



Effingham County Board
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June 4, 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 May 7, 2024 minutes. T. Ellis motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update
 - State Budget/Grants – J. Workman shared success in securing the same amount of funding from the Local Health Protection grant as last year. J. Workman confirmed the Health Department is starting to receive grant awards for FY25. J. Workman state improvements to buildings are still being made with the change to fiber optic internet to increase internet speed. J. Workman shared Karen Feldkamp's retirement after 29 years with Health Department, so advertising for Emergency Preparedness Coordinator will be needed. The position will most likely require experience in biological sciences.
 - Board of Health Re-Appointments (Jennifer Dust MD, Robert Einhorn MD, Twila Orr JD) – J. Workman shared all appointments currently expire at end of June with his recommendation for re-appointment.
 - Wastewater for Opioids – J. Workman shared testing can be done; however, cost may be an issue. Discussion on benefits or uses of wastewater testing.
 - General
 - N. Soltwedel inquired on Family Advocacy Center. J. Workman explained center is funded by DCFS for many uses including educating on life skills for adolescents aged out of foster care system as well as other services for foster care children.
 - J. Workman mentioned H5N1 raising concerns with outbreaks in poultry, some US dairy cows and infected barn cats. J. Workman expected more information to be shared at a later date.
 - J. Workman shared Effingham County has opted into the electronics recycling program.

- J. Workman confirmed tick surveillance in full effect through tick drags and traps.
- J. Workman confirmed Oral Health Grant funding is secured for next year.
- J. Workman shared the back to school shot dates will be announced soon.
- J. Workman shared monthly overdose report for Effingham County.
- N. Soltwedel inquired on Narcan placement and concerns from some that Narcan distribution may be encouraging Opioid use. J. Workman shared study results have indicated no increase as a result of Narcan distribution with the results actually showing the opposite effect.
- J. Workman shared measles cases in Chicago are considered contained.
- J. Workman shared free gun locks can be obtained at the health department.
- HopeTrust – July 10, 2024 Employee Meeting – No updates.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator