

**VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
July 16, 2019
6:00 PM**

Present: Dr. Wes Bieritz, Dr. Jane Cooney, Carla DeAngelis, Brad Gross, Bob Jones, Marla Mackiewicz and Paulina Padjen.

Absent: Dr. Karen Broaders, Molly Nicholson and Connie Ostrander.

Meeting was called to order by President Carla DeAngelis at 6:03 PM.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Bob Jones
Second: Brad Gross
Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Wright was present to express concerns about raw sewage on a rental property next to his property in Bismarck, IL. He has been working closely with VCHD staff and has appreciated the guidance they have given him.

Dr. Holly Maes, our Medical Director, presented the Board with the County Rankings report. She wanted to point out to the Board the areas where we exceed the norm – excessive drinking, uninsured, and mental health providers. These are serious issues within our community and are just some of the reasons that we are ranked 102 in the Illinois county health rankings.

Statistics show that only 31% of the County population gets their flu vaccine. Perhaps the individuals do not know that the flu can be fatal. There is still the myth that flu vaccine is a live vaccine and it will give you the flu.

STD's are also rampant. Vermilion County's numbers are 20% higher than the average for the State of Illinois.

The unemployment rate is up within the County as is the crime rate possibly due to the poverty level within the county.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of recipients of the flu vaccine within the County and how to increase those numbers.

Dr. Bieritz mentioned that our Health Educator, Julie Fruhling has made some progress within the community by visiting different manufacturing plants and other facilities within Vermilion County. Hopefully she is making an impact and that will improve our numbers for flu the other areas.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 minutes as presented.

Motion: Dr. Wes Bieritz
Second: Brad Gross
Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the executive session for June 18, 2019 as presented.

Motion: Brad Gross
Second: Dr. Wes Bieritz
Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Status

Financials presented reflect the Health Department amounts from the County accounting system through June 30, 2019.

A motion was made to approve the financial statements through June 30, 2019 as presented.

Motion: Bob Jones
Second: Dr. Wes Bieritz
Motion carried as follows:

Dr. Wes Bieritz	Yes
Dr. Jane Cooney	Yes
Carla DeAngelis	Yes
Brad Gross	Yes
Bob Jones	Yes
Marla Mackiewicz	Yes
Paulina Padjen	Yes

State and federal grants have been coming in as expected. In fact, we have been awarded an additional \$33,000 for our Health Protection grant and have been approved to spend this additional funding on vaccine.

The County is finalizing an agreement with CliftonLarsenAllan, LLP to complete our 2018 independent audit. They hope to have it completed by the end of October 2019. Doug and Donna are still concerned as to what impact this will have on the Health Department for funding for FY 2020. The County will write letters and have the local legislators contact Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Health and Human Services to hopefully lessen the negative impact of not having our audit completed in the time frame required by the State of Illinois.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Health is very busy this summer with the new food code and the festivals and events. The festival for Balloons over Vermilion County was the largest to date for

food vendors. We are still seeking an inspector in this department. Interviews have begun.

Emergency Preparedness is planning an exercise in April 2020. It will be a pill-dispensing exercise held at the Health Department. We have the hospital and many local agencies participating in the exercise. As the time approaches, the Board will be updated. We, also, will be starting out IPLAN process this fall. Surveys will be distributed and gathered for some residences to get their input on the needs within the community. The IPLAN assessment is now being done every three years instead of every 5. We are required to submit the IPLAN in order to retain the designation as a Local Health Department.

Immunizations Department has been very busy. Once again we participated in the District 118 back to school enrollment. It was not as successful this year as last year but still had a steady flow of children for those three days.

The Immunizations Department has been busy with back to school requirements.

WIC lost another clerk on July 10th. She had been employed since March 8th. So we are in search of a new clerk. The other clerk has only been employed since May. Doug informed the Board that the WIC program hopes to be distributing the EBT cards by October of 2020.

Since Dr. Holly Maes has agreed to be our Medical Director, we have a vacancy on the Board. It has been suggested that we contact Dr. Tazudeen to fill that vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Doug Toole presented the information for an increase in a couple of fees for Environmental Health.

We are proposing the increasing the Plan Review for new construction from \$250 to \$350. This fee pays for the time and other expenses for an inspector to review and evaluate new construction on a food establishment.

Since we are having repeat offenders for re-check, we are proposing that once an establishment has been cited for a problem and the problem has not been resolved prior to the follow-up inspection, the second fee for the same problem will not be the initial \$25 but an increase progressively (such as \$50 for the second, \$75 for the third, etc.)

Discussion ensued regarding the increase in the Plan Review and re-check fees.

Items of Information:

The Health Department has had no site reviews, evaluations, audits or certifications.

The next Board of Health meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Health Department. Normally we don't have a meeting in August but this year we will need one in order to review and pass the budget.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Dr. Wes Bieritz

Second: Brad Gross

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna J. Dunham
Recording Secretary



Bob Jones
Secretary, Board of Health