

Minutes of the Health Committee

The Health Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 4:30 PM in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairman McIntyre; Members Wendt, Harris, Gordon, Robustelli, and Martin

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: Members Owens, Soeldner, and Schafer

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Amy Brooke, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office; Ms. Jessica Woods, Assistant Civil State's Attorney

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present:

Mr. Walt Howe, Health Department Administrator

Others Present: Ms. Laura Beavers, Mental Health Program Supervisor; Mr. Tom Anderson, Environmental Health Director; Ms. Kim Anderson, Assistant Health Department Administrator; Ms. Cathy Covertson-Anderson, Assistant Director of the Health Department; Ms. Melissa Graven, Communicable Disease Supervisor; Board of Health Members: Ms. Cory Tello, Ms. Jane Turley, Ms. Laurie Wollrab, Ms. Sonja Reece, and Ms. Sally Rudolph; Ms. Angie McLaughlin, Community Healthcare Clinic; Ms. Karen Major, The Baby Fold; Diane Schultz, The Baby Fold

Chairman McIntyre called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM and declared a quorum.

Chairman McIntyre confirmed there were no appearances by members of the public.

Motion by Harris Wendt for approval of the January 4, 2016 minutes.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre introduced Mr. Walt Howe, Ms. Cathy Covertson-Anderson, and Ms. Melissa Graven.

Ms. Covertson-Anderson and Ms. Graven presented "Protecting You and Yours" on the Communicable Disease section of the McLean County Health Department.

The McLean County Health Department protects and serves all of McLean County through detection of communicable disease, case investigations, reporting cases, and following up on cases of communicable disease throughout the County. The McLean County Health Department works in conjunction with the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control, and the Illinois Department of Public Health. What occurs internationally and nationally impacts the health of people in McLean County.

A key section of the mission of the McLean County Health Department is to prevent and control disease through early intervention, health promotion, and health protection and to minimize the adverse impact of diseases.

The McLean County Health Department is delegated authority through the Illinois Administrative Code, Section 690. This details the list of reportable communicable diseases, who is required to report, communicable disease control procedures, guidance for isolation, quarantine and closures. In addition there are other codes and regulations for TB, STDs, and HIV.

The Communicable Disease Program costs approximately \$653,400. The Local Health Protection grant from the State of Illinois covers 8.1% of that amount. Fees for service cover 1.2% of the program cost. Taxes provide 90.7% of the total program cost.

The Communicable Disease Program is staffed by 5 nurses, 1 Health Support Specialist, 1 full-time and one part time Office Support Specialist, and 1 Communicable Disease Supervisor. The first person to have contact with someone is often the Triage Nurse. The Triage Nurse screens the calls, assesses the situation, and educates the public, schools, and health professionals. Other services the program provides are a walk-in STD clinic, STD and HIV appointments and treatment, Men's Clinic, TB screening, pulmonologist clinic, adult immunizations, and access to the Health Support Specialist and nursing staff via website, Google Text, and the Triage Nurse.

In the summer of 2015, the program prepared for, educated, and monitored for Ebola. The program monitored those returning from Ebola endemic countries.

Active TB cases and latent TB cases are followed and treated. It is very important that latent TB cases be treated. Latent TB can become activated at any time. It is easier and less expensive to treat latent TB.

The staff must always be aware of diseases that are on the horizon. Most immediately is the Zika virus. The staff has been actively working on providing information to the community and health care professionals.

Chairman McIntyre asked Mr. Wasson if he had any items to present and opened asked the committee if they had questions for Mr. Wasson. There were no questions.

Ms. Major and Ms. Schultz presented about The Baby Fold. The Baby Fold provides a number of mental health services to clients. They treat about 1,000 children and family

members per year, 100 children through foster care referrals, and 200 children who have been adopted and receive in-home therapy.

The Baby Fold also runs Hammitt School and Hammitt Junior and Senior High. There are 150 students in the Hammitt schools. The students come from a 60 mile radius.

Other services which The Baby Fold provides include school outreach, foster care, specialized foster care, prevention through the Healthy Start Program, and the Residential Treatment Center. The Residential Treatment Center has been downsized from 28 beds to 14 beds.

Member Wendt asked about the funding sources for The Baby Fold.

Ms. Schultz stated that funding comes from the State and local schools and provides approximately a \$16 million. They receive some United Way funds, grants and donations.

Ms. Schultz stated that one of the reasons the Residential Treatment Center has been downsized is cost. There has not been a rate increase for 10 years and the State refused to increase payment. If they had not downsized, the deficit for that one program would have hit one-million.

The Baby Fold is always looking to fill unmet needs in the community. One of the items they are investigating is how can they assist in meeting the need for a "one stop shop" for services to be assessed and for families to come if they are having difficulty with a child. It might also be a place for police to take a child if needed. Typically, children end up in the emergency room since there is nowhere else to take them.

In looking at the two vacant units in the Residential Treatment Center, is there a way to use that space to meet some of those needs and deflect from the emergency room? They envision a partnership with the families in the community and in the schools.

Ms. Angie McLaughlin presented information on the Community Health Clinic. The Community Health Clinic is a non-profit free clinic. Eligibility for clinic services include being a resident of McLean County, not having a third party payer, and having an income that is less than 185% of the federal poverty level (approximately \$20,000 for a single person).

Occasionally, they do make exceptions for those who have private insurance. Typically, these exceptions are those who have bronze level plans where the deductible is cost prohibitive and would mean that those people would not receive primary healthcare.

Overview of the services include primary care, on-site prescription medications, specialty care, diagnostic testing and other hospital services, and holistic case management services. They dispense approximately \$3 million worth of prescriptions each year. Specialty care is typically accessed through 140 specialty providers willing to see Community Health Clinic clients free of charge. (There is a specific need for OBGYN and orthopedics specialists.) Hospitals tend to write off the cost of seeing their clients.

The staff consists of 2 Nurse Practitioners, a pharmacy tech, a drug assistance coordinator, a medical assistant/CAN, a patient care associate/translator, an operations manager, and the executive director. In addition, there are 30-40 volunteer staff, nurses, doctors, and interns.

The Community Health Clinic has a budget of \$560,000. There is no state or federal funding. Funding comes through United Way, individuals and special events, grants, community organizations, some patient donations and local government. In terms of the local government, that comes from Bloomington and Normal who provide grants for the clinic to see township patients.

Currently, there is a \$1.4 million capital expansion project. They are gutting and completely remodeling another building. They will go from 3 to 7 exam rooms, a demonstration kitchen, an orthopedic room, some rooms for education, and space for a dental clinic. The goal is to be in place by August.

Ms. McLaughlin shared about the mobile health project. This is a partnership with Home Sweet Home. An initial exam and medications are done. In addition, Home Sweet Home has a case manager that follows up with the individuals.

Ms. McLaughlin shared about the annual survey the clinic does. The survey found that 89% of the clients report that they can contribute to the community and 100% report that if they did not have the clinic, they would have to go to an emergency department.

Member Wendt asked how the capital expansion is being funded.

Ms. McLaughlin shared that it is from private donations from individuals and businesses.

Member Wendt asked if any other townships besides Bloomington and Normal provide funds.

Ms. McLaughlin shared that Yates Township also provides \$100 annually. No other townships provide funds. She shared that they receive approximately \$17,000 a year from patient donations.

Chairman McIntyre presented bills to be paid totaling \$170,778.60 with a fund total of the same and a bill for the Developmental Disability fund totaling \$59,209.16 with a fund total of the same.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Health Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0102	DENTAL SEALANT GRANT		\$21,489.54	\$21,489.54
0103	HEALTH DEPT. - WIC		\$3,587.66	\$3,587.66
0105	PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM		\$1,038.30	\$1,038.30
0106	FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT		\$11,501.44	\$11,501.44
0107	AIDS/COMM.DISEASE CONTROL		\$1,000.79	\$1,000.79
0112	HEALTH DEPARTMENT		\$132,180.87	\$132,180.87
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			\$170,778.60	\$170,778.60


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Health Committee - Dev. Disability Board

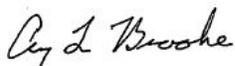
FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0110	PERSONS/DEV.DISABILITY		\$59,209.16	\$59,209.16
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Robustelli/Gordon to approve transfers and bills presented.
Motions carried.

Chairman McIntyre reminded the committee that the next meeting is on Feb. 29th.
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Brooke, MA