



Effingham County Board
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May 7, 2024 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Committee Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Jeff Workman, Travis Buhnerkempe

Minutes

- Approval of April 2, 2024 minutes. T. Ellis motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Health Department Building Update – J. Workman reported electronic locks have been placed in reception area of clinic for staff safety along with cameras and improved lighting.
- Grant Updates –
 - J. Workman shared the respiratory surveillance grant which is a 2-year grant for \$140,000. Currently, the funding uses are being evaluated, but there is discussion of using some funds for fit testing in nursing homes.
 - J. Workman reported the ARISE Grant ends in May.
 - J. Workman stated there will be sharps containers available at the Health Department through the sharps grant.
 - J. Workman shared the WIC grant will see a \$25,000 increase for FY25.
 - J. Workman reported additional grant updates and funding are on hold until after the state budget is settled.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update –
 - J. Workman shared one employee will be retiring this summer and they will have an open position for a nurse and a new receptionist has been hired.
 - J. Workman reported updates including security software and internet services and a Narcan dispenser will be placed soon.
 - J. Workman shared dragging for ticks is underway along with mosquito surveillance.
 - J. Workman stated Healthworks increased significantly through COVID, however is now down slightly, but holding steady.

- J. Workman reported a spike in Chicago measles cases with IDPH indicating most people who have been identified as a source are US citizens who went to other countries and were not fully vaccinated. J. Workman reported no cases documented in Effingham County.
- J. Workman shared H5N1 Bird flu has been discussed, however there are no real concerns for Effingham County at this time.
- N. Soltwedel inquired on school vaccination screenings.
- J. Workman suggested providing Health Department program directors to come speak to the committee about their various programs to assist members in understanding all services provided through Health Department.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator