



Effingham County Board
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May 6, 2025 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Tim Ellis, Norbert Soltwedel, Doug McCain
Committee Members Absent:
Other Board Members Present:
Others Present: Jeff Workman (Health Dept), Travis Buhnerkempe, Sheriff Kuhns

Minutes

- Approval of April 1, 2025 minutes. N. Soltwedel motioned/D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Opioid Funding – Review of current funding standing. Sheriff Kuhns shared details on opioid program called the Medicine Assisted Recovery program. Sheriff stated he would like to expand program to include assistance in cost for program for inmates after release because inmates are getting released prior to full cycle of program with Safe-T Act.

New Business

General Information/Public Comments

- Health Department Update
 - WIC grant – J. Workman stated WIC grant should be receiving an additional \$6,000.00 in funding.
 - J. Workman shared Better Birth Outcomes grant has been submitted and may receive an additional \$179,000 in funding. J. Workman explained grant assists in providing an advocate to spend time with moms while pregnant and post-partum performing a full physical and mental health assessment for moms and babies as well as a depression screen for mom, ensuring those in need are connected to the respective services.
 - J. Workman stated three Board of Health members appointments to expire soon on June 30th..
 - J. Workman reported measles vaccination is trending down. J. Workman stated currently there have been six measles cases in IL with three in Chicago and three downstate (Downstate cases are relatives). Health Department recommended if have been vaccinated in 1960's, particularly 1963-1968, may have received an inactive vaccine without full immunity and a booster is may be needed.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator