

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH held July 19, 2022, starting at 6:30 pm, in the third-floor conference room of the St. Clair County Health Department, 19 Public Square, Suite 150, Belleville, Illinois and via teleconference for any visitors wishing to attend.

Members Present: William Kreeb - President, Dr. Julie Wittenauer – President-Elect, Dr. Leo Dumstorff - Secretary, Dr. Tracey Biermann, Matt Smallheer, Cindy Thompson John West and Dr. Kelly Wood.

Members Excused: Matt Smallheer.

Others Present: Executive Director Myla Oliver-Blandford, Deputy Director Kathy Weisenstein, Susan Rehrig, Director of Infectious Disease Prevention, Janet Cronin, Accounting Manager, Brenda Fedak, Organizational Communications Manager, Kristy Mullins, Environmental Programs Manager, and Dr. Omer Badahman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All were asked to stand and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kreeb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened the meeting to public comment as required under the Open Meetings Act. There were no public attendees present. All board members present received via email, or United States Postal service, a Board packet containing: the agenda, minutes to the previous Board meetings, Division Directors' Reports, the Finance/Personnel Committee Report, statistical report, various financial reports including the payment register, balance sheet, budget to actual reports on detailed income and 2022 Q2 OPS Dashboard.

MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of Board of Health meeting held on June 21, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kreeb invited Executive Director Blandford to introduce Dr. Omer Badahman, new Medical Director at the St. Clair County Health Department effective June 1, 2022. Executive Director welcomed and thanked Dr. Omer Badahman for the ongoing support he extended to the County during the pandemic from the beginning, including numerous appearances on the St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency weekly COVID Update briefings. Board members introduced themselves and Dr. Badahman shared a few words with the board.

President Kreeb reported Dr. Tracey Bierman declined the invitation to continue to serve on the Board of Health and stated the Board is in need of some new board members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Oliver-Blandford presented the following agency update:

- a. Monkeypox Press Release went out July 14, 2022 announcing the County's first probable case of monkeypox. We are awaiting CDC confirmation. The case remains isolated. Contacts have been notified. Updated information will be forthcoming when we have confirmation from the CDC.
- b. COVID Community Levels, as outlined by the CDC, are at the "MEDIUM" Community Level of COVID-19. SCC currently has a low hospitalization rate, which is helping to keep the county at the Medium level. SCC is close to going to the "HIGH" Community Level of COVID-19.
- c. ACIP approved the Novavax vaccine today (July 19, 2022). SCCHD does not have it on site as of yet. SCCHD still distributing Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines at the health Department by appointment only and will send out notification when we have Novavax available,
- d. Governor Pritzker's current Executive Order (EO) expires July 24, 2022. However, a few changes were just issued in regard to unvaccinated individuals. Currently, the EO calls for unvaccinated individuals to COVID test at least once a week. The change requires COVID testing of unvaccinated individuals only when the transmission levels are high.
- e. Marketing – our new expandable signs are here (displayed around the room). Infectious Disease Prevention Division, along with other staff, worked with The Fource Group to incorporate the new logo so that the new banners were not out of date when we launched the new logo.
- f. Kathy Weisenstein's group is spearheading the remodel of the clinic. Cabinets and sinks are in. Waiting for a painter.
- g. Website release is currently slated for some time in August, along with the new logo release. We are excited to launch this new branding and new looks for the health department.
- h. Wage Restructure Summary: County Board approved the proposed Union position restructure. Union representatives have signed off on the changes. President Kreeb will sign off on the approved changes tonight. The non-union positions included in the restructure have not yet been approved. Executive Director will be meeting with County Administration next week to discuss any additional costs that may be incurred to county health department with the proposed changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Finance/Personnel Committee Report

Dr. Dumstorff began the Finance Committee report with the expense claims processed since the June Board of Health meeting reflect the usual and customary transactions by the Department. The Executive Director has reviewed the expense documentation and recommends Board approval of the expense claims. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expense claims. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff continued, the Executive Director is requesting approval to pay up to \$5,000 on behalf of the Healthier Together Chronic Disease Workgroup for fruit and vegetable vouchers at the local Farmers Markets on Lebanon Avenue and North Belt West, both in Belleville. Vouchers will be issued to low-income families in \$10/\$20 increments and collected monthly from each store and paid in accordance with the number of vouchers actually submitted. These expenditures are part of the FY22 budget of \$20,000 to support the Healthier Together initiative and this project is pending approval by their Council of Partners, once approved, the Executive Director will

implement. A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$5,000 on behalf of the Healthier Together Chronic Disease Workgroup for fruit and vegetable vouchers. The motion carried.

Dr. Dumstorff reported the Executive Director confirmed licensed, credentialed and management staff received wage adjustments effective June 19, 2022, with retroactive pay dating back to January 1, 2022, as outlined in the revised Paygrade Classification. A meeting is planned for the week of July 18th with County Administration to continue the dialogue regarding the second phase of the wage restructure, with a proposed January 1, 2023, start date.

The wage proposal packet also included a request for a one-time payout of 50% of vacation accruals for Administration Management and Division Directors, in an effort to reduce the loss of paid benefit time. This portion of the wage restructure proposal will also be discussed at the meeting with County Administration.

Dr. Dumstorff concluded with the following Health Department staffing update:

- Ms. Deanna Rueter resigned her Community Navigator Coordinator position within the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) effective August 5, 2022.

The Health Department is currently seeking to fill:

Within the Health Promotion and Wellness Division and Clinical Services and Systems Divisions:

- Two (2) full-time Nurse Manager
 - Three (3) full-time Staff Nurses and one (1) part-time Staff Nurse
 - One (1) WIC Nutritionist/Competent Professional Authority (CPA)
- Infectious Disease Prevention Division:

Within the Infectious Disease Prevention Division:

- One (1) full-time Clinical Services Nurse (LPN)

DIVISION UPDATES:

The Deputy Director shared some highlights from the Administration Division and the Health Promotion & Wellness Division/Clinical Systems & Services Division reports. The Accounting Manager highlighted points in the financial report. Both the Infectious Disease Prevention Director and the Environmental Programs Manager reviewed highlights for their respective divisions.

LIAISON REPORTS

Health Care Commission

Executive Director Blandford reported there is a meeting this week on Thursday, July 21st, with Healthier Together, the three hospitals, East Side Health District to look at the co-alignment for the health assessments with a focus on mental health and chronic diseases.

W.C. Scrivner Public Health Foundation

Executive Director reported the Scrivener Golf Tournament Fundraiser is Saturday, August 13,

2022. Executive Director invited board members to solicit any business they might have a connection with for attendance prizes for the golf tournament.

Illinois Public Health Association

Executive Director Oliver-Blandford reported IPHA is working on the strategic Plan.

Medical Society

Dr, Wood reported she might have a co-worked interested in joining the Board. Dr. Wittenauer reported there are people and groups pushing to get the Novavax vaccine approved since it is a protein-based vaccine rather than a mRNA vaccine.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a motion from Mr. West and a seconded from Mr. Kreeb. The motion carried unanimously. Next meeting is August 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Dumstorff
Secretary