



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

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain, Tim Ellis

Committee Members Absent: Norbert Soltwedel

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Jeff Workman, Beth Wise, Katie Dejulius, Samantha Hicks (ROSC)

**Minutes**

- Approval of June 4, 2024 minutes. T. Ellis motioned/ D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

- Opioid Funding
  - Wastewater Testing – J. Workman shared Effingham is being considered as pilot site for wastewater testing of opioids beginning this fall. J. Workman stated wastewater testing will help with benchmarking opioid use. J. Workman to update once he hears more from IDPH on pilot site approval and any waste water plant agreements. T. Ellis stated waste water will be a good baseline for opioid crisis and recommended forming a committee to assist in strategizing and developing a plan for decision making for opioid funding.
  - Funding Opportunities – J. Workman also recommended the county look into developing a committee to help with spending of opioid funding. Samantha Hicks, ROSC representative, spoke to the workings of ROSC and organizational purpose. D. McCain inquired if ROSC would be interested in assisting with opioid committee organization. S. Hicks confirmed they would assist if needed. Discussion on members of community and other organizations that would be good additions to an opioid committee.

**General Information/Public Comments**

- Health Department Update
  - State Budget/Grants – J. Workman shared local health protection grant has been awarded.
  - Emergency Preparedness – J. Workman shared Amber Wille is now in charge of emergency preparedness along with plans to add more staff for preparedness and readiness.
  - Public Aid Office – Derek Habing with DHS presented to Board of Health after which the Board of Health approved working on an agreement to add a part time public aid office in Effingham.
  - FRC Program – No update.

- ECC - Beth Wise shared information relating to the Effingham County Connections, a Birth to 3 Early Learning Program. B. Wise stated the program uses Parents as Teachers Curriculum with Early Childhood Consultants providing visits in the home. B. Wise shared that Effingham County is one of largest in Illinois and has seen an increase in referrals from DCFS with requests of more support in family well-being. B. Wise stated the Health Department has been awarded family advocacy grants to operate a family resource center in Effingham County. B. Wise shared the resource center provides assistance with signing up for benefits, workforce development, classes for anger management, and provides staff trained in nurturing family's program to assist with parenting classes for older children. B. Wise also shared the resource center is a DCFS alumni drop-in center that can support small fees for life needs. B. Wise stated the program started in January and has assisted over 50 families thus far.
- CDC PHAP – Katie DeJulius shared she has been working this 2-year program offered by CDC, however will be finishing up in the fall. K. DeJulius stated she has been tracking monthly overdose data tracking.
- HopeTrust Update – July 10, 2024 Employee Meeting – No updates.

### **Adjournment**

- T. Ellis motioned/D. McCain seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. ***Motion Carried.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator