

Stephenson County Board of Health
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2020
Stephenson County Health Department
10 West Linden Street
Freeport, IL 61032

Present: Lynn Miller, Dr. Chad Reedy, Bobbie Yount, Kathy Brenner, Stephen Lafferty, Dr. Robert Geller (phone), Dan Scheider, Shevawn Svehla, and Cindy Lower

Absent: Mark Diddens and Dr. Clarence Parks

Others Present: Craig Beintema and Alicia McShane

Welcome and introductions

Bobbie Yount called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Adoption of agenda

Dan Scheider moved that the agenda be adopted as presented, Stephen Lafferty second and the motion was carried.

Approval of minutes

Dr. Chad Reedy moved that the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting be approved as presented with the removal of Dr. Marie Heimerdinger as absent since she is no longer on the Board, Stephen Lafferty second and the motion carried.

Financial Report

The October and November 2019 financial reports were presented to the Board. Alicia reported on the November financial statement since it was the most recent. Environmental Health fee income as a whole was 28% under budget but Well and Septic was over budget by eight thousand while Food Permits was under budget by 76% since they are due in December. Nursing private pay income was 13% over budget overall which included 120% budget increase in blood draws. All areas in nursing private pay increased over budgeted projections except for family planning fees and STD donations. Grant receivables as a whole was 9% under budget. Other revenues show 34% under budget because of the loss of the City of Freeport Lead contract. Total revenue was 14% under budget for the month. Commodities was 29% under budget as well as contractual services was under budget by 6%. Total expenditures resulted in 10% under budget. The YTD expenses was over by \$174K. The SCHD had 1.69 months of operating capital for the month of November. Alicia also noted a Money Market transfer of \$50,000 that was made in September to General Checking was transferred back in November. Dan Scheider moved that the Finance reports be accepted as presented, Kathy Brenner second, and the motion carried.

President's Report

None

Administrator's Report (Craig Beintema reported)

IDPH novel coronavirus

A Novel Coronavirus was detected in China. So far, only one case was confirmed in the State of Washington. Airport screening of travelers arriving from China and other countries has begun. Hospitals are asking symptomatic patients if they traveled to suspecting countries. This virus is usually in animals but now traveled

from person to person. Dr. Robert Geller stated that the CDC reported a fever may not be a required symptom for this virus. He also stated that the head of NIH does not believe an outbreak will be likely in the USA. Cindy Lower asked how this is treated. Dr. Geller answered treatments or vaccines are not available at this time. Currently this virus has a high mortality rate.

Childhood Blood Lead Levels Update

The 3 year budget was approved for the lead grant with Winnebago County. The grant allows us to examine 30 homes during the grant period or 15 homes for 2 years. The SCHED plans to cross reference with the City of Freeport to make sure homes are not on the list for demolition. This will start in February.

Communicable Disease

Stephenson County has zero death related to E-cigarette/vaping but 2 hospitalizations. 704 Cryptosporidiosis disease, also called cattle contact, cases were reported in Illinois. Illinois as a whole is showing an increase in Hepatitis A. This fecal oral transport is prevalent in restaurant food handlers.

IPlan Assessment

The Stephenson County IPLAN has been approved and certified. The IPLAN is good for 5 years.

Director of Environmental Health

The Director of Environmental Health retired and the Health Department is in the process of recruiting another Environmental Health staff.

Risk Factor Survey

The statewide telephone survey contacted 500 people in every county and asked them various questions regarding health. Craig went over the population and demographics in Stephenson County vs the population questioned. He also went over various statistics including 18% of Stephenson County residents questioned agreed their general health was excellent as well as 30% is believed to be overweight.

Freeport Police Cannabis information guide

The Freeport Police Department created a guide for residents to understand the law regarding cannabis usage. It included the following information; effective January 1, 2020, adult cannabis use is for anyone over the age of 21. They can purchase, possess or use cannabis. No smoking in public places or anywhere you can be seen by others. When transporting cannabis in a vehicle it must be sealed and in a child-resistant container. Purchase limitations include 500 mg of THC edible, 30 grams of plant material, and 5 grams of cannabis concentrate in a specific bag marked and numbered. Anyone will be arrested for driving under the influence of cannabis.

Old Business

None

New Business

HFI Report

Craig Beintema presented an HFI update to the Board. Julia Marynus submitted notice of retirement for July 1, 2020. During this transition, key staff personnel is being trained for replacement. Craig also reported on four success stories that included a client obtaining housing with the help from a Family Support Worker as well as another client reaching out for help after a year of the FSW dropping information about post-partum depression signs during visits. Dr. Chad Reedy motion to approve the report and Dan Scheider second.

2020 Meeting Schedule

Craig Beintema provided an updated schedule for next year's meeting dates. BOH meetings are scheduled to meet on the fourth Thursday of the odd-numbered months; January 23, March 26, May 21, July 23, September 24, and November 10th, 2020.

Future Meeting dates

March 26, May 21, July 23, September 24, and November 10th, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38PM. Dr. Chad Reedy motion to adjourn and Dan Scheider second.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alicia McShane, Fiscal Grants Manager