

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Powell

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

CALL TO ORDER: Steadman called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., with no corrections to the agenda.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Tom Barr, Director, McLean County Center for Human Services
Greg Cott, McLean County United Way

MINUTES: Steadman requested approval for the minutes of January 7, 2009.

Turley/Tello moved and seconded approval for the minutes of January 7, 2009. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Bills to be Paid – As of December 31, 2008		
Health Department	112-61	\$352,463.55
Dental Sealant	102-61	20,182.36
WIC	103-61	33,368.86
Preventive Health	105-61	10,891.78
Family Case Mngemt	106-61	70,034.23
AIDS/CD Control	107-61	21,604.52

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

5:34 Pilcher arrived

BOARD EDUCATION: Keller invited Tom Barr, director of McLean County Center for Human Services, to speak to the Board about financial constraints impacting psychiatric services.

Mr. Barr thanked Bob for inviting him and Greg Cott from the United Way of McLean County to speak about the situation. In essence, the state changed from grant funding to fee-for-service reimbursement for psychiatric services and the impact has been devastating. Mr. Barr shared that CHS projects a \$259,000 loss for FY09 and in FY10 a loss of \$279,000, noting that CHS is the only agency that provides psychiatric services for medically indigent and the demand is twice what they can provide. Mr. Barr explained that CHS serves those clients that rate an 8, 9, or 10 on a 0 - 10 scale and those are clients who can't afford private psychiatric care. CHS is prepared to absorb the loss this year but can't do it long term and is proposing a cost neutral change in funding from the Health Department Mental Health program and the United Way. Mr Barr indicated that CHS will be seeking \$69,000 in additional revenue from the Health Department and \$100,000 additional support from United Way in order to maintain service levels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Howe reported for the Scott Commission noting that the Commission didn't meet in January due to inclement weather. Howe noted that there has been ongoing discussion concerning the Medicaid Vision program, with Dr. Fitch, an optometrist with offices in Peoria and LaSalle/Peru, who has a mobile eye clinic that deals primarily with IPA clients to consider offering a several catch-up clinics during the year to reduce the backlog of clients waiting to get initial screenings. Currently, the next available appointment is about six weeks. This will not impact the department's operation at all. The Health Department's involvement is three Thursday's per month, which are fully booked, for measurement, frame selection and dispensing.

Steadman inquired how the investments for the Scott Commission were going. Howe replied, as with other portfolios, not well.

OLD BUSINESS: Keller requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, with the National Association of City and County Officials (NACCHO) in the amount of \$5,000 for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Capacity Building grant. Keller mentioned that the \$5,000 covers the training of the volunteers such as CPR.

Kerber/Turley moved and seconded approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, with the National Association of City and County Officials (NACCHO) in the amount of \$5,000 for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Capacity Building grant. Motion carried.

Keller requested approval for the contract with Gary Pearle, DVM, County Veterinarian. Keller noted that with Dr. Brunswick resigning it was decided that the County Veterinarian position should be contractual instead of an employee and he'll be paid \$100/ hour. Howe explained that we have reduced the number of veterinary hours thus changing the way duties are done allowing staff to be more involved in the preparation of the animals.

Tello/Turley moved and seconded the approval of the contract with Gary Pearle, DVM, County Veterinarian at a rate of \$100/hour. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Keller reported that at the March meeting he will be bringing suggestions to the Board concerning streamlining the process for the mental health funding process.

Keller distributed copies of the overview he prepared as the end-of-year message which is a prelude to the 2008 Annual Report, *Headlines and Horizons*.

Keller explained that at the March meeting he will ask for Board approval for the FY09 & FY10 West Nile Virus Protection grant. Keller noted that the state changed the financial distribution formula. The formula takes into consideration the number of positive birds, mosquitos, and humans on a three year rolling average and it is expected that the County will receive about \$33,000.

STAFF REPORTS: Anderson reported for the Environmental Health Division explaining that in the food program will be governed by a new state code. The new regulations incorporate the FDA food codes staying consistent with other states concerning food temperatures and labeling requirements. Staff is planning to offer outreach education for establishment operators, once information is received by the Illinois Department of Public Health, on how to interpret and enforce the new provisions of the code.

Anderson noted that the recent joint investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the ongoing outbreak of illnesses caused by *Salmonella* Typhimurium, identified peanut butter and peanut paste made at a peanut-processing plant in Blakely, Georgia, as sources of the outbreak. The outbreak investigation locally resulted in 91 contacts to grocery stores and 400 products recalled. Tello inquired about the average time spent per contact. Anderson explained that each sanitarian contact was approximately two hours for phone calls including site visits.

Anderson reported that 766 food establishments have information regarding the smoking ban in place.

Howe reported that the Administration division is preparing for the FY2008 compliance audit in early March and staff is working with year-end work papers and verifying fiscal activity.

Howe explained that the Animal Control program is implementing changes associated with revision to the ordinance that went into effect January 1, 2009. New this year; all cats must be vaccinated and registered with McLean County, public safety fines and corresponding collection of Pet Population Control (PPC), working on design of utilization of collected revenues for spay/neuter program for pets adopted from the facility, and all vets have signed the registration/tag agreement and have been issued 2009 tags. Staff has been struggling with the new tiered fee structure which is complex and is somewhat dependent upon pet owner comprehension of the various registration fees.

Mayes reported for the Personal Health Services division noting that clinics have been filled to capacity. The family case management coordinator has been hired and begins February 23rd. There is still a vacancy for a public health nurse.

Mayes noted that the dental clinic continues to be busy, the children's dentist has openings beginning April 21st, the hygienist February 25th, and the adult dentist April 3rd. Staff has been struggling with the no show rate.

BOARD ISSUES: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tello/Kerber moved and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session to review applications for the director's position at 6:32 p.m. The following will stay: Search Committee; Steadman, Kerber, and Tello; staff members Keller; and Voss.

RECONVENE: Tello/Kerber moved and seconded to reconvene the Board meeting at 6:50 p.m. The semi-finalist director applicants were selected to receive further information and a questionnaire to fill out and return to the Search Committee by February 20, 2009.

ADJOURN: Tello moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.