

Marion County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Keith Kessler, Mike Morton, Kendra Taylor, Kyle Clark, and Paula Strother.

Others Present: Melissa Mallow, Administrator; Caitlyn Crain, Director of Clinical Services; Terri Adams, Director of Family Services; Sean Lemmon, Environmental Health Director; Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary, Bruce Kropp; WJBD Radio.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Marion County Board of Health met on March 21, 2023 at the Marion County Health Department, Centralia office. Kyle Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 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; Paula Strother seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The minutes were approved.

IV. SPECIAL ORDERS

a. Dr. Aziz Rahman's Resignation

The board discussed possible candidates for the replacement of Dr. Aziz. Ms. Mallow will reach out to a few doctors and the replacement for Dr. Aziz will be voted on at the June 2023 board meeting.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Kyle Clark called for a review of the financial report. Melissa Mallow reported the cash flow balance at the end of the 1st Quarter is \$1,252,994.40.

The revenue for the end of the 1st Quarter is \$448,159.69, or 28% of the total budget.

Expenditures for the end of the 1st Quarter is \$403,841.01, which is 25% of the budget.

Revenue over expenditures is positive \$44,318.68.

Accounts Receivable are \$254,263.95.

FCM owes \$99,817.15
WIC owes \$41,713.70
BFPC owes \$6,049.38

COVID-19 Crisis Grant owes \$41,966.72
COVID-19 Response Grant owes \$26,079.87

Public Aid owes \$123.00
Managed Care owes \$11,704.00
Medicare owes \$85.00
Private Insurance owes \$3,151.00

Building Improvement Fund balance is: \$116,120.94

Keith Kessler made a motion to accept the financial report; Mike Morton seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. The financial report was approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Activities:

1. Environmental Health: Sean Lemmon, Environmental Health Director

1st Quarter program totals:

Food Protection Program - 27 routine inspections, 24 follow-up inspections, 38 Food Borne Illness risk factors found, 38 interventions made, 129 consultations provided, 4 complaints investigated, and 1 emergency incident.

Private Sewage Program:

24 permits issued, 16 sewage systems installed, 14 sewage systems inspected, 1 complaint, and 56 consultations provided.

Body Art and Tanning:

1 routine body art inspection and 1 follow-up tanning inspection.

Mr. Lemmon took 2 trainings/meetings this quarter and had an Illinois Department of Public Health training in February on non-community water.

Mr. Lemmon passed Vector General Industry Standards Exam in January. In April, Jenna Rose Davis will start employment as the health department's New Environmental Health Sanitarian.

2. Nursing:

a. Caitlyn Crain, Director of Clinical Services

STD Testing Information:

61 STD, syphilis and HIV cases have been investigated this quarter.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Services:

There are four current open lead cases this quarter.

TB Monitoring:

No active TB cases were reported this quarter.

37 TB tests were administered.

Lab Tests:

223 clients had private labs drawn at the health department and 7 clients had labs drawn through our Quest Lab Card service.

The health department has hired Rebecca Marcum as the health department's part-time phlebotomist.

Communicable Diseases:

39 communicable disease reports were investigated this quarter.

Animal Bites:

There were 9 animal bites investigated this quarter.

FIT Program:

There were no FIT tests completed this quarter.

Narcan:

Total of 18 boxes were given out this quarter from the Salem and Centralia offices.

Immunizations:

This quarter 87 adult vaccines were administered and 254 pediatric vaccines were administered.

COVID-19

This quarter 75 doses and/or COVID-19 boosters were given.

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

b. Terri Adams; Director of Family Services

WIC Active Caseload for December was 80%; January 81%; and February 85%.

The physical presence waiver for appointments will expire April 11th.
Over the phone appointments will still be offered after this date.

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

Bridgett Leppin has been hired as the new part-time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor.

This quarter there were 41 - Apors and currently 80 – Healthworks.

Billables this quarter were:

Developmental screenings: 254 with 14 referrals.

Depression screenings for prenatal and postpartum clients: 143

Fluoride Varnish: 36

3. Administration: Melissa Mallow

Grants

Ms. Mallow submitted application for the COVID-19 Vaccination Grant – 2023. Grant period will run from October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. The health department's award will be \$150,000.00. Funds are to be used to vaccinate the public for COVID-19, Mpox, Flu and any other ACIP vaccines.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) was awarded money from the CDC for their proposed infrastructure program, "Strengthening Illinois Public Health Administration". Illinois Local Health Department's (LHD) will receive funding through this grant by receiving funds of \$348,958.00 overall or \$69,791.00 a year for 5 years. Funds to the LHD's can be used for workforce development, which includes hiring, retention, training, and other efforts to support the public health workforce.

COVID-19

At this time, per CDC, Marion County's weekly positivity rate is 4.83%, the community level is low in Marion County for the general public. Currently, there are 2 Marion County congregate care facilities in outbreak status. There were 3 COVID-19 related deaths this quarter, bringing the total deaths to 222.

The health department continues to give free BINAX NOW test kits out to congregate care facilities and the Marion County Jail.

As of March 17, 2023, there have been 48,605 COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in Marion County. 17,040 Marion County residents are now fully vaccinated, which is 45.30% of the county's population.

The federal and state public health emergencies for addressing COVID-19 will end on May 11, 2023. The virus will be treated as an endemic threat to public health that can be managed through agencies normal authorities. When current Moderna monovalent vaccines are depleted no more can be ordered from the federal supply. The health department has not been made aware of the vaccine cost in the private market. IDPH has stated there will be reporting changes for congregate care settings, however details have not been released.

Medicare Enrollment

National Government Services has approved the health department's revalidation application. The health department can continue to bill Medicare for the next five years.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

None needed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Keith Kessler made a motion for adjournment at 7:31 p.m.; Paula Strother seconded the motion. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2023, 7 p.m., at the Salem office.



Cathy Hays, Administrative Secretary

March 22, 2023
Date