

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 8, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steadman, Emm, Kerber, Moss, Pilcher, Tello and Turley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Powell (available by speaker phone)

STAFF PRESENT: Keller, Anderson, Howe, Mayes, and Voss

CALL TO ORDER: Steadman called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. with no corrections to the agenda.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Paul Swiech, Pantagraph

MINUTES: Steadman requested approval minutes of March 4, 2009

Kerber/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the minutes of March 4, 2009. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA - April 2009

1. Bills to be Paid (February)		
Health Department	112-61	\$277,124.70
Dental Sealant	102-61	21,294.31
WIC	103-61	30,217.13
Preventive Health	105-61	13,722.02
Family Case Mngmnt	106-61	58,630.15
AIDS/CD	107-61	12,520.81

Kerber/Tello moved and seconded the approval for the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Howe reported for the Scott Commission noting that at the March 11th meeting they had prepared an operating budget for the next fiscal year. Howe noted that the budget presented to the Bloomington City Council is substantially below the FY2008-09 level. Howe reported that the Commission worked to assure the budget as submitted did not provide any reductions in services.

5:40 p.m. Powell present by speaker phone.

OLD BUSINESS: Keller reviewed the process involved in filling the position of Director of the McLean County Health Department. The process entailed a management skills inventory, segmented market candidate solicitation, initial resume screening, candidate questionnaire review, and finalist interviews. Keller recognized the ad hoc search committee, comprised of Kerber, Powell, Steadman and Tello for their hard work during the process. Steadman, on behalf of the Board of Health Search Committee, recommended to the full Board that the position of Director of the McLean County Health Department be filled by Walter P. Howe, effective May 25, 2009.

Tello/Kerber moved and seconded the approval of Walter P. Howe to be appointed to the position of Director of the McLean County Health Department. Motion carried.

5:42 Powell disconnected.

Tello thanked Keller for his nearly nineteen years of service to the McLean County Health Department and the legacy of excellence that has been developed during his tenure. Keller thanked the Board for its unwavering support over the years and the lauded the dedication of the staff.

Keller requested approval for the Bloomington and Normal animal control warden and center agreements. Howe explained that the attachment, included with the packet, continues the animal warden and animal control center intergovernmental agreements with both the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal. The Town of Normal's agreements run April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 and the City of Bloomington's agreements cover the period May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. The increases include cost-of-doing business plus increased center costs.

Turley/Moss moved and seconded the approval for the Bloomington and Normal animal control warden and center agreements. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Keller requested approval for the AMENDED GRANT, Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention grant in the amount of \$2,499 extending the department's \$10,000 community-based sexually transmitted disease prevention project through June 30, 2009. The anticipation is that this grant will be renewed for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, subject to appropriation.

Emm/Tello moved and seconded the approval for the AMENDED GRANT, Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention grant. Motion carried.

Keller requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Women's Health Section, Ticket for a Cure grant. The FY10 proposal, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 is for \$28,600 to support breast health social marketing and community education.

Pilcher/Kerber moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Women's Health Section, Ticket for a Cure grant. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Keller distributed copies of the FY10 mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse review books and noted that there will be no program reviews with contracted agencies this year due to the director recruitment process and attention being directed toward an aggregate assessment of resource distribution in light of the psychiatric services system's deficit. Keller will send a document to review in the next couple of weeks. He thanked Donald Voss and Stacy Jackson for compiling the books.

Keller noted at next month's meeting he will ask for approval of the Office of Women's Health, Heart Smart for Teens grant in the amount of \$53,002.

Keller gave an update on the State budget. He noted that the Illinois Department of Public Health and DHS funds remain status quo and discussed the 4.6 billion dollar deficit for Illinois and the plan to reduce the turn around time for Medicaid reimbursement to 30 days. Tello inquired about the situation for next year. Keller indicated that as a condition of receipt of federal economic recovery funds that Illinois will have to demonstrate that payment cycles have been reduced to 30 days.

Keller discussed plans for his retirement party which will be held on May 8th at the US Cellular Coliseum. Attendance is by invitation only.

Keller explained that next month the Western Avenue Community Center contract for interpretation and translation services will be brought to the Board for approval.

Keller reminded Board members to get the economic interest statement filled out and sent in to the County Clerk's Office by May 1st to avoid the penalty.

Keller shared his letter of resignation effective May 22nd, noting that he was proud to be part of such a highly functional health department with dedicated staff. Tello, on behalf of the Board, accepted with reluctance the resignation. Keller noted that he couldn't think of a more rewarding career to have been engaged in.

STAFF REPORTS: Mayes reported for the Personal Health Services Division explaining that all clinics have been heavily used and, according to staff from the WIC program, there is an increase in service demand brought on by increases in births to mothers needing assistance.

Mayes noted that Dr. Hume has agreed to work ½ days on Friday afternoons on a limited basis to help with the adult dental clinic. The first available appointment is April 24th, first appointment with the children's dentist is July 1st and the hygienist is May 4th.

Mayes explained that with the retirement of one of the WIC nurses there are two vacancies for RN's available. Emm questioned if the positions were fulltime. Mayes noted that they were and asked members Emm and Kerber to provide her with information on potential candidates. Turley noted that she would disperse information as well.

Anderson reported for the Environmental Health division that all active food establishments have no smoking placards and all new food permit holders will receive the placards in new food permit packets.

Anderson also noted that geothermal installation application numbers have increased from last year.

The number of proposed food establishments has increased for the first time since September of '08. The six months following September saw an average of 20 proposed food establishments. The number of currently proposed establishments has increased to 30.

The Environmental Health staff will be attending a training program presented by IDPH on interpreting the new food code rules. Staff will begin developing an educational program to educate food establishment operators on the requirements of the new code and how to comply with the changes.

Howe noted that the Administration and Support Division has been working to finalize the electronic payments program for vital records and an adapted version for animal control. Currently, the plan is to begin E-Pay services for vital records May 1st. However, there seems to be other issues with E-Pay and the animal control program that need to be worked out. Both programs are targeting the May 1, 2009 date as the deadline for full operation.

BOARD ISSUES: Steadman presented the 2009 Board of Health Public Health Award to Kim McClintic, a registered dietician with OSF St. Joseph's Medical Center. Ms. McClintic, MS, RD, LDN, was chosen for furthering public health principles, practices, and services in McLean County. She was nominated for educating a variety of audiences in McLean County about nutrition, wellness and disease prevention. Mrs. McClintic has spread her messages through local media and presentations to schools, businesses, community organizations, support groups and conferences. Nominations noted her expertise, passion and "can do" attitude in teaching people the importance of eating and living well.

Mrs. McClintic thanked those who nominated her and her colleagues at St. Joseph's Medical Center. She also thanked God for her gifts and her family who has supported her.

Tello shared that Ms. McClintic spoke at the opening day for District 87 and totally captivated the audience.

ADJOURN: Kerber moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The Public Health Award reception immediately followed in room 323.