MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2008
PLACE: Rock Island County Health Department
2112 25th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

MEMBERS
William Herath, DVM, President

PRESENT:
Jeffrey N. Maurus, MD, MPH, Vice President
Ken Maranda, County Board Representative
Leon Gibson
Peter Metcalf, MD
Dick Stoltz
Lucy Terronez

MEMBERS
Jerry Janecke

ABSENT:
Casey Kenney, DMD, Secretary
Naomi Nelson, RN
Diana Polk

STAFF
Wendy S. Trute, Public Health Administrator

PRESENT:
Linda L. Roberts, Director, Human Resources
Phillip Gehrmann, Director, Systems and Finance

President Herath called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

MOTION
The minutes of the June Board of Health meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Stoltz, second by Mr. Maranda. Motion carried.

MOTION
The financial report was approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Dr. Maurus. Motion carried.

MOTION
The department currently has eight lease cars whose leases will be up in October. We are requesting to go out for bids on eight new lease cars. After a brief discussion on E85’s, hybrid vehicles and purchasing the cars, Dr. Metcalf made a motion to seek bids for the eight leased cars, second by Dr. Maurus. Motion carried.

MOTION
Dr. Metcalf made a motion to transfer $2,000 from the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Women’s Health Week Sponsorship Grant into the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program’s Health Department fund, second by Mr. Maranda. Motion carried.
The service delivery reports were approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Ms. Terronez. Motion carried.

Mr. Gehrmann presented the FY09 budget to the members for their approval. This information was presented to the finance committee of the Board of Health late last month. Their recommendation was to present the deficit budget to the County showing them the desperate need for the department to have a raise in our levy tax rate. We have spent down the department’s fund balance and are currently borrowing monies from the County to meet payroll. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Metcalf made a motion to support the budget as currently presented, second by Dr. Maurus. Motion carried.

The department is working closely with the County’s Emergency Operations Center regarding the flooding on the Rock and Mississippi Rivers on health related issues, i.e., tetanus vaccine, safe drinking water/well testing, health referrals, damage assessments, safe clean-up and larvicide distribution.

Rock Island County has two cases of Salmonella Saint Paul, we are working aggressively to investigate these two cases with a connection to a local restaurant.

The Health Department is working with the media to alley fears related to vaccines and adverse reactions. Genesis Health Systems suspended vaccinations after a four month old child, who had been given childhood immunizations earlier in the day, died that evening. An autopsy was performed but could take several months before all toxicology reports are in. We may never know the reason the child died.

Mr. Maranda made a motion to approve the administrator’s report, second by Dr. Metcalf. Motion carried.

Ms. Roberts reported that Rita Wildman, RN, retired after 21 years of service; the department also had a resignation from our Vision and Hearing Program, Linda Schroeder; and, we have hired two nurses, Carolyn Reese, LPN, at $11.35/hr, and Dee McFadden, RN, $13.96/hr. for our Women’s Health Programs. Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the human resource report, second by Dr. Metcalf. Motion carried.

The claims were approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Ms. Terronez. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Kenney, DMD, by
Linda L. Roberts, PHR