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**Jo Daviess County Health Department
Board of Health Special Meeting
Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 @ 12:00 pm**

Meeting is via audio call-in only

MINUTES

This meeting was also hosted virtually via Zoom for any members of the public wishing to attend.

- 1. Call to Order** – President Merri Berlage called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.
- 2. Roll Call** - Voice roll call vote was taken:
Members present: Merri Berlage, Peg Dittmar, Don Hill, Tracy Bauer, Lisa Haas, and Dr. Barbara Kepner
Members absent: Hesper Nowatzki
Staff present: Sandra Schleicher, Marcia Christ, Lori Stangl, and Samantha Rojemann
Others present: Members of the public
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Minutes from the February 3, 2021 Board of Health Meeting – Barbara Kepner motioned to approve the Board of Health Meeting minutes, Peg Dittmar seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Citizens' Comments** – There were no comments at this time
- 5. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Discussion regarding COVID and vaccinations – Sandra reported on the development of a call system which is in the process of being finalized in order to assist with vaccine registration. Board members discussed and expressed input on staffing the call center, developing a waiting list, and if prioritization of qualified groups is needed. Following further discussion, Sandra stated that qualified persons 65 and over would be the first priority, followed by prioritized positions in the schools that are determined to be at a higher risk of exposure. There was also discussion regarding the high demand of the vaccine, the limited amount currently allocated from the state, and when we may see a possible increase.

6. New Business – There is no new business up for discussion

7. Closed Session: At 12:22 pm board members voted to enter into closed session; Merri Berlage read the statement below. The Zoom portion of the meeting was suspended for closed session.

- a) *Personnel section 2(c)1 "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity."*
Topics of discussion: Administrator leave

At 12:56 pm board members voted to leave closed session and enter back into open session. Voice roll call was taken; Merri Berlage, Peg Dittmar, Don Hill, Tracy Bauer, Lisa Haas, and Dr. Barbara Kepner were present along with Sandra Schleicher and Marcia Christ.

8. Administrator's Comments – no additional comments.

9. President's Comments – no additional comments

10. Board Member Comments – no additional comments

11. Citizen's Comments – no citizen comments

12. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Via zoom audio call-in only, February 24, 2021 12:00 pm.

13. Adjourn – Members left the audio meeting at 1:05 pm