

**DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
DATE: January 26, 2016**

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Christina Jones, RN, MS, President
Ruth Anne Tobias - Vice President
Celeste Latham – Secretary
Heather Breuer, DMD
Maria Caudillo
Roger Faivre
Ronald Feldmann, MD
Keith Foster, JD
LeAnn Gruber, DVM
Mayuri Morker, MD
Marilyn Stromborg, RN, EdD, JD

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Lux, Public Health Administrator
Annie Tripicchio, Administrative Assistant
Brenda Courtney, Director of Administrative Services
Greg Maurice, Director, Health Protection Division
Cindy Graves, Director, Community Health and Prevention Division
Health Promotion and Emergency Preparedness Division

CALL TO ORDER

The DeKalb County Board of Health meeting of January 26, 2016, was called to order at 7:03 pm by Christina Jones, President.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Christina Jones, President, introduced new Board Members Marilyn Stromborg and Heather Breuer. Each of them provided a general overview of their background and interests which were followed by introductions by the remaining Board of Health members and staff.

MINUTES

Full Board

On a motion by Keith Foster, seconded by Dr. Feldmann, the Board of Health Minutes of the Meeting for November 24, 2015, were approved. Motion carried.

On a motion by Roger Faivre, seconded by LeAnn Gruber, the Executive Session Minutes of the Meeting for November 24, 2015, were approved. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee

On a motion by Marilyn Stromborg, seconded by Celeste Latham, the Personnel Committee Minutes of the Meeting for January 7, 2016, were approved. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

None

RECOGNITION, Community Septic System

Mrs. Lux introduced Bill Nicklas, DeKalb County Long-Term Recovery Corporation (LTRC) President 2015 and Vice President 2016, and Kevin Bunge, DeKalb County Board Member, District 1 and Professional Engineer. Each had a significant role in getting the Fairdale Community Septic System accomplished after the April 9, 2015 tornado.

While most properties had some sort of system, many did not meet current codes due to too little space. The recommendation was for consideration of a community septic system. Mr. Nicklas and Mr. Bunge provided an overview of work they did with residents, the LTRC, Health Department and County staff and private parties to construct a new community septic system. On December 18, 2015, the system was operational. Mrs. Lux presented each with a Certificate of Recognition with appreciation on behalf of the Board of Health. Proper design of septic systems prevents contamination of drinking water.

DIVISION REPORTS

Public Health Administrator - Jane Lux

Mrs. Lux stated that we have begun the work to close out and finalize the Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Statement. The auditors will complete final fieldwork in early April and the Financial Statement will be presented at the May meeting.

Mrs. Lux presented a summary of compensation changes, effective January 1, 2016. Our three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) ended on December 31, 2015. Negotiations for the new CBA will begin in February and salary adjustments are pending bargaining.

Health insurance premiums rose 6 percent over 2015. This was less than the 10 percent estimated increase. The County transitioned to a four-tier premium system in 2015 and has offered a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with Health Savings Account since 2013. The County is also building reserves in their self-funded plan to prepare for increased future costs.

Mrs. Lux stated that the state budget impasse continues with very little communication regarding progress or lack thereof. State funds not yet appropriated due to lack of budget comprise approximately thirty-seven (37) percent of our grant funds and thirteen (13) percent of our total revenue. Thus far, we have been able to reduce impact on operations due to our reserves. However, this cannot continue for the long-term.

Mrs. Lux stated that we received a "We Choose Health" grant in 2012 that was intended to last for four years but funding was eliminated in two years. The grant funded a school health coordinator to do *School Health Index* assessments, work with school wellness teams and coordinate the Coordinated Approach To Child Health (CATCH) Program in elementary schools with the grant. We were able to continue the position at a reduced level with a few private foundation grants. However, without additional funding, we would have had to eliminate the program at the end of this school year. Mrs. Lux was pleased to report

that her proposal to the DeKalb County Community Foundation to continue the program for an additional school year was funded. Our school health programming supports the Foundation's focus on Kindergarten and school readiness.

Mrs. Lux attended a Mental Health Summit facilitated by the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board to address the gaps in mental health. As one gap noted was healthcare enrollment assistance for those leaving the criminal justice system, as well as for those needing mental health services, she submitted a proposal to fund our In-person Counselor to provide enrollment assistance and outreach to target populations. The Community Mental Health Board approved a grant to support a part-time position.

Mrs. Lux attended a Local Health Department- Illinois Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) meeting organized by the Illinois Public Health Association. The purpose of the meeting was to inform MCOs about public health, inform public health about MCOs and to discuss how to move forward on collaboration. There are thirteen different managed care plans. The plans are willing to contract individually with Health Departments so clients may receive services out-of-network.

Mrs. Lux highlighted success with immunizations and provided utilization data for the last four years. The division exceeded goals for 2015 with the assistance of Administrative Division staff for the billing function.

Health Protection – Greg Maurice

Mr. Maurice worked with the Community Health and Prevention Division to investigate a gastrointestinal illness at a long-term care facility. They provided education for staff and residents on prevention and control measures to reduce incidence of illness.

Mr. Maurice stated that staff has drafted a proposal for partnering with the City of DeKalb and Waste Management to conduct an organics recycling pilot project. Mrs. Gibson and Mr. Maurice met with the new Public Works Director, and the pilot project is a topic of discussion with the Solid Waste and Recycling Community Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Lux shared that we recognized Vincent Leonforte, Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner Lead, for his work on septic systems and wells in Fairdale. Mr. Leonforte spent a great deal of time conducting assessments and providing information to residents.

Community Health and Prevention - Cindy Graves

Ms. Graves reported that there was a case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis that was diagnosed.

Surveillance and prevention and control measures for the Mumps outbreak continued through the end of the year. There were 63 cases investigated and 37 were confirmed.

The Emergency Preparedness program has begun planning for a statewide Full Scale Exercise scheduled for June 14-16, 2016.

The Health Department was approached in November to do vision and hearing screening for school age students. This adds approximately another 3,000 students to the 1,400 base of preschool children. We contracted with the schools for these services.

FINANCIAL DATA

Ruth Ann Tobias moved to approve the Financial Statements November and December 2015, seconded by Celeste Latham. Motion carried.

Roger Faivre moved to approve the Claims for December 2015 and January 2016, seconded by Ruth Anne Tobias. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Standing Committees for 2016

Mrs. Lux explained that the Executive Committee represents the officers of the Board of Health and includes Christina Jones, President, Ruth Anne Tobias, Vice President and Celeste Latham, Secretary. Appointments to the other standing committees were as follows: Finance Committee: Roger Faivre, Chair, Dr. LeAnn Gruber and Christina Jones; Bylaws Committee: Keith Foster, Chair and Dr. Heather Breuer; Personnel Committee: Celeste Latham, Chair, Dr. Ronald Feldmann, Christina Jones and Marilyn Stromborg; Nominating Committee: Ruth Anne Tobias, Chair, Maria Caudillo and Dr. Mayuri Morker. Mrs. Lux provided an overview of the committee responsibilities and timeline for annual meetings.

2. Personnel/Search Committee Report

Celeste Latham, Chair, reported that the Personnel/Search Committee had their first meeting on January 6, 2016, and an ad for Public Health Administrator was posted January 13, 2016. She reviewed the timeline for future Committee meetings, including interviews. The Board provided feedback to the Personnel Committee regarding the Certified Public Health Administrator (CPHA) credential.

3. KishHealth System Collaboration

Mrs. Lux stated that she will be inviting Kevin Poorten, CEO of KishHealth System, to attend a Board of Health meeting to discuss collaboration between the Health System and Health Department in light of all the changes in health care. The Board discussed possible questions and topics for discussion.

4. 2016 Meeting Dates

Mrs. Lux reviewed the Board of Health meeting dates for 2016.

Ruth Anne Tobias moved to approve the change of the March 22, 2016 Board of Health Meeting to April 12, 2016, seconded by Celeste Latham. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS

As noted.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Keith Foster, seconded by Celeste Latham, the Board of Health adjourned at 8:46 pm. Motion carried.

Celeste Latham, Secretary
DeKalb County Board of Health