

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., January 6th, 2022

PLACE: Rock Island County Health Department, 2112 25th Avenue Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS Ms. Kaye Whitley, President

PRESENT: Mr. Bob Graff

Dr. Mark Bollaert

Mr. Michael Daly

Ms. Edna Sowards, County Board Representative

Mr. Leon Gibson

Ms. Debbie Freiburg

Dr. Jean Wardlow

Dr. Naurin Ahmad

ABSENT Mr. Andrew McClarity, Vice President

STAFF

PRESENT: Ms. Nita Ludwig, Administrator

Ms. Janet Hill, Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Gary Bryant, Chief Financial and Information Officer

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

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

Ms. Misty Sierens, Sanitarian, spoke at the meeting. She was voicing her concerns of being short staffed in the Environmental Health program. She voiced that it will only be her and Mr. Watts, EH supervisor after Irene Mekus leaves.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the transfers. We need to transfer \$20,000 from machinery & equipment to other line items. A motion to accept the transfer was made Ms. Freiburg, second by Mr. Gibson. Roll call vote taken, all yes. Motion carried.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the financial reports for the period ending December 31, 2021. Due to unavoidable circumstances we were not able to report monthly revenue because we did not get reports done. Mr. Bryant reported we had expenses of \$292,490 for the month of December.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the base cash flow for the month of January. The Health Department's balance sheet shows a cash balance of (\$480,809) and investments of \$2,786,000 and \$19,648 from the State. Mr. Bryant shared there will be three payrolls in the month of January. There are vouchers that need to be paid totaling \$51,970. The Department's projected cash balance for the end of December is \$2,009,976. A motion to approve Financial Reports was made by Dr. Bollaert, second by Ms. Freiburg. Roll call vote was taken-all yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Bollaert brought up the idea of moving to another facility that is easier to get to and where everyone would know where it was.

There was discussion of moving to virtual meetings, instead of in person because of the increase of cases.

Ms. Ludwig shared we holding a collection for Afghan refugees, because some just came over with the clothes on their backs and don't have anything. We are collecting small household goods, bedding and blankets. World Relief staff will pick them up and distribute them to those in need. Dr. True will share more on the refugee program shortly.

Ms. Ludwig shared the Tobacco program is giving away Champion awards to businesses and organizations that are tobacco and nicotine free. The River Bend Food Bank received the reward in December.

MOTION A motion to approve the Service Delivery Report was made by Dr. Ahmad, second by Mr. Daly. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared CDC approved the Pfizer boosters for ages 12-18. Ms. Ludwig shared yesterday we had over 432 cases in one day. Today there were 361 cases. The positivity rate for Rock Island County was 28%. For comparison at the beginning of November it was a 3.3% positivity rate. As of right now we haven't had any confirmed cases of Omicron in Rock Island County, but we believe it is here. We have had 37 deaths in the month of December. 24 of the 37 deaths were not vaccinated. 91 people are hospitalized. Ms. Ludwig shared there are changes to quarantine procedures. Everyone should isolate 5 days and mask after 5 days if asymptomatic.

Dr. Cheryl True shared they started seeing patients in February 2020. Since then, she has seen 112 patients since. 62 adults and 50 children from all over. There are approximately 183 Afghan refugees that are expected to come through the program.

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

MOTION Ms. Ludwig shared the resignation of one part time sanitarian. A motion to hire a part time sanitarian was made by Ms. Freiburg, second by Ms. Sowards. Motion carried.

Ms. Ludwig shared monthly anniversaries.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Sowards, Secretary, by
Megan Michels, Grants Manager

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