

Approved 2/28/23
MINUTES
County Health Committee
January 24, 2023
@ 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rob Reneau – Chairperson; Camille Coates – Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Linda Daley, Betty Duncan, Brian Elsasser, Nathan Hoerr, Danny Phelan, Steven Rieker, Phillip Salzer
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Sharon Williams
STAFF PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; James Dillon – County Board Chairperson; Angela Loftus, Gretchen Pearsall – County Administration; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Beth Crider – Regional Office of Education; Rebecca Cottrell – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Jamie Harwood – Coroner; Jason Marks – EMA; Nicole Bjerke - Treasurer
VISITORS:	Mike Bearce – TRIAD; Kevin Nowlan – Center for Prevention of Abuse; Dan Hopper, Josh Sanders – River City Construction; Ellen Spencer – Farnsworth Group

Call to Order

Chairperson Reneau called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023, with corrections, was made by Mr. Hoerr and seconded by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried (12-0).

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- Board of Health
- *Monthly Update*

Ms. Hendrickson provided an update on the activities of the Health Department and Board of Health. Highlights include:

- A special Board of Health Meeting was held last week to review the results of a Readiness Assessment for the Cure Violence Program. The Board of Health is moving forward on an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the first catchment area of the East Bluff location in the City of Peoria.
- The WIC and Dental programs will be moving out of the current Health Department facility into their new locations next week. The Dental Clinic will be out of commission for approximately 1-1/2 weeks to accommodate the move.

- Care & Treatment Board
- *Monthly Update*

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

- EMA
- *Monthly Update*

Mr. Marks provided an update on the activities of the EMA. Highlights include:

- A Senior Officials Workshop will be held on April 5, 2023 at the Fire Training Academy.
- EMA will participate with the 182nd Airlift in a full-scale Mass Casualty Exercise at the Greater Peoria Airport on April 20, 2023.

Regional Office of Education

➤ Monthly Update

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

- The first Leadership Team Meeting was held on January 23rd at the new Peoria Regional Learning Center located at the Franciscan Recreation Complex.
- The ROE is recruiting sponsors for the Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration. The Spring Celebration begins April 11, 2023.
- The Lincoln Award will be awarded on February 16th to Peoria County seniors who embody the characteristics of Abraham Lincoln. Former Peoria County Sheriff Brian Asbell will also receive the Jim Cummings Leadership Award at the same ceremony.
- The Wrap-Around Center, a comprehensive social services agency endeavor, now has an office located at Trewyn School staffed by a social service officer.

➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Ms. Cottrell provided an update on activities. Highlights include:

- The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event has been scheduled for June 10, 2023.
- Limestone Township has approved placing a referendum regarding waste service in unincorporated residents on the Spring ballot.
- 1,179 pounds of holiday string lights were collected this season.

➤ Landfill Committee

- The Landfill budget has been presented to the Landfill Committee and will come before this committee for recommended approval in February.

➤ Center for Prevention of Abuse Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Mr. Nowlan provided an update on the progress and status of the program, and noted positive trends over the first year.

➤ TRIAD

Mr. Bearce provided an update on the initiatives, progress and expansion of services provided by TRIAD.

Committee Action

➤ Grant Renewal to TRIAD

Mr. Reneau noted that per consensus of the committee, a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 was awarded to TRIAD in November 2021. He is recommending that the grant be renewed in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 2023 for continued assistance in fulfilling their mission.

Mr. Bearce advised that the grant funds would be utilized for updates to the “Files of Life”, communication efforts, and multiple small item expenses.

It was the unanimous consensus of committee members present to renew the grant to TRIAD in the amount of \$2,500.00.

➤ Health & Human Services Campus update

Mr. Hopper and Mr. Marks of River City Construction provided a handout and PowerPoint presentation focusing on process, a budget overview, remaining schedule, and current market conditions. Ms. Spencer of Farnsworth Group provided large-format floor plans.

Mr. Hopper outlined efforts undertaken to reduce the original project cost estimate of \$28 million to the \$20 million recommended project budget, without sacrificing function and quality of departments and services provided, via value engineering exercises.

Mr. Hopper explained how the original cost estimate of \$28 million was reduced via several rounds of value engineering exercises to \$21.8 million, and advised that River City Construction and Farnsworth Group are currently undergoing a 3rd round of value engineering in an effort to further reduce the overall project cost.

Mr. Sorrel provided a synopsis of the current funding sources for the project as being \$14 million appropriated from ARPA and \$250,000.00 appropriated from the Solid Waste Management Fund, as well as future appropriations of at least \$4.5 million in available Health Department Fund reserves and \$250,000.00 from the Solid Waste Management Fund intended for the project but not yet appropriated. He stated that these sources bring the available budget to \$19 million, and remarked that additional allocation of ARPA funds should bids exceed \$19 million would then be a function and policy decision of the County Board.

Ms. Spencer discussed the planned design and security features regarding the necessary separation of the Coroner's Office from the remainder of the services offered at the new facility. Mr. Rieker commented that he advocates placing the Coroner's Office as part of the Health & Human Services (HHS) Campus as opposed to renovating Gift Avenue complex, stating that the Gift Avenue facility is not conducive to the needs of the Coroner.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Reneau advised that based upon conversations with several board members, there is a desire for additional County Board representation on the HHS Campus Design Team. Member Ruhland, who has a background in the construction industry, has agreed to serve on the Design Team in an oversight position. Mr. Reneau stated that a special County Health Committee meeting will be scheduled to move forward a resolution appointing Mr. Ruhland to the Design Team as County Board Representative.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Reneau at 2:30 p.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman