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**Jo Daviess County Health Department
Board of Health Meeting
Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** Board President Peg Dittmar called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- 2. Roll Call -** Voice roll call was taken:
Members present: Peg Dittmar, Merri Berlage, Don Hill, Hesper Nowatzki (via zoom), Tracy Bauer, Dr. Barbara Kepner, and Tara Redfearn. Not present: Lisa Haas
Staff present: Lori Stangl, Marcia Christ, and Samantha Rojemann
Others Present: Dr. Michael Wampfler
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Minutes from the June 9, 2021 Board of Health Meeting: Merri Berlage motioned to approve the Board of Health Meeting minutes, Dr. Kepner seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.
- 4. Citizens' Comments** – Dr. Michael Wampfler addressed board members with information he had regarding reported deaths post COVID vaccine, and expressed his concerns with some of the State of Illinois incentives and federal assistance that are being offered.
All information submitted during citizens' comments is kept on file at the Health Department
- 5. Financial Reports – Public Health fund 003, PH Catastrophic Fund 046, and Animal Control fund 020:** May 2021 budget comparison financial reports were presented for review and discussion.
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Discussion regarding Health Department Employee Handbook**
Merri Berlage motioned to hold off on the County Handbook until Sandra Schleicher, PH Administrator, had a chance to see what will affect the Health Department, including concerns of the compensation plan and any other issues board members may find.
 - b. Discussion and possible action regarding COVID Grant in-kind contribution amendment**
This Agenda Item will be moved to the next scheduled Board of Health meeting.

7. New Business: No new business for discussion at this time

8. Administrator's Comments:

- Lori Stangl gave vaccination updates, county needs, and where vaccines are available. Lori also reviewed the number and percentages of those vaccinated within the different age groups, noting that we are the highest in the state of Illinois for coverage and are equipped in our plan to offer clinics if needed.
- She is currently working on Communicable Disease Surveillance.
- Asked members to get the word out to check for ticks; that they are seeing a rise in Lyme Disease
- Stated that the number of immunizations are increasing and discussed the CHIP vaccines.
- Stated that Brian Potter has been hired as an EH Inspector and along with Samantha Rojemann, will begin training in Environmental Health upon the return of Sandra Schleicher.

9. President's Comments: Peg stated she wanted to continue offering Zoom as an option as long as it is allowed in order to make it more convenient for members to attend the Board of Health meetings.

10. Board Member Comments: Don Hill inquired as to where a Rapid COVID test would be available and if that would be something the Health Department would be able to offer. Lori stated that the Rapid PCR would require equipment and would be very costly. Tracy Bauer stated that the Rapid COVID test has been available at Midwest Medical Center for the cost of around \$150.00.

11. Citizen's Comments – Dr. Michael Wampfler expressed in his opinion that people need to be made more aware of and that information is not being shared regarding the risks of the vaccine, the number of deaths reported, MD vaccination recommendations, and where the responsibility would fall.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: August 4, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn: Don Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Tracy Bauer. All members in favor, the motion carried.