

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

7/27/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on July 27, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Carretto at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes.

AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Wilke seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the agenda as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Sebby, with Human Performance Project, attended the meeting, sharing information with the Board of Health.

Steve Aubry, County Board member, attended the meeting, stating concerns of the Covid vaccine side effects.

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 June 2023 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, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Chris welcomed Lynette Weidner, a new Public Health Nurse in CD/Immunizations and IBCCP.

Chris updated the Board that the Department is down 5 Public Health Nurses and an Environmental Health Practitioner.

Chris reported that mosquitoes collected in LaSalle, in late June, and then in Utica and Ottawa in mid-July, have tested positive for West Nile Virus. Additionally, a crow collected in LaSalle tested positive for the virus this week.

Chris reported that staff worked with IDPH to investigate an outbreak, of a gastrointestinal illness, at a Long-Term Care Facility.

Chris reported, the Department received notification that funding for the Local Health Protection Grant, has increased to \$275,000. It's unclear whether this is a one-year increase or a long-term increase.

Chris reported that staff have moved out of the LaSalle WIC site. We are still searching for a suitable location in that area. All other offsite WIC offices are temporarily closed due to staffing, and all clients are being seen at the Health Department until we have adequately trained staff to operate in multiple locations at the same time.

Chris reported that in the area of Media and Social Media

- Staff posted information on West Nile Virus Activity in the County and information on mosquito bite and tick bite prevention
- Staff posted information on June 27 being “National HIV Testing” day, and posted information on Summer Food Safety
- Staff posted information on open positions at the Health Department
- Updates on tracking wildfire smoke in your communities
- Food Safety tips
- Sunscreen and Summer sun safety

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed and reviewed department policies. The policies are a compilation of old personal policies as well as new policies that have been enacted since the approval of the staff's contract. The Board will table the new business and review for next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Carretto seconded by Ms. Gallagher to go into executive session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Manigold to come out of executive session and back into regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
LaSalle County Board of Health