

# **LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES**

12/15/2022

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on December 15, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Carretto at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes. Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire arrived at 9:05.

## **AGENDA**

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Gallagher to approve the agenda as written.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Benavides to accept the minutes as written.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

President's Report – LouAnne Carretto

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

After a discussion of the November 2022 bills, a motion was made by Dr. Manigold seconded by Ms. Wilke to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

## REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Welcome to Lisa Rosheck. Lisa has joined our Personal Health Team as a Program Specialist in the WIC program

Welcome to Mary Shannon . Mary has joined our Personal Health Team as a Program Assistant.

Welcome to Tiffany White. Tiffany has joined our Personal Health Team as a Program Assistant.

LCHD still has 4 vacant positions down from 10 in early October.

Congratulations to Lou Ann Carretto who has been reappointed to the Health Board for an additional 2-year term.

Enclosed in your board packet is an update listing of Board of Health members and their updated offices.

Enclosed in your board of health packet is the official notification that LaSalle County Health Department has met all the requirements to be a certified local health department.

Staff participated in WIC calls, to discuss how and when the WIC program will resume in-person services post-Covid. Staff participated in the WIC program assessment.

Staff met with Champaign-Urbana Health Districts to continue to investigate better serving RIM (Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant) populations in LaSalle County.

Staff continue to work with homeless clients to insure they can safely isolate after testing positive for Covid. In November, housing was provided for 14 Covid Positive individuals/dependents.

Staff met with representatives from OSF and St Margaret's of Peru to discuss Healthy LaSalle County (IPLAN).

The County's 2021 fiscal audit was finally approved. We will be updating the financial report on the website.

Staff shared information about World Aids Day, Flu prevention and senior activities on social media.

Staff also posted Tinsel's Holiday Tips on the health departments social media page.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Manigold to go into executive session for appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Benavides to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Gallagher to adjourn the meeting.

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Bruce Boaz  
Secretary  
LaSalle County Board of Health

# **LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES**

1/26/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on January 26, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Carretto at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

## **AGENDA**

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Manigold to approve the agenda as written.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Ms. Wilke to accept the minutes as written.  
Motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Aubrey, County Board member, attended the meeting.

## **REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

President's Report – LouAnne Carretto

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

After a discussion of the December 2022 bills, a motion was made by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Manigold to remove the Treasurer's report of investments from the Board of Health packet. Ms. Carretto -Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes. Mr. Gonzalo, Ms. Wilke, and Dr. Benavides opted to have treasurer's report sent directly to them via email.

## REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Welcome to Kristie Leal. Kristie has joined our Personal Health Team as a Public Health Nurse .

Welcome to Monica Strzalkowski . Monica has joined our Environmental Health Team as an Emergency Response Specialist.

Welcome to Yehonatan Figueroa. Yehonatan has joined our Personal Health Team as a Public Health Nurse.

LCHD still has 1 vacant position down from 10 in early October.

Staff completed their WIC Quality Review. IDPH had some minor corrections that we are addressing in the program.

Congratulations, Leslie Dougherty, for 30 years of service with LaSalle County Health Department.

Our security cameras have been installed. We are still waiting for doors and walls to be installed as the doors are on backorder.

Staff met with Dr. Mia Pho, an infectious Disease doctor from the University of Chicago, and Luke Tomsha, from the Perfectly Flawed Foundation, concerning a grant they are seeking for responding to opioid related infections, such as Hepatitis C, and HIV, in rural areas. Our Department provided a letter of support to be included in their grant application. This was also the first meeting, post-Covid, that was held in our Board room.

Staff continue to work with Carus Chemical, City of Lasalle, LC EMA, US EPA, IL EPA, IDPH, ATSDR and IL Dept of Ag, in response to the January 11<sup>th</sup> fire at Carus Chemical.

We received notification that St. Margaret's – Peru, will temporarily suspend operations on January 28, 2023, due to being unable to staff its ER, ICU, Med- Surg, pediatric, lab, X-Ray and other outpatient appointments will be rescheduled at St. Margaret's in Spring Valley. EMS transfers are effective January 26th. St Margaret's indicated that OB patients are being directed to Ottawa, Morris and Pontiac. Spring Valley is attempting to have their site designated as a Rural Emergency Hospital, but this requires legislators from Springfield, to adopt rules pertaining to Regional Emergency Hospitals.

One of our LaSalle County Schools is participating in an IDPH/SHIELD Wastewater Sample School pilot project. Wastewater from the school will be monitored weekly for Covid-19, and Influenza A. The result will be compared with school completed surveys regarding absenteeism, to determine if/how sample data compares with absenteeism in the school, and to determine if viral loads in wastewater can be used to predict future trends.

Staff met with Champaign-Urbana Health Districts to continue to investigate better serving RIM (refugee, Immigrant and Migrant) populations in LaSalle County.

Staff continue to work with homeless clients to insure they can safely isolate after testing positive for Covid. In December, housing was provided for 8 Covid Positive individuals and dependents.

Staff shared information about January being “Radon Awareness” Month.

Staff shared information about January being “Cervical Cancer Awareness” month, and staff celebrated “Sock it to Cancer”, by wearing Teal socks on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Covid, Flu and respiratory infection prevention information was placed on social media.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the audited Fiscal numbers and have them posted with our FY 21 Annual Report. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

The County has updated our lease agreement. The lease agreement was last updated in February 1995, for \$50,169. That lease agreement was for 18 years, and expired on January 31, 2013. The same amount then continued yearly, without an updated lease agreement. This new agreement runs from January 2023, through November 30, 2028 at a fixed annual rate of \$60,000 per year.

- a. OLD Lease - 8027 SF @ 6.25/sf ft (has been this price as far back as I can find leases (1993)
- b. NEW Lease 8027 @ 7.47/sf ft

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Wilke to accept the lease agreement as presented. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by MS. Gallagher seconded by Dr. Benavides to adjourn the meeting.

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Bruce Boaz  
Secretary  
LaSalle County Board of Health