



Effingham County Board
101 N. 4th Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL
217.342.4990

October 7, 2025 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Committee Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Jeff Workman (Health Dept), Beth Wise (Health Dept), Travis Buhnerkempe (Chief Deputy), Tessa Schlaunser

Minutes

- Approval of September 2, 2025 minutes. N. Soltwedel motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Opioid Funding – Committee review of opioid funding balance. B. Wise shared Health Department submitted request for families in services that have opioid recovery needs. B. Wise described the qualifications of proposed program including clients must be an Effingham County resident for 6 months and a family unit, be in substance abuse recovery with proof of recovery sustainment along with monthly check-ins with maximum time in program being 18 months to promote client empowerment and sustainability. B. Wise confirmed payments will go directly to vendors assisting recovery client. B. Wise reported currently 87 clients enrolled with family resource center, but not all have substance use disorder. B. Wise estimated around 5-10 clients with substance use disorder are seen in a year. D. McCain motioned to move to full board approval of \$18,000.00 opioid funding request from the Health Department Family Resource Center. N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- N. Soltwedel shared ROSC survey and encouraged public to complete.

New Business

- Effingham County Liability Insurance Coverage – No update. N. Soltwedel shared he will be attending CIRMA meeting on October 23, 2025 to get quote for committee at next month's meeting.

General Information/Public Comments

- T. Schlaunser shared information on her company, Tessa's Business Solutions. T. Schnlaunser stated her company includes Colonial Life along with UNUM which partnerships with other entities such as SourceWell and Ameriflex flexible spending plans. T. Schlaunser stated she assists in education for staff on health insurance along with an employee navigator platform. T. Schlaunser to follow up in August 2026.
- Health Department Update
 - J. Workman reported:
 - Entrance widening for hoop building has been successful
 - Drive thru flu shot clinic is currently operational
 - Budget work in progress
 - Food ordinance still pending and may be available for consideration at December board meeting
 - Election to be hosted at November Board of Health meeting.
 - State Budget/Grants –J. Workman reported:
 - Health Department approved for Cancer Education Grant

Adjournment

- D. McCain motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. ***Motion Carried.***

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator