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BOND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Meeting

April 22, 2024

Those physically in attendance:

Members:

M. McCullough, Board of Health President
T. Hall
K. Hamilton
J. Kirkham
E. Korte
D. Lippert
A. Oestreich

Others:

S. Eifert, Administrator
R. Dothager, Dental Services
P. Feazel, Finance
M. Helmkamp, Clinical Services
O. Mansfield, Receptionist (PRN)/Greenville
University Student
M. Rensing, Healthy Families
B. Strieker, Compliance & Human Resources

Those in attendance via Zoom:

J. Rehkemper

Others:

Members Absent:

C. Ackerman
R. Nehrt
P. Siefken

Board of Health President M. McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Hearing from the public

There were no community members in attendance.

Minutes of March 25, 2024

A copy of the minutes from the Board of Health's previous meeting held on March 25, 2024 were provided to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by J. Kirkham to approve the minutes as provided. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hall and unanimously passed.

Administrator's Report

Bond County Health Department Administrator S. Eifert indicated an application has been submitted for the Respiratory Surveillance and Outbreak Response grant. If received, the grant funds would offset costs involved in the prevention as well as response to respiratory diseases. Extending over 2-years, the grant totals \$140,000.

S. Eifert attended a recent meeting of the Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators. Serving as President for the group, S. Eifert indicated that during their time in Springfield, members met with the Illinois Senate Appropriations Committee regarding Illinois Senate Bill 3301. Senate Bill 3301 was introduced earlier in the year, and if passed, would restore \$5 million of funding to the Department of Public Health and be used to fund local health protection programs. An additional \$5 million is included in the proposed appropriation bringing the total to \$10 million for these programs. S. Eifert noted the group is also supporting Illinois House Bill 4899 that would eliminate fees charged to certified local health departments for the licensure of a home health or hospice program.

With H5N1 bird flu identified in cattle herds of neighboring states, spread of the disease is being monitored with response plans in place. While public health risk continues to be low, crossover to humans is a possibility mostly for those with exposure to infected animals.

Healthy Families Program Update

M. Rensing updated Board of Health members on the Healthy Families program, which serves families with children from birth through the child's early years of development. Serving as Director, M. Rensing indicated the program is accredited through Healthy Families America and is focused on a child's physical health and development, as well as promoting positive parenting and improving a child's social-emotional well-being. Through their home visits, staff is currently serving families in Bond and Montgomery County as well as Highland in Madison County. The possibility of extending services to parts of Clinton County is being reviewed. The current accreditation period for the Healthy Families program extends through May of 2025.

Financial Report/Review of Bills

For the month of March, a cash gain of \$103,918 was realized increasing the overall cash reserves to \$1,623,321. S. Eifert indicated grant monies from the SIPA grant (Strengthening Illinois' Public Health Administration) contributed to this increase.

A list of invoices paid during the month of March was available for Board of Health member review.

A. Oestreich motioned to approve the Financial Report as well as receive and file the invoices for audit. The motion was seconded by D. Lippert and unanimously passed.

Finance Committee members met on April 19, 2024. Committee Chair A. Oestreich indicated during their meeting Finance Committee members reviewed the process of creating a Fund 11. Previously, home health income and expenses were grouped into the Nursing and General Fund, which is Fund 7 and includes several other departments. To provide a more detailed review of home health operations, Board of Health members requested a separate fund for the Home Health department. In creating the new fund, a beginning date of 2019 was used to separate income and expenses from the Nursing and General Fund. Based on the total agency's budget, notation was made on the high percentage of overhead carried by the home health department. Bond County Treasurer C. Camp was present at the Finance Committee meeting along with Bond County Health Department Finance Director P. Feazel to answer any questions.

While at the Finance Committee, Bond County Treasurer, C. Camp overviewed the management of the overall county funds. She noted that while the various department funds are part of the full county's budget, the individual funds are secured separately.

A. Oestreich reported the Finance Committee discussed the availability of graphs to trend revenue, expenses, and cash on hand by department. These are under development and will be available at the Board's May meeting for review.

Board of Health members were updated on reimbursements from Medicare Advantage plans. A. Oestreich indicated while reimbursements from Aetna for home health services are low, Aetna's reimbursements for services within other agency departments is more in line with costs. To not risk jeopardizing other department reimbursements, Aetna has been sent a request to increase

reimbursements for home health services. Bond County Home Health continues to serve current patients carrying the Aetna plan as well as accept new admissions.

Throughout the year, Bond County Health Department honors employees during their respective national recognition days. A. Oestreich reported the Finance Committee members concurred with S. Eifert's recommendation for nurses.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Next Meeting

With Memorial Day occurring on the Board of Health's regular monthly meeting day of the 4th Monday, the May Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, May 20.

Adjourn

At 7:25 p.m., J. Kirkham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Rehkemper and passed unanimously.



T. Hall, D.O.
Secretary