

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., March 3rd, 2022

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

MEMBERS Ms. Kaye Whitley, President

PRESENT: Dr. Naurin Ahmad

Dr. Mark Bollaert

Mr. Michael Daly

Mr. Andrew McClarity, Vice President

Mr. Leon Gibson

Ms. Debbie Freiburg

ABSENT Ms. Edna Sowards, County Board Representative

Dr. Jean Wardlow

Mr. Bob Graff

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 5:33 p.m.

Roll call vote taken

MOTION The minutes for the February 2022 Board of Health meeting were approved with a motion made by Mr. Gibson, second by Ms. Freiburg. Motion carried.

Ms. Keenon, LINK supervisor, was introduced and gave an overview of the School Health LINK. Ms. Keenon spoke about the move to Moline High School area and how things are running there.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2022 with revenues of \$461,932 and expenditures of \$310,206 for the month of February and a gain of \$151,726 for the year.

MOTION Mr. Bryant went over the base cash flow for the month of March. The Health Department's balance sheet shows a cash balance of \$118,320 and investments of \$3,293,000 and \$90,482 from the State. Mr. Bryant shared there will be two payrolls in the month of February. There are vouchers that need to be paid totaling \$86,843. The Department's projected cash balance for the end of February is \$3,152,062. A motion to approve Financial Reports was made by Mr. Daly, second by Mr. McClarity. Roll call vote was taken-all yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bryant spoke about touring the IBM building with Ms. Ludwig. Dr. Bollaert wanted Mr. Bryant to check into it. Mr. Bryant had given pros and cons for moving. Some of the pros would be space available, owners are civic minded, willing to build out as we need, centered geographically in county, and there's enough parking of County cars. Cons would include: five-year commitment, \$17,000/month rent, there is no garage for maintenance, and lastly it's further from the most economically disadvantaged population center. Mr. Bryant confirmed we do not pay anything for rent now. Ms. Ludwig reminded everyone that the Health Department owns the building, but does not own the land. Mr. Bryant shared projects that have been done to the building the last several years, some of this includes: generator, the boiler, HVAC units, and parking lot. Dr. Bollaert thought the IBM building would be good because the Health Department wouldn't have to worry about maintenance of the building. Dr. Bollaert suggested that we look at the programs we have and evaluate which ones we really don't need. That would save on having to rent so much space at the IBM building. Ms. Ludwig stated that every program we have is very valuable and has no intention of giving up or getting rid of any program. If anything, we would like to add grants and services for our residents. Ms. Whitley stated she does not want to see the health department get

rid of services either. She wants to be the top county health department, instead of the bottom and only doing the minimum. Mr. McClarity suggested we get a title search and find out more about the property and the building. The board decided to put any idea of moving on the “back-burner.”

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

Ms. Ludwig shared a COVID update. Things are looking better. We are still getting positive cases. Yesterday we had 13 positive cases, today was 15 positive cases. It's been much better than it was in January. The numbers could be a little misleading because of home tests being done. The better indicators are the number of hospitalizations and deaths. Both are improving In December there were 34 COVID deaths, January there were 38 COVID deaths, and in February there were 16 COVID deaths. According to the CDC data tracker the positivity rate is 3.9%. We are in the substantial transmission rate. Ms. Ludwig shared there will be a pediatric clinic on Saturday from 9am-12pm. There will also be a therapy dog that will be at the clinic on Saturday. Guidelines for employees that are symptomatic has changed. The mask mandate was lifted, however, it's still in place for healthcare. All contact tracers will be done as off tomorrow, except one. She will be done on March 25th. We held an appreciation potluck and cake for the contact tracers on February 24th. Ms. Ludwig shared more in person trainings and meetings are starting to take place now.

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

Ms. Ludwig shared we have 2 new hires in Environmental Health.

Ms. Ludwig shared monthly anniversaries.

MOTION A motion to accept the Human Resource Report was made by Mr. McClarity, second by Ms. Freiburg. Motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Sowards, Secretary, by
Megan Michels, Grants Manager

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