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**Jo Daviess County Health Department
Board of Health Meeting
Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 7:00 pm**

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** Board President Peg Dittmar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call -** Voice roll call was taken:
Members present: Peg Dittmar, Merri Berlage, Don Hill, Tracy Bauer, Lisa Haas, and Tara Redfearn. Not present: Dr. Barbara Kepner and Hesper Nowatzki.
Staff present: Sandra Schleicher, Lori Stangl, and Marcia Christ
Others Present: Dr. Michael Wampfler and Brandon Behlke (via zoom)
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Minutes from the August 4, 2021 Board of Health Meeting: Merri Berlage motioned to approve the Board of Health Meeting minutes, Tracy Bauer seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.
- 4. Citizens' Comments** – Dr. Michael Wampfler addressed board members with information regarding the Critical Care Alliance Group; asking board members to please review their weekly updates and share what's working with the community.
- 5. Financial Reports – Public Health fund 003, PH Catastrophic Fund 046, and Animal Control fund 020:** August 2021 budget comparison financial reports were presented for review and discussion. There were no further questions or concerns.
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Update on Covid-19** – Lori Stangl stated that there were 103 cases since the last August 4th meeting; 15 of which were fully vaccinated, and six were hospitalized. Lori reviewed the number of vaccines administered at clinics hosted by the state throughout the county during the month of August, stating the state will also be holding clinics at the Galena, River Ridge, Warren, and East Dubuque High Schools through the month of September. Board members discussed possible ways of marketing or communicating clinic information to the public, as well as other testing options and availability.
- 7. New Business**
 - a. **Discussion and possible action on agreement with Midwest Medical Center**

Board members were presented a draft of an agreement with Midwest Medical Center for Covid-19 vaccination clinics. Sandra stated that in the event that a full scale vaccination clinic would be needed, an agreement would then be in place in order to provide the necessary resources to administer a booster efficiently and safely.

Board members discussed how the clinics would be staffed; the use of volunteers, and the availability of additional help if needed. Merri Berlage recommended reaching out and extending the agreement to Medical Associates and FHN as well, and to consider offering clinics at other centrally located facilities in order to be fair to all county residents. Merri noted too she would like to see a total limit of \$20,000 be put on the agreement. Lori Stangl stated that she did reach out to other entities to discuss a plan; that Midwest Medical Center was considered due to the size and use of the facility at no charge, and that Midwest also had a safety net if there was a reaction to the vaccine and emergency services were needed.

Don Hill then recommended that in order to be fair they consider making the agreement more generic and not specify a certain entity. The entity would then need to submit a claim to Sandra for payment for services of additional staff.

Following discussion of recommended change; Merri Berlage motioned to accept the staffing of clinics agreement as currently amended, Don Hill seconded the motion. All in favor: Peg Dittmar, Merri Berlage, Don Hill, and Lisa Haas. Tracy Bauer and Tara Redfearn abstained from voting. The motion carried.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding Environmental Health job

descriptions – Sandra discussed with board members Environmental Health employee job titles and responsibilities, looking for recommendations related to their current job descriptions and possible changes needed. No action taken at this time.

c. Staff updates – Sandra stated there were Interviews for two qualified candidates this week for the Animal Control Officer position. She mentioned also that Marcia Christ will be retiring after almost 15 years, the middle of October.

8. Administrator's Comments: Sandra stated that both the PHEP and Health Protection Grants have been submitted, and FY2022 Budgets have been sent through to the Joint Committee. Sandra mentioned also that IT is still working on completing installation of the new phone system. She reviewed updates of the Illinois new mandates; discussing vaccination clinics and the testing process in the schools.

9. President's Comments: No additional comments

10. Board Member Comments: Don Hill asked Lori for clarification on the upcoming boosters and the process of verifying previous vaccines.

11. Citizen's Comments: Dr. Wampfler asked for consideration of the MD variance discussion, as well as hospital protocols and updates.

12. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: October 6, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn: Merri Berlage made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Lisa Haas. All members in favor, the motion carried.