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**Jo Daviess County Health Department Board of Health Meeting
Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 @ 7:00 pm**

- 1. Call to Order** – Board President Merri Berlage called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2. Roll Call** – Voice roll call was taken – members present: Don Hill, Violet Naese, Merri Berlage, Lisa Haas, Dr. Barb Kepner and John Creighton via Zoom. Staff present: Sandra Schleicher. Members absent: Peg Dittmar, Tara Redfearn and Tracy Bauer.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. A motion was made by Lisa Haas to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2024, Board of Health Meeting; second by Don Hill. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- 4. Citizens' Comments** – None.
- 5. Financial Reports** – Public Health Fund 003 and Animal Control Fund 020 – Budget comparisons through August 31, 2024, were presented for review. Sandra Schleicher stated that these numbers reflect 75 percent of the fiscal year. Public Health is waiting on one more property tax deposit and is at 49 percent for expenditures. Animal Control is currently at 88 percent in revenue for rabies tags and 65 percent for expenditures.
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Review proposed FY 25 budgets – The Public Health and Animal Control budgets were reviewed after incorporating the changes approved at the last meeting. The health insurance line increased due to county board approval of the HSA contribution. The Respiratory surveillance grant for \$140,000 and the SIPA grant funds were added to public health budget revenue. All budgets are moving through the County Board approval process and budget workshops will be starting soon.
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding using DACRA system – The DACRA Municipal Enforcement System is currently being utilized by several municipalities in the County and is managed by the Village of Warren. After discussion, Violet Naese made a motion to check into the DACRA system further for the next meeting; Dr. Kepner second the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- 8. Administrator's Comments** – An MRC grant was recently awarded for \$5000 to purchase tick removal kits. The ARC has requested nursing services once a month or as needed. Lori Stangl is working on a blood pressure monitoring plan. There is an Overdose Prevention training on October 16 here in the Conference Room. Sandra plans on attending a food code training. The County Board created a Mental Health Committee and Sandra will be a member.
- 9. President's Comments** – Merri accepted Tara Redfearn's resignation with regret.
- 10. Board Member Comments** – Dr. Kepner would like to see more advertising for Rosecrance.
- 11. Citizens' Comments** – None.
- 12. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:** December 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- 13. Adjourn** – Dr. Kepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Lisa Haas. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.