MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 4, 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
Naomi Nelson, RN
Dick Stoltz
Lucy Terronez

MEMBERS
Jerry Janecke

ABSENT:
Diana Polk
Casey Kenney, DMD, Secretary

STAFF
Wendy S. Trute, Public Health Administrator

PRESENT:
Linda L. Roberts, Director, Human Resources
Phillip Gehrmann, Director, Systems and Finance
Theresa Foes, Director of Health Promotion/Assist. Admin.

President Herath called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION
The minutes of the August 7th Board of Health meeting were approved
with a motion by Mr. Maranda, second by Ms. Terronez. Motion
carried.

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

MOTION
A motion to approve a resolution from the Illinois Department of
Public Health for $2,500 for HIV peer counselors was made by Dr.
Metcalf, second by Mr. Maranda. Motion carried.

MOTION
A motion to approve a resolution from the Illinois Department of
Public Health for $4,500 to Choosy Kids (a nutrition, physical activity
and obesity program) was made by Dr. Metcalf, second by Mr. Stoltz.
Motion carried.
The service delivery report was approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Dr. Metcalf. Motion carried. Ms. Trute informed the members that we have had no positive mosquitoes, birds or human cases of West Nile.

The Health Department has received our flu vaccine and will begin our flu clinics next month. All Board of Health members may receive their immunizations at the next meeting October 2nd. The cost for the public will be $25, the same as last year.

The Health Department had its budget hearing on Wednesday, August 27th. The department had requested $875,000 from the department’s levy. After a brief presentation with one or two questions from the budget committee, the committee approved a 4% increase from the levy giving us approximately a $300,000 shortfall.

The Health Department had presented a deficit budget for the last three years with the guarantee that once we spent our unencumbered funds we would then be allowed to have an increase from the levy.

Ms. Trute told the members of the rabies vaccine shortage. The vaccine is being highly regulated. We have had seven bats to test and two have been positive. Individuals need to meet certain criteria in order for them to receive the vaccine.

The Administrator’s report was approved with a motion by Ms. Terronez, second by Ms. Nelson. Motion carried.

Dr. Metcalf made a motion to approve the Human Resource report, second by Mr. Maranda. Motion carried. Ms. Roberts reported the hiring of a new Vision and Hearing Technician, Merrillee Gilbert, at $10.70/hr.

The claims were approved with a motion by Ms. Nelson, second by Ms. Terronez. Motion carried.

Dr. Metcalf made a motion to go into closed session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) second by Mr. Maranda. Roll call taken: Maranda: yes; Maurus: yes; Metcalf: yes; Terronez: yes; Gibson: yes; Stoltz: yes; Nelson: yes; and Herath: yes. Meeting was closed at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:45 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Dr. Metcalf. Motion carried.

Mr. Stoltz summarized the consensus of the Board Members was to take our original budget back to the County and approach them again asking...
for the $875,000. Mr. Maranda is in a position to take the decision of the members back to the County and request them to reconsider their decision.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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