

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

10/26/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on October 26, 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, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold- Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Ms. Gallagher to accept September 2023 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – President Ms. Carretto

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

After a discussion of the September 2023 bills, a motion was made by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold- Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Ms. Pozzi extended a welcome to Demetria Collins, who is joining our staff as a Communicable Disease investigator.

Ms. Pozzi extended a welcome to Kelli Kennedy, who is joining our staff as a program Specialist, in the Family Case Management Program.

Ms. Pozzi informed the Board members there is one (1) Public Health Nurse vacancy, and one (1) new Program Assistant vacancy, that opened this month.

Ms. Pozzi reported that staff are in the process of meeting with local cellular carriers, to change our mobile carrier, due to IV Cellular closing next month.

Ms. Pozzi reported that our public Flu clinics have been completed, the Department will continue to offer Flu immunizations on a walk-in basis.

Ms. Pozzi reported that the Department is now offering Moderna 2023 Fall Covid Vaccine. The Department is also participating in the CDC's Bridge Program, for the uninsured.

Ms. Pozzi reported that the Department coordinated with Livingston County Health Department, and offered a drive-through Flu clinic, in the Streator Area. Over 30 vaccinations were administered and staff reported it was a great outreach event for local residents.

Ms. Pozzi reported that on October 14th, staff participated in the "Out of the Darkness" walk, offering flu vaccines and educational information to participants. While no vaccines were administered at the event, staff reported it was a great community outreach event.

Ms. Pozzi reported that on October 18th, staff participated in a Streator YMCA Senior Fair, offering flu immunizations and information on our IBCCP program.

Ms. Pozzi informed the Board that LaSalle County has not yet filed their fiscal audit for FY 2022, and therefore, County departments could be placed on a STOP PAY status. This means that payments, for our grants, could be delayed until the County audit is filed.

Ms. Pozzi reported that in the area of Media and Social media:

- Staff recognized October as being "Breast Cancer Awareness" month, posting information, news releases, and pictures of staff on "Wear Pink" day, on social media.
- Staff recognized that October is 'Domestic Violence Awareness' month.
- Staff posted information on hand hygiene.
- Staff shares Lyme disease awareness information and photos from the seasons last tick drag.
- Staff posted resource links for substance use prevention, for youth and college students.
- Staff posted information regarding the "National Emergency Alert Test" that occurred on October 4, 2023.

Ms. Pozzi reminded the Board that November and December's meetings will be held on the third Thursdays of the month, which are November 16, and December 21, 2023.

Health Education/Media Report – Leslie Dougherty and Jenny Barrie

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

Personal Health Division – Connie Brooks

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

Environmental Health Division – Jennifer Osborn

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

Ms. Dougherty presented an overview of the department's IBCCP Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Maguire to go into executive session, unfinished business, to review pending litigation. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold- Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Ms. Gallagher to come out of executive session.

No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Manigold to go into executive session, new business, for reasons of "5 ILCS C (1): The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees" as that is the allowable reasoning under open meetings act. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold- Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

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

No action taken.

Nominations for the 2024 slate of officers are as follows:

President – Ms. Carretto

Vice President – Ms. Gallagher

Treasurer – Mr. Gonzalo

Secretary – Mr. Boaz

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
LaSalle County Board of Health