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## BOND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

### Minutes of Meeting

February 24, 2025

#### Those physically in attendance:

##### Members:

M. McCullough, Board of Health President  
C. Bohannon  
T. Hall  
D. Lippert  
R. Nehrt  
A. Oestreich  
J. Rehkemper  
P. Siefken

##### Others:

S. Eifert, Administrator  
R. Dothager, Dental Clinic  
B. Strieker, Compliance/Human Resources

#### Those in attendance via Zoom:

##### Others:

P. Fain, Director of Finance  
B. Goodiel, Home Health/Hospice  
L. McMinn, Disease Intervention

#### Members Absent:

C. Ackerman  
K. Hamilton  
E. Korte

Board of Health President M. McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All attending stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Hearing from the public

There were no comments from the public.

#### Minutes of January 27, 2025 Meeting

Prior to the meeting, members received a copy of the minutes from the Board of Health's last meeting held on January 27, 2025. With no additions or changes, a motion was made by J. Rehkemper to approve the minutes as provided. D. Lippert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Administrator's Report

Following a competitive review process, an announcement was recently made that Administrator S. Eifert was selected as a fellow for the 2025 Illinois Public Health Leadership Institute for Systems Change (PHLISC). Through PHLISC, Bond County will receive tools and guidance to apply practical and actionable system-thinking approaches to complex public health challenges.

S. Eifert indicated Illinois Governor JB Pritzker presented his budget address to stakeholders on February 19. An overall proposed decrease in the fiscal year 2026 budget was indicated. At this time, specific details are unknown. Advocacy efforts will continue at the state and national level to help safeguard advances made in public health programs and services.

The Bond County Health Department's Annual Report for fiscal year 2024 has been completed and was recently sent to Board of Health members. While the report is a State of Illinois requirement for public health departments, the report provides a record of the year's operational and financial details and is also sent to local, regional, and state stakeholders. An electronic version of the annual report will also be available on the Bond County Health Department's website.

Members were provided the Statement of Economic Interest form, which is required annually. Forms will need to be completed by April and can be returned to the Health Department or the Bond County Treasurer's Office.

#### Financial Report

January 2025 financials showed a decrease of \$161,961.71 leaving a cash balance of \$1,586,376.66. S. Eifert indicated the decline was partially due to three payrolls paid out during the month. Services provided in December were also down due to holidays and staff vacations, which resulted in less revenue collected. The cash balance amount is expected to rebound over the coming months.

S. Eifert reported following Board of Health approval, surplus funds have been transferred from the Hospice account to clear out the negative cash balance carried in Home Health.

A motion was made by A. Oestreich to accept the financial report as presented. C. Bohannon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Prior to the Board of Health meeting, Finance Committee members met and reviewed the January 2025 Accounts Payable Ledger. The ledger was also available on the Board of Health's web portal. A motion and second were presented by the Finance Committee for the approval and filing of the invoices as identified in the ledger. The motion passed unanimously with all members present voting in favor.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

Brian Goodiel, Director of Home Health & Hospice was present at the meeting. B. Goodiel presented the quality evaluation report for the two departments, which covered fiscal year 2024. The annual Hospice Service Plan was also presented. Following discussions of the year's activities and upcoming challenges for 2025, a motion was made by D. Lippert to accept the Home Health and Hospice annual reports along with the Hospice Service Plan. The motion was seconded by J. Rehkemper and unanimously passed.

During their recent Finance Committee meeting, A. Oestreich reported account write-offs were reviewed. For quarter 3 of fiscal year 2023, an additional \$731.50 was written off in Home Health than previously approved. In addition, \$38,608.38 was presented as a motion and second from the Finance Committee for account write offs covering quarter 4 of fiscal year 2023, September 1, 2023, through November 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously with all members present voting in favor.

J. Rehkemper updated the Board of Health on operations of the ambulance service in Bond County. Rural Med is the third-party provider of the service with Bond County owning and maintaining the ambulances.

Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m., P. Siefken voted to move into an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by T. Hall and passed unanimously. S. Eifert along with other leadership staff in attendance exited the room. B. Strieker remained in the executive session.

At 8:05 p.m., the Board of Health returned from the executive session. P. Siefken made a motion for the following:

- Acceptance of the annual performance evaluation of Health Department Administrator S. Eifert;
- Authorize a salary market adjustment, which would bring the administrator's annual salary to \$120,000;
- In addition, a merit increase of \$5,000 would be added for a total annual salary of \$125,000; and
- The Bond County Health Department Administrator's position would be included in the same policy for the county elected and appointed officials regarding health insurance coverage and premiums. Currently, the County covers the individual's portion of the medical benefit premium.

The motion was seconded by J. Rehkemper and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Health will be on Monday, March 24, 2025, and begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made by C. Bohannon and seconded by J. Rehkemper to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All members present voted in favor and the motion unanimously passed.



T. Hall, D.O.  
Secretary