



BOND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Meeting

April 28, 2025

Those physically in attendance:

Members:

M. McCullough, Board of Health President
C. Bohannon
K. Hamilton
E. Korte
D. Lippert
R. Nehrt
J. Rehkemper
P. Siefken

Others:

S. Eifert, Administrator
B. Strieker, Compliance/Human Resources
A. Barnhart, Dental Employee
B. Knebel, Dental Employee
C. Seidel, Dental Employee
C. Beckmann, Dental Employee
J. Oglesby, Dental Employee
S. Martin, Dental Employee
K. Rench, Dental Employee

Those in attendance via Zoom:

T. Hall

Others:

P. Fain, Finance
B. Goodiel, Home Health/Hospice
L. McMinn, Disease Intervention
R. Deedrick, Community Member
B. Ulmer, Community Member
Susan ?, Community Member

Members Absent:

C. Ackerman
A. Oestreich

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

Hearing from the Public

With several in attendance not on the Board of Health, all individuals were asked to introduce themselves and indicate their role at the Health Department as applicable. Upon Chairman McCullough's request for any comments from the public, R. Deedrick, community member, expressed concerns about the Board following the requirements of the open meeting act and fiscal practices. R. Deedrick indicated he would be following up with a document request as permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Minutes from February 24, 2025 and March 24, 2025 Meeting

Minutes from the Board of Health's prior meetings held on February 24, 2025, and March 24, 2025, were provided to members prior to the meeting. Following time for review, K. Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes from both meetings. D. Lippert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

With the state's new budget year starting July 1, Bond County Health Department Administrator S. Eifert indicated he is in the process of completing several grant applications, which will cover funding for the next fiscal year. He noted grant funding in several programs for the new fiscal year remains uncertain. Many of the programs funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health receive dollars through federal programs. A temporary restraining order continues to be in place that blocks the recent federal funding cuts to public health programs. The restraining order has been extended while briefings are reviewed that details their negative impact.

A new competitive grant process is in place for family case management services under the Better Birth Outcomes grant. The new grant application is due May 5 with awards to be announced by the end of May.

The Health Department was recently awarded a grant through the HOPE Coalition. The grant will fund emergency preparedness and point of dispensing training for health department staff along with community partners. Opportunities for professional development would also be available through employee attendance at regional, state, and national conferences. Grant dollars will be available in the upcoming fiscal year.

Financial Report

For the month of March, an overall cash gain of \$74,000 was realized over February. Home Health, Dental and Hospice all ended the month with a positive cash flow. Cash on hand as of the end of March was \$1,651,240.

S. Eifert updated the Board on negotiations with Aetna for increased reimbursement in Home Health.

With the Finance Committee unable to hold their March or April committee meetings, approval of the accounts payable ledger for the two months was tabled. S. Eifert indicated the Finance Committee would be meeting to review accounts receivable write-offs for 1st quarter of 2024, and would also review the accounts payable ledgers for February, March, and April. Their recommendation will be brought to the next Board of Health meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

Updates to policies contained in Section 7.0 of the personnel policies manual were reviewed. The updates included clarification on holiday pay for employees on leave of absence. Details were also added regarding payment processes for employees using health department services. Following review, R. Nehrt motioned to approve the changes in Section 7 as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Rehkemper and passed unanimously.

Due to the uncertainty of public health funding in the upcoming fiscal year, the Board of Health tabled the employee tuition reimbursement policy that was presented at the March meeting. As the new budget year unfolds, the policy may be reconsidered for funding.

Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m., E. Korte motioned for the Board of Health to enter Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters. The motion was seconded by D. Lippert and passed. At this time, all attending

community members and employees exited the meeting, except for S. Eifert.

At 7:41 p.m. J. Rehkemper motioned for the Board of Health to return from the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by D. Lippert and passed. There was no additional discussion held, or motions introduced.

Next Meeting

With Memorial Day occurring on the fourth Monday in May, the consensus of members was to move the May Board of Health meeting date to Monday, June 2. The June meeting will also be moved from the fourth Monday of the month to Monday, June 30.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:50 p.m.



T. Hall, D.O.
Secretary