

JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

The Jo Daviess County Board of Health held a meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, in the Health Department Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board of Health members present: Jim Lander, Robert Chorak, Dr. Lloyd Callaway, Karen Scheele, Laura Dwinells Duerr, Peg Dittmar and Marge Monteluis, County Board Representative

Board of Health members absent: Elizabeth Blair and Mike Petitgout

Staff members present: Peg Murphy, Matt Calvert and Evelyn Folks

Others Present: Morris Bartot

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of February 13, 2008 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

The February 13, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Dr. Lloyd Callaway and a second by Marge Montelius. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The agency has sent information to Dr. Michael McFadden in the hope that he will join the Board of Health as the second physician.

The agency still has several staff vacancies.

The positions include 1 full-time immunization nurse, 1 full-time HHC nurse and a part-time health aide.

Information regarding the Public Health Performance Standards was distributed to board members. The stipend of \$333.00 provided by the Illinois Association of Boards of Health will be used to reimburse members if they should attend an upcoming meeting or training.

Environmental Health ordinance revisions have been reviewed by the Social and Environmental Committee and will be sent back to the County Board for approval for the second time.

NEW BUSINESS

Program Priorities

The Board of Health established program priorities to include the four required programs (Food, Sewage, Water and Communicable Disease) and others listed as

funds are available. The exception is the Teen Parent Program, which will be dropped at the end of the grant year (June 30, 2008). These clients will still be served through the WIC and Family Case Management Programs. Motion by Dr. Callaway, second by Laura Duerr.

Home Health Care Report

Peg reported that census this week is 40. Home Health Care was just recognized as a "Quarter Century Member" of Illinois Home Care Council. Only 1 in 20 agencies has been in operation for more than 25 years.

Environmental Health Update

Matt Calvert presented well and septic permit numbers to the Board. The numbers are down slightly this year. This is due in part to the weather and economy but also gives the staff more time in other EH programs.

Tobacco Control: 400 Tobacco table-tents have been distributed to restaurants, bars and local industries. Twenty-three calls in just this year have been made to the Illinois Quit-Line. Presentations have been made at 3 county schools to 3rd & 4th graders emphasizing the benefits of not smoking.

Vector Control: Matt has received approval from the EPA for a county-wide tire pick-up. This will be open to all Jo Daviess County residents at no charge. This project will help reduce the mosquito population. No exact date has been set yet. Matt will be offering training sessions (1 hour) to municipalities, townships and the Highway Department on the proper use of larvicides that will be provided by the State. Bird testing for West Nile Virus will begin May 1.

On April 5, we expect 250 radon kits to be distributed at the Stockton Health Fair. Environmental Health will also have a booth at the Earth Day Fest at Turner Hall, Galena, on April 22, 2008.

Emergency Planning

A county-wide table top exercise for school administrators has been scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at the Stockton High School from 8:30 am- 12:30 pm.

The Department will be holding monthly drills using the StarCom radios. All health department staff will have the opportunity to participate.

A Technical Assistance Review (TAR) for Strategic National Stockpile and med dispensing was just conducted by A. Masood Athar, MD, MPH, Regional Supervisor for Disaster Planning and Readiness. This review covered the progress on the required grant objectives, the 3-year plan of projects and goals and the StarCom Radio drills.

Peg Murphy and Denise Seuring are the designated users of the INEDDS (Illinois National Electronic Disease Diagnosis System) software and attended a one day training on Tuberculosis. This disease was just added to the electronic reporting system. (Her retirement party will be on Friday, April 25, at Happy Joes in Galena.)

Staffing Needs

Billie Nolan has submitted her resignation effective April 25. We wish her well in her retirement. Applications are currently being accepted.

Other

A Town Hall Meeting was held at River Ridge School at 6:00 pm on April 2, 2008 regarding underage drinking.

The Youth Wellness Conference will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Highland Community College West in Elizabeth, Illinois. This is offered to county 7th graders. The curriculum is from the County Extension Office and deals with team building and real life situations such as bank accounts, rent, car payments, food and utilities.

A Health Summit will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Highland Community College West in Elizabeth, Illinois. The health department will have a table there and will be conducting cholesterol screenings in conjunction with the Midwest Medical Center Lab. Any fees for these screenings are payable to Midwest Medical Center.

The Board of Health approved an increase for fluoride supplements of \$1.00 per bottle due to rising prices from the supplier. This raises the cost from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Motion to approve the increase was made by Dr. Robert Chorak, second by Peg Dittmar.

The Health Department received the estimate for the new Dell server/hub from Joe Kratcha. It is \$7,747.09. Motion to approve by Marge Montelius, second by Edwin Kuhle. All present were in favor. Motion was approved.

Election of Board of Health Officers will be held at the June meeting.

Next Meeting Date –June 4, 2008

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. made by Marge Montelius, second by Dr. Lloyd Callaway.

Secretary