



Effingham County Board
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August 5, 2025 2:30 P.M.
Health and Insurance Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Tim Ellis, Doug McCain
Committee Members Absent: Norbert Soltwedel
Other Board Members Present: Josh Douthit
Others Present: Samantha Weidner (Health Dept)

Minutes

- Approval of July 1, 2025 minutes. D. McCain motioned/J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Unfinished Business

- Opioid Funding – Review of opioid funding balance. Sheriff Kuhns shared modification for MARS program to include temporary housing, temporary communication fees, temporary travel vouchers, and other temporary assistance.

New Business

- Renewal of Employee Voluntary Vision, Life, Accident, and Critical Illness Insurance Coverage – T. Ellis reported no increase in renewal. Weis Insurance confirmed. T. Ellis tabled renewal approval to next month along with anticipated dental renewal.
- HopeTrust Renewal – T. Ellis stated new rates are not in at this time and are expected for August meeting. T. Ellis tabled renewal until next month once renewal rates have been received. T. Ellis shared updates from his attendance of the annual HopeTrust meeting in July. T. Ellis reported since inception of HopeTrust, the organization has gone from 4 participating entities to 32 including Effingham County. T. Ellis stated HopeTrust has now paid out their third dividend with Effingham receiving a \$2,700.00 rebate. T. Ellis stated HopeTrust has shared they are again attempting an agreement in negotiations with Sarah Bush Lincoln in attempt to designate as a preferred provider.

General Information/Public Comments

- T. Ellis shared an amendment made in HopeTrust agreement with an administrative update. T. Ellis stated this amendment will not affect any insured with HopeTrust.
- Health Department Update
 - State Budget/Grants – S. Weidner reported no update.
 - S. Weidner shared overdose report for Effingham County that reviews and monitors drug and alcohol trends in Effingham County. S. Weidner stated individuals must be treated in ER to show up on her report.
 - S. Weidner reported 4 cases in 2024 and 4 cases in 2025 in which Narcan was administered by EMT's. S. Weidner stated ROSC has been instrumental in providing Narcan to the Effingham population.
 - S. Weidner reported high reports in alcohol acute hepatitis in Effingham County.

Adjournment

- J. Douthit motioned/D. McCain seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. ***Motion Carried.***

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator