

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 6, 2009

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Pilcher and Powell

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

CALL TO ORDER: Steadman called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., with no corrections to the agenda.

PUBLIC PRESENT:

MINUTES: Steadman requested approval for the minutes of April 8, 2009.

Turley/Emm moved and seconded the approval for the minutes of April 8, 2009. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – March 2009

1. Bills to be Paid

Health Department	112-61	\$303,418.38
Dental Sealant	102-61	28,435.57
WIC	103-61	28,972.80
Prevent Hlth Prgm	105-61	18,382.66
Family Case Mngmt	106-61	66,406.80
AIDS/CD	107-61	14,471.87

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Keller requested approval for the contract renewal with Western Avenue Community Center to provide interpretation and translation services for the department.

Tello/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the contract renewal with Western Avenue Community Center to provide interpretation and translation services. Motion carried.

Keller requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT application with the Office of Women's Health, Heart Smart for Teens, in the amount of \$33,025. The grant runs July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; its primary objective is educating adolescent girls about the risks of cardiovascular disease and teaches the importance of healthy eating and daily physical activity.

Emm/Kerber moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, Office of Women's Health, Heart Smart for Teens. Motion carried.

Keller requested approval of the contract with Jonathan Hume, DDS, to provide dental services on a limited schedule within the department's adult dental clinic helping to fill a backlog as needed. Mayes noted that he helped twice in April.

Moss/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the contract with Jonathan Hume, DDS. Motion carried.

Keller introduced Coverston Anderson to give an update on H1N1 formerly known as swine flu. Keller thanked Coverston Anderson and other staff on doing a great job while he and others were in Chicago at the IPHA conference.

Coverston Anderson noted that staff was first alerted about swine flu on Friday, April 24th. At that time news about suspected swine flu concerns in the U.S., as well as Mexico, were known. By Wednesday, April 29th, unified command was in effect in McLean County, with EMA, EMS, the hospitals and others working on the incident.

Coverston Anderson went over the lessons learned and what the department did well which included keeping others informed such as schools/universities, infection control RNs, and healthcare workers. An activity that proved very beneficial was daily conference calls with other county responders. Some of the problems noted were physicians who were over zealous with writing antiviral prescriptions for non-ill individuals; keeping employees better informed about H1N1 developments; and, IDPH not following protocols or maintaining accurate lists of warehouse drop sites for SNS.

Tello inquired if the department had enough supplies. Coverston Anderson noted that the department was fine, but had only received a small shipment of antivirals and personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile. More is available from the state if needed, and we do not need to return any of the products. Keller explained that the department is provider of last resort.

Kerber mentioned the medication dispensing exercise in which students participated several years ago, and asked if mass dispensing was planned. Coverston Anderson clarified that no mass dispensing of the antivirals will occur.

Steadman inquired about State Farm being involved with the communication. Coverston Anderson explained that in the beginning they were involved in the conference calls with responders. Moss questioned the communication with the police agencies. Keller noted that they were involved. Keller went on to explain about the importance of having a Joint Information Center (JIC), which essentially allows for a process in which information about an incident can be shared between the responding agencies (and their Public Information Officers/PIOs) and where message consistency can be assured. For this H1N1 incident, Bree Davis acted as the PIO and participated in the conference calls so that the PIOs from the other agencies could work toward consistent messaging for staff and the public.

Keller discussed issues surrounding the FY10 Mental Health funding. The primary concern focused on the availability of sufficient psychiatric services in the community and the negative impact brought on by the fee-for-service structure that Tom Barr from McLean County Center for Human Services director presented during the winter. Keller distributed a funding overview detailing four available options designed to maximize service priorities with reasonable levels of tax support. Moss inquired as to the impact of funding reductions. Keller noted that it usually results in a negative impact on service delivery.

Turley requested information about the domestic battery referral program operated by AVERT. Keller explained how the program was designed to be part of a court ordered referral program included as an alternative to incarceration or extensive contact with the court justice system. The program operates with very limited funding from the mental health levy and staff feels it could operate as effectively with court mandated participation cost passed on to the perpetrator. Exact impact on the program cannot be immediately determined.

Steadman made some inquiries about the details of option 4 and requested staff's opinion on the best option to meet the program needs of the community. Keller explained that he felt option 4 could make programming funds available in order of priorities established by the Board and address the emerging shortage of psychiatric services for the community. Turley inquired about the special services program from CHS. Keller noted that the SASS program helps kids in the community with referrals but that the services could be obtained elsewhere. Tello further explained that the program referred children, not for therapy, but shoes, books, etc.

Tello thought that option 4 seemed the best option. Keller explained that this option equally provided for the mentally ill and substance abusers while directing funds to the systems crisis component. Moss expressed concern about cutting some services and the potential back lash that could come from media misinterpreting the re-direction of resources. Keller stated that this possibly exists, but the critical issue at hand is assuring the best possible services system with the resources available. Keller explained that there are other resources in the community to partner for unfunded services. Keller once again noted that crisis

and psychiatric services are of critical importance. Most of the members agreed that option 4 did seem like the best approach at this time of need.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Keller reported that the department recently had a successful audit in the DHS, Family Case Management program that resulted in a 2 year case manager certification for the program.

Keller spoke briefly about the H1N1 virus and the effective response formulated by the Health Department. Keller also thanked the staff that was at the SNS drop site at 12:30 a.m. on May 7th to receive the items from the state. Those included: Howe, Coverston Anderson, Sue Albee, John Hendershott, and Voss. Keller felt that in spite of system errors encountered, the overall local response and coverage was exceptional.

Keller distributed an article he prepared on his parting comments. Keller also stated that he had the privilege of being the director of one of the best local health departments in Illinois and thanked his staff and the Board. He could not think of any career that would have been better than the one he had here.

STAFF REPORTS: Mayes reported for the Personal Health Services division explaining that with Unit 5 changing the requirement to have vaccinations completed when school starts in August, staff is preparing for an extremely busy period between August 1st and the 1st day of school. Clinic staff is working with school personnel and parents to assure students begin to get immunizations as early as possible.

Mayes reported that staff is close to making final offers to several RN's to fill vacancies in both WIC and FCM programs.

Mayes explained that the WIC caseload is currently at 2,807 clients and in April there was a 98% show rate which is very good.

Steadman reported that 140 clients were served at the recent Gary S. Johnson Extraction Clinic. Mayes noted that the children's dentist next available appointment is July 29th, the dental hygienist is June 3rd, and the adult dentist is June 19th. It was again pointed out that Dr. Hume is assisting in reducing the back-log for adult services.

Mayes told the Board that this would also be her last Board meeting. She has decided to take the early retirement offer and her last day will be May 22, 2009.

Anderson reported for the Environmental Health division noting that the Food program has had 20 proposed new establishments since last September of 2008. Last month that number increased to 30 and this month was 38. Three of the new establishments being proposed were Pizza Station, proposed steak house located at former Ned Kelly's site, and a new Avantis.

Anderson noted that next Wednesday, May 13th there will be a new food code interpretation meeting presented by IDPH and the FDA in Bloomington. This will result in the division being able to prepare materials for educating food service establishment operators. Currently, there are no local health departments in Central Illinois enforcing the new food code.

Howe reported that he is currently working closely with the County Administrator's office to implement a transition plan to re-align management duties to best accommodate vacancies created by senior staff members taking advantage of ERI. The reorganization is designed to modify some position titles and reassign responsibility to create a management structure to cover priority areas of the Department without adding positions or increasing overall existing pay grade levels. The reorganization will include the creation of an Asst Administrator/Director of Community Services position, Director of Maternal/Child Health, and a Fiscal Manager to cover day-to-day fiscal activity. Howe plans to present the new design structure at the June Board meeting.

Howe reported that the animal control program is still working with the City of Bloomington on the contract renewal and he was contacted before the meeting that it is likely that they will renew the contract. The Town of Normal is examining their position on animal control service as well. Both major contractors are concerned with diminishing local resources and the impact service contracts have on municipal budgets. Staff expects both contractors will sign continuing agreements by June 30, 2009.

BOARD ISSUES: None

ADJOURN: Moss moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.