

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

5/25/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on May 25, 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, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Jensen, County Board Chairman, 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 April 2023 bills, a motion was made by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Dr. Benavides to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Chris congratulated Steve Gonzalo, Dr. Mark Benavides, Bruce Boaz and Dr. Manigold on their reappointment to the Board of Health. We still have an open position which needs to be filled by a licenses physician.

Chris congratulated Sarah Goleman, who will retire from the health department, on June 16, 2023. She has over 13 years of total service to the Health Department.

On April 30th, Chris participated in the monthly IDPH Viral Hepatitis Coalition meeting.

On May 2nd, Chris attended an IAPHA Administrator training on tips for working with political and governmental bodies.

On May 5th, Personal Health Staff attended the Mendota area Cinco de Mayo event, and offered Covid and Monkeypox vaccines. Although no vaccines were given, staff reported that this was a great outreach event in the community.

On May 10th, Chris participated in the Retail Food Workgroup, reviewing proposed updates to the Illinois food code.

On May 11th, staff celebrated the end of the Public Health Emergencies, related to Covid-19, and celebrated "Public Health Hero" day.

Vector season has officially started. Environmental Health Staff have started collecting dead birds, for West Nile Virus surveillance. Staff are also conducting tick drags in the County.

The Department received notification that our RIM grant has been extended until December 2023. The department will be allotted an additional \$3000 to bill to the grant. This grant has allowed staff to participate in educational opportunities related to serving RIM populations, as well as translating our education materials into Spanish.

We, along with several other County Health Departments, decided not to apply for the Smoke-Free Illinois Enforcement Grant. Enforcement of the Smoke Free Illinois Act is still required but we will not be required to do random "sting" like visits to businesses.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has sent letters to property owners, regarding groundwater samples that were taken by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, on March 28, 2023. These samples were taken as part of continued follow-up to previous clean-up activities done in the area of LaSalle Electrical Utility. One sample did show levels of Trichloroethylene (TCE). IDPH has indicated that because the property is not served by a private water well, the concentrations of TCE in the groundwater are not a health hazard.

In the area of Media and Social Media we shared:

- Tick related posts in recognition of May being Lyme Disease awareness month
- Information of bird collection for West Nile Virus
- Food safety tips
- Information on IDPH's Sport Fish consumption advisory
- Information on Heat Safety
- Information on Covid and the end of the Public Health Emergencies related to Covid
- Information on the Food Recall of Gold Medal Flour due to Salmonella

Health Education/Media Report – Leslie Dougherty and Jenny Barrie

Ms. Dougherty's and Ms. Barrie's April 2023 reports on the Health Education highlights are attached to these minutes.

Personal Health Division – Connie Brooks

Ms. Brooks April 2023 report on the Personal Health Division highlights is attached to these minutes.

Environmental Health Division – Jennifer Osborn

Ms. Osborn's April 2023 report on the Environmental Health Division highlights is attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Ms. Wilke to approve the IDHS FY22 Financial Report.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Dr. Manigold to approve to revisions to the Board of Health Bylaws.
Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Wilke to go into executive session for reasons of personnel.

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Wilke to come out of executive session and go back into regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Manigold to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
LaSalle County Board of Health