

Approved 3/22/22
MINUTES
County Health Committee
January 4, 2022
@ 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sharon Williams - Chairperson, Betty Duncan - Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Groves Allison , Eden Blair , Brandy Bryant , Kate Pastucha (<i>via teleconference</i>), Rachel Reliford , Rob Reneau , Steve Rieker , Phillip Salzer (<i>via teleconference</i>)
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Linda Daley
STAFF PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Brian Elsasser – County Board Member; Jack Walton – County Administration; Elizabeth Crider – Regional Office of Education; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Rebecca Cottrell – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Brian Asbell - Sheriff
VISITORS:	Ellen Spencer – Farnsworth Group; Gabe Rodriguez – River City Construction

Call to Order

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

A motion to allow the participation of Ms. Pastucha and Mr. Salzer via teleconference was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2021 was made by Ms. Groves Allison and seconded by Ms. Reliford. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- Board of Health
- *Monthly Update*

Ms. Hendrickson advised that Dr. Karen Cadet-Saintilus has been newly appointed to the Board of Health. She stated that the Health Department has been reaccredited as a National Public Health Board.

Ms. Hendrickson updated the committee on the Health Department's ongoing COVID-19 response efforts, particularly access to and information on testing. She remarked that the Department is seeing an average of 350 new cases per day, still primarily the Delta variant. She advised that the walk-in vaccine clinic hours have been expanded and will be open seven days a week.

- Care & Treatment Board
- *Monthly Update*

No verbal report.

- EMA
- *Monthly Update*

Ms. Hendrickson provided an update on the activities of the EMA:

- Several sirens are experiencing decreased utilization due to equipment supply chain issues.

Regional Office of Education

➤ Monthly Update

Ms. Crider provided an update on the activities of the Regional Office of Education:

- Ten students graduated from Peoria Regional Learning Center in December.
- The ROE is partnering with Easter Seals on an Autism Collective, an opportunity for staff members to participate in module based professional learning.
- Ms. Crider is supporting a campaign by Unity Place to construct a more extensive campus for inpatient mental health treatment for students.
- Peoria Public Schools postponed returning to school from the holiday break for one week due to increases in COVID-19, and Ms. Crider emphasized that remote learning is not currently an option due to the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order.

➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Ms. Cottrell provided an update on activities:

- The 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be moved from the Fall to the Spring. The event will continue to be held in the Spring moving forward.
- Holiday light collection continues through tomorrow
- The Landfill budget was unanimously approved by the Landfill Committee at their December meeting.

Resolutions

➤ FY 2022 Peoria City/County Landfill Budget

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Groves Allison and seconded by Dr. Blair. Ms. Cottrell advised that the proposed 2022 budget for the Peoria City/County Landfill has revenues of \$480,350.00 and \$466,750.00 in expenditures.

The motion to approve carried unanimously.

➤ Renovate or Replace Health Department and Gift Avenue Complex Policy Decision

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Bryant and seconded by Dr. Blair. Mr. Sorrel advised that the policy decisions before the committee are both a decision to renovate or replace the physical buildings of the current Health Department and Gift Avenue Complex, and whether to consolidate, or not, multiple County offices into a single campus. He advised that the design team and staff conducted a four-part assessment comprised of "Current Services", "Needs Assessment", "Building Assessment", and "Construction Cost Summary" for several county facilities and offices.

Ms. Spencer of Farnsworth Group and Mr. Rodriguez of Revier City Construction addressed the committee, further elaborating on the means of evaluation of the various facilities and the basis for a pricing analysis in regard to the remodel vs. replace cost study.

Mr. Sorrel advised staff recommends that the Committee and County Board adopt a statement of policy that given the factors as related to the Facilities Assessment, the best course of action is to proceed with replacing the physical buildings and consolidating the Health Department, County Coroner, Regional Office of Education, and Sustainability and Resource Conservation into a single campus.

The motion to approve carried unanimously.

Committee Action

➤ Review of Executive Session Minutes

A motion to accept the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office was made by Ms. Reliford and seconded by Mr. Reneau.

Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that it is the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office that all previously held executive session minutes continue to be held closed as the need for confidentiality still exists, and to destroy executive session audio recordings more than two years old, except those that relate to pending litigation.

The motion to approve carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Musselman advised that the Center for Prevention of Abuse has posted the Ombudsman position and will be initiating the interview process soon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 1:00 p.m.

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