

Minutes
Menard County Board of Health
November 1, 2023 6:15 p.m.

Present: Jeff Fore
Brienne Satorius
Dr. Miller
Dr. Kylea Tibbs-Hnizdo
J.D. Stewart
John Ridley, MHCDS, Director of Public Health
Carol Graham

Excused: David Bagot, R.Ph.
Dianne Markley

Guest: none

I. Call to Order:

Vice-President Brienne Satorius called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting was made by Dr. Kylea Tibbs-Hnizda, seconded by Dr. Miller, passed unanimously.

III. New Director Introduction – John Ridley, MHCDS:

John Ridley gave a brief history of his background and his plans for Public Health in Menard County. He stated he would like to have a bigger presence in Menard County. One way of doing that is he requested of the Sangamon County Board to agree to lift its' Sangamon County residency requirement for employment for the Menard County nurse position to include Menard County residency. The Board agreed. He stated he also hopes to be able to have Public Health participate more in the schools and other places that would benefit from having Public Health services in Menard County. He also mentioned once the Medical Health Van is finished, it will be making visits to Menard County.

IV. Menard Activities:

John mentioned that staff still provides immunizations at the Menard Clinic on Thursdays and restaurants continue to get inspected on a routine basis, more if needed.

V. COVID Update:

John reported there is not much demand for the vaccine at this time and that currently 3% of the population has received the newest COVID vaccine.

VI. Grant Update:

John handed out a document, see attached, that lists all of the grants that Menard County Public Health currently holds and also ones that Sangamon County hold, but use for Menard County services as well.

VII. Medical Mobile Unit – Company Chosen:

John presented the Board information regarding the company that was chosen, Chef Units, to customize the van that was purchased to be used as a Mobile Health Van. They will be installing cabinets, sink, exam table, among other items. Staff will take the Mobile Health Van out into smaller communities to perform physicals, give immunizations and provide other services as needed. The projected completed date is February/March 2024.

VIII. Vote on 2024 Board of Health meeting dates:

A motion to approve the 2024 Menard Board of Health meeting dates was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Jeff Fore, passed unanimously. The dates will be:

February 7, 2024

May 1, 2024

August 7, 2024

November 6, 2024

IV. Unfinished business:

None

IX. New Business:

John Ridley let the Board know that David Bagot would like to still be on the Board, but not be President, due to other commitments. He described the duties of the President of Board of Health. John asked the Board to think about what action they would like to take and it can be discussed at the next Board of Health meeting.

X. Next meeting:

Next scheduled meeting will be February 7, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

XI. Public comment:

None

XII. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Jeff Fore and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carol Graham

Executive Assistant to the Director