wide tornado, storms, and power outages, Ms. Ludwig, Ms. Jody Bostrom, Infectious Disease Supervisor, and Mr. Mack Childs, Maintenance Assistant, helped in the moving of our vaccines to Unity Point Rock Island. We have an existing agreement with Trinity Unity Point should such a situation occur.

Ms. Ludwig will send a thank you note to Trinity Unity Point for their assistance in protecting our vaccine.

On March 31st Ms. Ludwig and Ms. Meyer attended a Mass Fatality training. Ms. Ludwig said the speaker at this training was so good, we are hoping to have the topic at the Disaster Readiness Conference in 2017.

Mr. John McGehee, State's Attorney, was consulted and has recommended the Rock Island County Health Department join a lawsuit along with the Illinois Public Health Association, the Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators and other Local Health Departments to require the State pay us all monies owed us for fiscal year 2016.

MOTION In order for Rock Island Health Department to enter into the lawsuit we will be required to spend \$1,000. Mr. Langdon made a motion to spend the money and enter in the lawsuit, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

MOTION The Administrator's Report was approved with a motion by Dr. Barron, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

MOTION The Human Resource Report was approved with a motion by Dr. Barron, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

Ms. Roberts congratulated Karri William, RN, Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, on her 25 years of service to the department.

MOTION The claims were approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Dr. Bollaert. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Gibson, Secretary, by
Linda L. Roberts, PHR

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