

Marion County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Thomas Turner, Keith Kessler, Kendra Taylor, Kyle Clark and Dr. Franczyk.

Others Present: Melissa Mallow, Administrator; Caitlyn Crain, Director of Clinical Services; Terri Adams, Director of Family Services; Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary, Bruce Kropp; WJBD Radio; Charles Guffey, Centralia Sentinel.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Marion County Board of Health met on March 15, 2022 at the Marion County Health Department, Centralia office. Tom Turner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. QUORUM

A quorum of five board members were present.

III. MINUTES

Keith Kessler made a motion to accept the December Quarterly Board of Health meeting minutes as presented; Kyle Clark seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The minutes were approved.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom Turner called for a review of the financial report. Melissa Mallow reported the cash flow balance at the end of the 1st Quarter is \$1,276,040.87.

The revenue for the end of the 1st Quarter is \$558,795.88, or 42% of the total budget.

Expenditures for the end of the 1st Quarter is \$332,582.53, which is 25% of the budget.

Revenue over expenditures is positive \$226,213.35.

Accounts Receivable are \$149,081.34.

FCM owes \$16,596.31

WIC owes \$37,724.25

Emergency Preparedness owes \$11,347.58

Public Aid owes \$1,865.00

Managed Care owes \$9,840.00

Private Insurance owes \$7,560.00
Contact Tracing owes \$32,904.69

Building Improvement Fund balance is: \$115,776.51

Kyle Clark made a motion to accept the financial report; Dr. Franczyk seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The financial report was approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Activities:

1. Environmental Health: Melissa Mallow, Administrator

Job Opening ads have ran twice in the Salem and Centralia newspapers for the new Environmental Health Director. Also ads have been run on Indeed, Belleville News Democrat and the Southern Illinoisan. Only one resume has been received.

Food inspections this quarter were done at Myer's Gaming in Centralia, Barr's Caramels in Sandoval, Iron Saddle in Salem and C-Town Twist in Centralia.

2. Nursing:

a. Caitlyn Crain, Director of Clinical Services

STD Testing Information:

69 STD syphilis and HIV cases have been investigated this quarter.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Services:

There are four current open cases of lead this quarter.

TB Monitoring:

No active TB cases were reported this quarter.

Lab Tests:

174 clients had private labs drawn at the health department and 4 clients had labs drawn through our "Lab Card" agreement.

The health department's phlebotomist resigned in February. Interviews have been held and an offer has been made to a new part-time phlebotomist.

Communicable Diseases:

25 communicable disease reports were investigated this quarter.

FIT Program:

1 FIT test was completed this quarter.

Narcan:

10 boxes were given out this quarter.

Immunizations:

This quarter 96 adult vaccines were administered and 408 pediatric vaccines were administered.

COVID-19

This quarter 356 doses and or COVID-19 boosters were given.

The health department continues to visit the Marion County Jail offering vaccinations and boosters. Also completed homebound vaccinations and boosters.

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters have been moved to a walk-in basis as the requests for vaccinations and boosters have decreased.

Ms. Crain stated in December the health department held a pediatric Pfizer pediatric clinic for ages 5-11. 19 children were vaccinated. Only 5 children returned for their second dose.

Lab Service fee pricing has been uploaded to our website at marioncountyhealthdept.org.

b. Terri Adams; Director of Family Services

WIC Caseload for December was 85%; January 86%; and February 85%.

The physical presence waiver for appointments has been extended until mid-July. Staff has been encouraging clients to come in the office for their WIC appointments, however over the phone appointments are still being offered.

Family Case Management review was at the end of December, which was conducted remotely. There were no findings.

Currently waiting for the Healthworks new system to go live. Also Cornerstone (Family Case Management system) will be going to E-Cornerstone, it will be internet driven like our WIC program is now.

Krisite Brown, Maternal and Child Health Nurse, has begun hearing and vision screenings at the daycares.

Kat Dailey, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, recently received her Certified Lactation Specialist (CLS) certificate.

Billables this quarter were:

Developmental screenings: 206 with 11 referrals.

Depression screenings for prenatal and postpartum clients: 143

Fluoride Varnish: 15

EPSDT's: 29

3. Administration: Melissa Mallow

Two New Grants

The health department has been approved for two new COVID-19 related grants. COVID-19 Crisis Grant 2022-2023 grant objectives are to train local health department staff to be ready for the next public health emergency and staff retention. The FY22 (1/1/22-6/30/22) award amount is \$32,209.00 and award amount for FY23 (7/1/22-6/30/23) is \$96,628.00. The other grant is COVID-19 Response grant 2022. The objective is for local health departments to continue to do contact tracing at congregate care facilities and to provide mitigation strategies when facilities are experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak. The FY22 (1/1/22-12/31/22) award amount is \$200,00.00.

COVID-19

Ms. Mallow stated on 12/28/21, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) began to centralize all COVID-19 contact tracing. All positive COVID-19 cases will receive an automated text message from the Sugre Center. Individuals who call the number in the text will be opting in for an interview. IDPH will prioritize case investigations for individuals who are 65 years and older. While most cases will be traced through the State Contact Tracing Surge Center, local health departments will continue to respond to positive cases in congregate facilities, such as Long Term Care, assisted living, prisons/jails and group homes.

At this time, per CDC, Marion County's weekly positivity rate is 2.11%, the community level is low in Marion County for the general public. Level of community transmission is moderate for all congregate care facilities and healthcare facilities. Currently, according the Surge Center, Marion County has 11 confirmed cases.

The health department continues to give free BINAX NOW test kits out to Long Term Care facilities, schools, and the Marion County Jail.

FY20 Audit is still not complete.

Local Cure Program

At the beginning of March, the health department submitted a reimbursement request to the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Local CURE Program. The Local CURE Program makes available CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars so local governments may be reimbursed for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Local CURE will reimburse expenditures dating from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The health departments request was for \$102,617.12. Ms. Mallow stated as of today, no denial or approval has been sent by the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

None needed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Keith Kessler made a motion for adjournment at 7:31 p.m.; Kendra Taylor seconded the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2022, 7 p.m., at the Salem office.



Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary

March 16, 2022
Date