

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., November 4, 2021

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

MEMBERS Ms. Kaye Whitley, President

PRESENT: Mr. Bob Graff

Dr. Mark Bollaert

Ms. Debbie Freiburg

Mr. Michael Daly

Ms. Edna Sowards, County Board Representative

Mr. Andrew McClarity, Vice President

Mr. Leon Gibson

Dr. Jean Wardlow

ABSENT Ms. Martha Nieto

Dr. Naurin Ahmad

STAFF

PRESENT: Ms. Nita Ludwig, Administrator

Ms. Janet Hill, Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer

Ms. Megan Michels, Grants Manager

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

MOTION The minutes for the October 2021 Board of Health meeting were approved with a motion made by Dr. Bollaert, second by Ms. Freiburg. Motion carried.

There were public comments. First, Ms. Sheri Duhme. Ms. Duhme shared that she was terminated from the Health Department because she did not get vaccinated. She commented that she had gotten COVID and she's got natural immunity. Ms.

Duhme shared the reasons why she did not want to get vaccinated. Ms. Duhme commented that she would be willing to get tested weekly and that she would like to keep her job at the health department.

Ms. Misty Sierens is a Sanitarian with the Health Department. She stated she has been with the Health Department for 25 years. Ms. Sierens went over programs of the environmental health division. Ms. Sierens asked for weekly testing to be allowed so the staff can come back and they can fill the needs of the Department.

MOTION A motion to go into an executive session under 5 ILSC 120/2 (c) 1 at 5:42pm was made by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. McClarity. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to go back into the open session at 6:41pm was made by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. McClarity. Roll call vote taken-all yes. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to spend COVID funds as discussed in executive session was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Mr. Gibson. Roll call vote taken-all yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant went over the financial reports for the period ending October 31, 2021 with revenues of \$117,928 and expenditures of \$371,196 for a net loss of \$253,268 for the month October and a loss of \$138,135 for the year.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the base cash flow for the month of November. The Health Department's balance sheet shows a cash balance of \$3,565 and investments of \$2,626,000 and \$95,317 from the State and \$219,011 from tax distribution. Mr. Bryant shared there will be two payrolls in the month of November. There are vouchers that need to be paid totaling \$76,509. The Department's projected cash balance for the end of November is \$2,611,406. A motion to approve Financial Reports was made by Mr. Daly, second by Ms. Sowards. Roll call vote was taken-all yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant informed the board that we had some issues with the boiler and we had to spend some additional money in order to fix the issue.

Ms. Ludwig shared she will resume having staff/managers attend meetings so they can give the board an overview of the various programs.

MOTION A motion to approve the Service Delivery Report was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Ms. Freiburg. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared that Rock Island County is still at a high transmission rate for COVID-19. There were 52 new cases as of today. There has been a total of 19,003 positive cases since the start of the pandemic. There were 20 deaths in the month of October. 90% of people that passed away were unvaccinated. Some of the counties that went down in transmission are now seeing an increase in cases. Kids ages 5-11 have been approved for the COVID-19 vaccination. Kids will be vaccinated by appointment only in our lower level clinic area (family planning). Our first clinic is tomorrow for 5-11. Anyone 12 and older are still vaccinated in the walk in clinic in the education room of the health department. We are still giving Moderna and Johnson and Johnson on Tuesday. This past Tuesday we did 218 COVID-19 shots. We are still offering Pfizer vaccinations on Fridays.

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

Ms. Ludwig shared that we hired a full time LINK supervisor, Tracy Keenon. Ms. Keenon will start on 11/29/21.

MOTION A motion to hire two full time Sanitarians was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Mr. Daly. Roll call vote taken-7 yes, 1 no, and 1 present. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to hire a full time Program Specialist was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Mr. Bollaert. Roll call vote taken-6 yes, 1 no, and 2 present. Motion carried.

MOTION A motion to hire a full time Nutritionist or RN was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Mr. Freiburg. Roll call vote taken-8 yes, and 1 present. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared monthly anniversaries.

MOTION A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Ms. Freiburg. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Sowards, Secretary, by  
Megan Michels, Grants Manager

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