

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

8/24/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on August 24, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ms. Gallagher at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes. Dr. Manigold arrived at 9:25.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Benavides to accept the July 27, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Wilke seconded by Dr. Benavides to accept the August 15, 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Jensen, County Board Chairman, attended the meeting.

Kevin Casey, attorney, attended the meeting and wished to address the Board of Health.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – Vice President Ms. Gallagher.

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

After a discussion of the July 2023 bills, a motion was made by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Ms. Pozzi extended a welcome to Lois Davis, LPN, who joins our team as a Public Health Nurse in Communicable disease and Immunizations.

Ms. Pozzi reported West Nile virus continues to be active in our local communities. To date, positive mosquito activity has been reported in 5 communities. The Culex mosquito “loves” the hot, dry conditions we have been experiencing throughout the summer months. Staff were able to utilize grant funds to purchase a limited amount of free larvicide to distribute to property owners on their property.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Date Collected</u>	<u>Animal/Insect</u>
MARSEILLES	06/2/2023	MOSQUITOES
LASALLE	06/27/2023	MOSQUITOES
LASALLE	6/27/2023	MOSQUITOES
UTICA	07/12/2023	MOSQUITOES
OTTAWA	7/21/2023	MOSQUITOES
LASALLE	7/25/2023	CROW
OTTAWA	7/27/2023	MOSQUITOES
OTTAWA	7/27/2023	MOSQUITOES
LASALLE	8/3/2023	MOSQUITOES
PERU	8/9/2023	MOSQUITOES

Ms. Pozzi reported WIC in-person waivers, issued during Covid pandemic, have ended. WIC Clients must be seen in person rather than allow to have phone check-ins.

Ms. Pozzi reported staff recognized “World Breastfeeding” week August 1st through 7th .

Ms. Pozzi reported staff recognized August as “National Immunization” month.

Ms. Pozzi cautioned that while Covid Cases in LaSalle County and Illinois continue to remain low, there is talk of a nationwide upward trend, with the new subvariants. New vaccine is expected in September. IDPH is predicting a possible rough Flu season, based on the Flu season in the southern hemisphere.

Ms. Pozzi reported that staff posted Social Media updates regarding

- Current job opportunities at LCHD
- Back to school food safety
- West Nile Virus, Mosquito and tick safety information
- Information on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (mumps, shingles)
- Updates on OSF clinic sites
- Information on heat advisories and local cooling centers.

Health Education/Media Report – Leslie Dougherty and Jenny Barrie

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

Personal Health Division – Connie Brooks

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

Environmental Health Division – Jennifer Osborn

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

Mr. Lafferty presented an overview of the department’s Vector Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Ms. Wilke seconded by Dr. Maguire to adopt the LaSalle County Health Department Staff Operational Policies.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Dr. Benavides to adopt the FY24 Health Department Annual Budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Benavides to go into executive session for 5 ILCS 120/Section 2©(11): Litigation “when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.”

Motion by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Ms. Wilke to come out of executive session and back into regular session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
LaSalle County Board of Health