

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2016  
PLACE: Conference Room, Rock Island County Health Department  
2112 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mr. Rick Ryckeghem

STAFF

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

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

MOTION The minutes of the October 2016 meeting were approved with a motion by Dr. Bollaert, second by Ms. Varlas Teel. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant reviewed the financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2016, with revenues of \$160,119 and expenditures of \$522,960 for a total net loss of \$(362,842), which is due in part to the payment of the cost allocation payment to the County.

The Health Department's balance sheet shows our cash balance of \$(506.73) and investments of \$238,000.00. The negative cash balance is due to timing of when the Treasurer transfers funds.

The department's cash balance projected for November 2016 is \$636,705. The grants receivable totals for FY17 is \$315,804.

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

MOTION Mr. Bryant also shared the proposed budget for 2017. He stated that there is very little difference when compared to 2016's budget. A lengthy discussion on how best to reflect the amount in question for the cost allocation payment to the County ensued. Ms. Ludwig stated that cost quotes from different companies was planned for an up-to-date study for the cost allocation. She will inquire about the progress made at next department head meeting. Motion to accept the 2017's budget was made by Ms. Livengood, second by Dr. Barron. Motion carried.

MOTION Ms. Ludwig pointed out that the spike in Hepatitis B and C reported in September was actually due to a backlog of data being entered and cases being closed out with the help of a temporary employee. Ms. Ludwig will further research working with the schools during their registration times to inoculate students who still are in need. Motion to approve the service delivery report made by Mr. Langdon second by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried.

MOTION Ms. Janet Hill, the new Chief Operations Officer, was introduced by Ms. Ludwig.

Ms. Ludwig reported that UnityPoint Health decided last January to no longer accept Illini Care, a Medicaid managed care entity. A few months ago, Genesis Health System also decided to end their contract with Illini Care. Our area's other managed care entity is Meridian with each company covering about half of the group. This is leaving a lot of Medicaid Illini Care patients without a physician and a hospital system. We haven't received several payments for services performed in 2014, 2015 and 2016 from them. Ms. Ludwig met an associate of the Illinois Public Health Association who has begun working as liaison to get us paid. In a recent email, Illini Care agreed to pay the outstanding claims January 1, 2016 through August 2016. Payment should be received in December.

Motion to approve the administrator's report made by Dr. Barron, second by Ms. Livengood.

MOTION Ms. Ludwig requested permission to hire for empty positions. Motion to approve to fill the empty position made by Mr. Flannery, second by Mr. Langdon.

MOTION The claims were approved with a motion by Ms. Livengood, second by Mr. Flannery. 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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