



Effingham County Board
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October 1, 2024 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain, Tim Ellis, Norbert Soltwedel

Committee Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Jeff Workman, Sheriff Kuhns, Travis Buhnerkempe

Minutes

- Approval of September 3, 2024 minutes. T. Ellis motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous.
Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- Opioid Funding – T. Ellis spoke on behalf of Sheriff’s request sharing his belief of request being a great plan, however may have some concerns on funding needed for plan. T. Ellis added may need to figure out formula that will fit within funding allotted. N. Soltwedel inquired on possible grant funding Sheriff had mentioned in combination with request and inquired about a possible a one-year commitment to Sheriff’s plan. N. Soltwedel stated he is intrigued by the warm handoff aspect of funding requirements. J. Workman shared other grants found that may work in conjunction with opioid funding. T. Ellis would like Sheriff to investigate grant further and come back to assist in decision making on funding. T. Ellis stated he supports Sheriff’s plan, but needs further clarification on the funding needed. T. Ellis moved to send Sheriff’s opioid request to Tax and Finance for approval for one year once final number for funding has been obtained by Sheriff after grant research complete. N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*
- N. Soltwedel inquired on El Shaddai inquiry. A. Thompson confirmed interest from El Shaddai, but no official request received at this time.
- N. Soltwedel added an organization named STAR has reached out to him regarding funding, as well.
- J. Workman shared ways Health Department can utilize funding through education, substance related education through schools with tobacco education, working with Heartland on education, and collaboration with other social service organizations. J. Workman stated prescription monitoring program through State of Illinois can be of assistance in monitoring opioids, however monitoring is minimal and can be inconsistent.
- Discussion on logistics for hearing scheduled October 24th.
- N. Soltwedel reminded about meeting on Deflection scheduled October 9 from 10am-noon.
- J. Workman shared waste water testing through IDPH is at same status and may be tabled for some time.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update
 - State Budget/Grants – J. Workman stated Healthcare Protection Grant may only be \$80,000.00 due to state budget concerns. J. Workman confirmed more grant applications have been submitted. J. Workman added grant approval of \$75,000.00 addition to Family Advocacy Center grant with quite a bit of needed services for DCFS clients. J. Workman stated a birth-5 grant approval of \$100,000.00 for Effingham County looks promising for this year again.
 - N. Soltwedel inquired on Health Department budget and request for levy increase. J. Workman stated most of grant programs don't generate revenue with the clinical aspect as main way for health department to generate revenue. N. Soltwedel inquired on services that would need to be cut if no increase. J. Workman replied with requirements to be certified health department along with cut for IDPH grant which is meant to support administrative activities for health department is adding to financial struggle. J. Workman confirmed investigating increase of food permit fees as well as some other fees (septic and well water) managed by county ordinance. J. Workman hopeful to capture revenue with vaccinations, as well. J. Workman shared staff changes due to retirement and salary increase a necessity due to cost of living and market. J. Workman shared Health Department reimburses county for health insurance for employees.
 - J. Workman reported a good turnout for flu clinic and two (2) fender benders pulling out of hoop building

Adjournment

- T. Ellis motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator