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LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
January 12, 2015

PRESENT: Board of Health: Dr. Richard Bivin, Roger Bock, Dr. Paul Kasa, Bill Sahs,
Mr. Mike Rohrer, Mrs. Maxine Lolling, Mrs. Jan Schumacher, Dr. Erin Schafer

Logan County Department of Public Health: Don Cavi, Administrator; Kara
Davis Director of Nursing; Katherine Yaple, Director of Finance

Guests: Gena Monica Ruhl, Deanne Mott, Kaysha Simpson

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Member Sahs at 7:03 p.m.
- 2) Introduction of Guests – Gena Monica Ruhl, Deanne Mott and Kaysha Simpson are here to speak about the wind turbines.
- 3) Approval of Meeting Agenda – Member Bock made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented; seconded by Member Lolling. Motion carried.
- 4) Approval of Consent Agenda – A motion was made by Member Bock to approve the Consent Agenda items; seconded by Member Bivin. Motion carried.
- 5) Reports
 - a) Administrative, Health Education, & Dental:
The Administrative Report included:
 - We purchased a new air conditioner for the server room.
 - Reviewed quarantine flow chart with Mallory Sinner.
 - Dental Billing Assistant starts November 18, 2014
 - Emily Hauter is the new ERC. We have combined the ERC and Health Educator positions.
 - Researched wind turbines
 - Currently reviewing clinic procedures
 - The Health Educator Report included:
 - The Illinois Tobacco Free Communities has a billboard at the RT10/RT121 intersection.
 - Emily will be presenting something to the county board to ask that Latham and Scully parks go smoke free in April.
 - The health fair is March 27th and 28th.
 - Emily has applied for the Healthy Planning Coalition Grant.

The Dental Report included:

- Our Dental clinic is booked for the next couple of months.
- We still have a big problem with no shows.
- We are using the donated church funds for dentures, etc.

- b) Finance – Mrs. Yaple reviewed the financials for November and December 2014 included in the board packet. We ended fiscal year 2014 with a deficit of just over \$512,000. Once the audit is complete, this should come down to a deficit of about \$280,000. We ended the first month of fiscal year 2015 with a profit of \$138,297. This will also change when the audit adjustments have been made for FY14.

Home Health receivables were still down due to the amount of ADR's we received and Medicare was recouping their payments of the RAP's for these patients. Hopefully payment will pick back up now that they seem to have recouped all their funds.

Mr. Cavi received an email from Brian Goodwin, the Health Policy Administrator with DCFS, regarding payment for the Healthworks grant. The first quarter payment of \$43,602.51 is coming out of the General Revenue fund, and as in years past, this payment has been delayed for several months. To address the cash-flow burden this causes agencies, they have been given permission to prepare the second quarter payment of \$43,602.51 using Children Services Funds which should mean for a quicker turn around by the Comptroller.

- c) Nursing and Home Health – Mrs. Davis reviewed the Nursing and Home Health report included in the packet. Highlights included:
- There was 1 Latent TB infection – this patient is currently at St. Johns for something else so they are dispersing their medicine
 - The county has had 13 more A strain influenza cases since 12/29/14.
 - We passed the VFC compliance visit.
 - We are installing a new temperature guard to the refrigerator/freezer. This will save us from losing private stock if something happens to the refrigerator.
 - Kara has started ordering 2015 flu vaccine
- d) Emergency Response – The Logan County Safety Committee is participating in IPLAN and is coming up with the 3 organizational capacity focal points. Emily will attend Ebola 3 Tier Training on December 11, 2014.
- e) Environmental Health – Report was included in packet.

6) Old Business

- a) Insurance Billing Update/UPP Technology – Mr. Cavi reported that in early December we signed contracts with Molina, Meridian, Land of Lincoln and Blue Cross Blue Shield. We are waiting on some further information before we sign the rest of the contracts.
- b) Elkhart Sewage – The letter that was sent to the Village of Elkhart on November 26, 2014 was included in the packet. To date, Mr. Cavi has not received a response from them.
- c) Union Negotiations – Mr. Cavi received a letter last week from the union asking for dates when they can meet.

7) New Business

- a) Dr. Kasa (Recognition) – Dr. Kasa is retiring from the Board of Health after 28 years of service. Member Sahs presented a plaque to Dr. Kasa as everyone thanked him for his service.
- b) New Board of Health Members – Dr. Erin Schafer is replacing Dr. Kasa and Jan Schumacher is replacing Dr. Hepler as our appointed County Board Member.
- c) Wind Turbines – Logan County is considering putting a wind farm within the footprint of the Broadwell, Lake Fork and Mount Pulaski communities. Gena Monica Ruhl, Deanne Mott and Kaysha Simpson came to the meeting to speak about this topic.

Mrs. Ruhl defined low frequency noise which is carried out and down from the turbines and fluctuates with the weather. She listed the many health related issues that the wind turbines cause. She passed out board minutes from Brown County, WI regarding their turbines and has testimonies from families affected by these in Brown County. She is a concerned mother and citizen and would like the process to slow down and is asking the board to contact the County board.

Ms. Simpson asked the board to vote this down until we can research the health concerns in depth. Mrs. Mott went over how large the turbines will be and how many homes/families this will affect.

Member Schumacher asked if WI took a stand. They said it was a human health danger to live or work within 6 miles of the turbines. The Supreme Court shut down the turbines in Fallmouth, Massachusetts. Mr. Cavi asked if they have contacted the EPA. Corey Leonard has contacted them. They provide more of a guideline than assistance.

Dr. Schafer and Member Bock both agree that there is a concern and they would like the county to take some more time to research this and put their vote off for a few months. Dr. Bivin has researched the wind turbines and has had a hard time finding evidence to make a clinical judgment either way.

A motion was made by Member Bock to write a letter to the County Board stating that based on research, there currently is little sufficient clinical evidence or data to support the fact that wind turbines cause or contribute to significant health effects; however, recently reported health complaints should be taken into consideration; seconded by Member Bivin. Motion carried.

- d) Administrator Evaluation – Mr. Cavi received an email from the Administrator at the Stark/Henry County Health Department asking what counties have their Board of Health do an evaluation on the Administrator. Mr. Cavi asked that we put together an evaluation system. A motion was made by Member Schumacher that the board will conduct an annual evaluation on the Administrator; seconded by Member Lolling. Motion carried.
- e) Union Negotiations – Went over in old business

- f) Election of Officers –
- Member Bock made a motion to nominate Member Sahs as President; seconded by Member Schumacher. Motion carried.
 - Member Bock made a motion to nominate Member Walker as Vice President; seconded by Member Bivin. Motion carried.
 - Member Bock made a motion to nominate Member Bivin as Secretary/Treasurer; seconded by Member Rohrer. Motion carried.
- g) Press – Included in the packet.
- h) Other - None
- 8) Announcements – Mr. Cavi announced that the Director of Illinois Department of Public Health is stepping down.
- 9) Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Schafer; seconded by Member Bivin. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

William Sahs, President

Katherine Yapple, Recording Secretary