

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2016
PLACE: Education 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
Mr. Jim Flannery
Ms. Sommer Livengood, ARNP
Mr. Greg Pagliuzza
Dr. Prem Viridi
Mr. Doug Vroman

MEMBERS
ABSENT:

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 5:30 p.m.

MOTION The minutes of the March meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Langdon, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

MOTION Three resolutions, which included \$15,000 for our Medical Reserve Corp Program; \$13,524 for our Family Planning Program; and, \$3,450 for the Oral Health Program were approved with a motion by Dr. Barron, second by Mr. Vroman. Motion carried.

MOTION The financial report for the period ending April 30, 2016, shows revenues of \$266,672 and expenditures of \$397,307 for a total net

loss for the month of \$130,635. The Health Department year loss is now \$482,833.

The Health Department's balance sheet shows our cash balance of \$119,027.53 and investments of \$224,000. The department currently has enough funds available to cover payrolls in May.

Mr. Bryant showed the grants receivable for February 2016 which was \$426,637; March's were \$466,159; and, April's were \$526,747. All the State grants are held up due to the budget impasse.

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

Mr. Guse, Supervisor of Environmental Health, presented a fee schedule for the water supply. The State has closed their lab and they are not performing nitrate tests, so the fees will be included in the Water Supply Fee Schedule.

MOTION The updated fee schedule for the Water Supply was approved with a motion by Ms. Varlas Teel, second by Dr. Viridi. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Guse presented the Health Nuisance Ordinance to the members for their approval. Mr. Flannery made a motion to approve the revised ordinance, second by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried.

MOTION The Board went into closed session under 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. Roll call vote taken with unanimous approval. The meeting was closed at 5:41 p.m.

MOTION The meeting was open at 6:22 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Vroman, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Neary presented a motion to reduce staff which was recommended by the Finance Committee. This plan will remain in effect until the State pays the department for our fully executed contracts and the comptroller releases the monies to the department. It will also continue through FY 2017 until the

contracts are signed and executed and the monies are allocated to the department. Mr. Vroman made the motion, second by Dr. Barron.

Mr. Gibson stated that these cuts will be devastating, not only to the employees and the clients of the Health Department, but also to every resident of Rock Island County. Perhaps these cuts are necessary but I don't think we, as responsible Board member, can make these decisions tonight. Therefore, I would like to make a motion to delay/postpone this recommendation for another month.

There was not a second to this motion presented by Mr. Gibson. The motion was dropped.

A roll call vote was taken for the reduction of the staff. Mr. Flannery and Mr. Gibson voting against this recommendation. Motion carried. The staff reduction will take place on June 30, 2016, and will effect 15 hard working tenured employees.

Mr. Neary handed out a press release to the media. The department had 74.5 full time equivalent employees in 2009 who were here to tackle the H1N1 immunization clinic and then the Hepatitis A outbreak; and, now in fiscal year 2016 we will have 39 employees.

The department has lost 198 years of knowledge with the cuts made with this reduction.

Ms. Ludwig informed the members that Mr. Dave Ross, County Administrator, has asked if the Health Department would be willing to place the department's land and building up for bids.

This came about when it was determined that the Right of First Refusal signed by Unity Point Trinity Rock Island, was null and void since it was not agreed upon by the Board of Health.

The bidding would take place and the Board of Health would open and review the bids and if they were not acceptable that would be the end of the process.

Ms. Varlas Teel reiterated that the assessment of our property and the costs of renovations necessary to make Bituminous able to meet our needs were vastly different

MOTION Mr. Flannery made a motion that we do not ask for bids at this time, second by Dr. Bollaert. Motion carried. Mr. Pagliuzza did not vote due to this association with Unity Point.

Ms. Ludwig reminded the members that we had a Department of Human Services (DHS) audit last October and one of the things they asked us to do was to update our inventory. This inventory included items over \$500 placed on one database and we are on target to finish this by the end of June.

MOTION Mr. Langdon made a motion to approve the report, second by Ms. Livengood. Motion carried.

The service delivery report was unavailable and will be sent out to the members as soon as possible.

Pay Now Illinois is the joint lawsuit the department joined last month with the hopes we can get the State to pay the signed contracts that were approved. This lawsuit includes 64 social service agencies. We did contact Mr. McGehee, Rock Island County's States Attorney, and he thought that this would be a good idea.

The building façade that was damaged during the wind storm, has been carted off safely and disposed of. Mr. Finley, our Building and Grounds Supervisor, will be painting the brick cinder block to match the façade that still remains.

MOTION The Administrator's Report was approved with a motion by Dr. Barron, second by Mr. Pagliuzza. Motion carried.

Ms. Roberts reminded the members that Paul C. Guse, Environmental Health Supervisor, will be retiring as of June 14th, and she asked that a Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner be hired.

MOTION Mr. Pagliuzza made a motion to hire an Environmental Health Supervisor, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

Ms. Roberts also announced that Elizabeth Myers, Case Manager, celebrated her seventeenth year with the department.

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

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

Mr. Gibson offered his appreciation to Mr. Guse for his many fabulous years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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