MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

TIME: 5:30 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2009
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
Casey Kenney, DMD, Secretary
Kenneth Maranda, County Board Representative
Leon Gibson
Jerry Janecke
Naomi Nelson, RN
Peter Metcalf, MD
Diana Polk
Dick Stoltz

MEMBERS
Lucy Terronez

ABSENT:

STAFF
Wendy S. Trute, Public Health Administrator
PRESENT: Linda L. Roberts, Director, Human Resources
Theresa Foes, Director/Assistant Administrator
Phillip Gehrmann, Director, Systems and Finance

Dr. Herath called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION The minutes of the regular December Board of Health minutes and the Special
meeting minutes of December 12, 2008 were approved with a motion by Mr.
Janecke, second by Mr. Maranda. Motion carried.

MOTION The financial report was approved with a motion by Mr. Gibson, second by
Ms. Nelson. Motion carried. The State is slow with monies owed to the
department but we hope to recoup some of the money to be place in the old
fiscal year.

MOTION A resolution for $105,253 (for available funds from the Long Acting Reversible
Contraceptive Grant (LARC)) to place in the Health Department’s fund #115
was presented to the members. This grant was offered to the Health
Department because of the effort of Dr. Maurus. Dr. Maurus made a motion
to approve the resolution, second by Dr. Metcalf. Motion carried. The
members thanked Dr. Maurus for his efforts on behalf of the health department and the County’s citizens.

MOTION

The service delivery reports were approved with a motion by Ms. Nelson, second by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried. Ms. Trute reported the flu shots are still available and it is not too late to get one to prevent the flu. The Infectious Disease department held 32 outside clinics and six clinics held at the health department.

The negotiation team will meet our legal counsel on Tuesday, January 13th at 3:00 p.m. and will hold a negotiation meeting with the Union on Wednesday, January 14th.

Phillip Gehrmann, Director of Systems and Finance, and Barbara Hendricksen, Supervisor of Grants Management met with Mr. Rockwell, Finance Chairman for the County. The County feels they are giving us a generous amount of property taxes presently. They feel that 10% – 15% is an adequate amount to cover their required programs. The County feels they should not spend any monies on State or Federal Grants. The department needs to review the programs offered and make the necessary changes to come in with a balanced budget. There will be no “sacred cows”. Most of the Health Department programs required some sort of in-kind match in order to operate.

The County would like a plan from the Health Department of fix our current financial problems. This plan should show how we are going to increase reviews or cut line items.

Dr. Metcalf asked if those programs that are having financial problems could be offered to our citizens until the monies run out. Mr. Gehrmann responded that under the contracts with the State that would not be possible.

The Health Department should not come to the next budget meeting and ask for any more funding to operate the department.

In the State of Illinois, Rock Island County is one of the lowest in monies received from their County. Scott County in Iowa receives approximately 57% of their funding from their County.

With the economy the way it is, now is not the time to cut any of the Health Department’s programs. The citizens of Rock Island County will be needing the department’s services now more than ever. Community Health Care (CHC) is considered a safety net from our clients who often complain there is over a two-month wait for an appointment. CHC is a federally funded operation.
The Budget Committee of the Board of Health will meet in the near future to again review all the line items of the various departments to see where cuts or savings can be realized. The Budget Committee includes Mr. Gibson, Mr. Janecke, Dr. Metcalf, Ms. Polk, Ms. Terronez, and Mr. Stoltz.

We can only prepare for the worst and hope for the best in resolving our current budgetary problems.

Ms. Trute reported that we had a Department of Human Services (DHS) review and the only finding was the state of our fiscal health. The auditor from DHS complimented Mr. Gehrmann on his ability to send electronically many of the documents ahead of time saving on the time the auditor actually had to spend in our building.

WIC at the CHC Moline office is moving to a new location this month.

Ms. Foes reported on the upcoming emergency preparedness activities, which will include a drop site exercise; a pan flu essential services exercise in Macomb; Moline schools are planning an exercise; and, locally, officials are forming an Incident management team.

**MOTION** Dr. Metcalf made a motion to approve the Administrator’s report, second by Ms. Nelson. Motion carried.

**MOTION** The human resource report was approved with a motion by Dr. Metcalf, second by Ms. Polk. Motion carried. Ms. Roberts announced the thirty-third anniversary of Paul Guse, Environmental Health Director.

**MOTION** The claims for the month were approved with a motion by Mr. Maranda, second by Ms. Polk. Motion carried.

**MOTION** Dr. Maurus made a motion to go into close session under ILCS 5 120/2 (c) 2, negotiations, second by Mr. Stoltz. Unanimous roll call vote was taken. Meeting closed at 6:15 p.m.

**MOTION** The meeting was opened to the public at 6:27 p.m. with a motion by Dr. Metcalf, second by Mr. Janecke. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Kenney, DMD, Secretary, by
Linda L. Roberts, PHR

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