

**Approved 4/26/22**  
**MINUTES**  
**County Health Committee**  
**March 22, 2022**  
**@ 12:00 p.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Sharon Williams - Chairperson, Betty Duncan - Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Linda Daley (via teleconference), Rachel Reliford (via teleconference), Rob Reneau, Steve Rieker, Phillip Salzer
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<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b> Brandy Bryant, Kate Pastucha
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<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b> Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell (via teleconference) - State's Attorney's Office; Heather McCord – Chief Financial Officer; Gretchen Pearsall – County Administration; Elizabeth Crider – Regional Office of Education; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Jason Marks – EMA; Rebecca Cottrell – Sustainability & Resource Conservation
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<b>VISITORS:</b>
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**Call to Order**

Vice-Chairperson Duncan called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

A motion to allow the participation of Ms. Daley and Ms. Reliford via teleconference was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Reneau. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022 was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Ms. Groves Allison. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).

**Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates**

- Board of Health
- Monthly Update

Ms. Hendrickson distributed the Peoria City/County Health Department's 2021 Annual Report and highlighted the work of the Health Department staff during 2021.

Ms. Hendrickson advised that April 4-10, 2022 is National Public Health Week and during that time period the Health Department will be highlighting a different and specific issue related to national public health daily.

Ms. Hendrickson commented that Peoria County is in the top 25% of Illinois counties in terms of vaccination rate.

- Care & Treatment Board
- Monthly Update

No verbal report. No questions or comments from committee.

- EMA
- Monthly Update

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

- COVID-19 related activities continue to decline

- EMA was selected to participate in a Weather Testbed with the University of Oklahoma on a Brief Vulnerability Overview Tool. The tool works with the National Weather Service in identifying vulnerable populations and areas within the community.
- EMA has been selected to participate in a FEMA Resource Typing Project as well as a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Evolution Project.
- Provided an overview of means of testing and repairing outdoor warning sirens within the county

### Regional Office of Education

#### ➤ Monthly Update

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

- The Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration begins April 11, 2022 and runs through May 13, 2022.
- GED classes have been moved back to the location at the Peoria County Jail; however, more flexibility with the grant due to COVID-19 has allowed an expansion to several other locations.
- Ms. Crider and co-host Arnitria Shaw of Illinois Central College are hosting a Workforce Alliance summer seminar in June 2022.
- An expansion of funds to support truancy has been written into the current budget through the legislature.
- The ROE is crafting a strategic planning process to better align professional services and actual needs of educators.

#### ➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Ms. Cottrell provided an update on activities:

- An electronics collection for Chillicothe residents will be held May 7, 2022 with a location still to be determined
- A Household Hazardous Waste Event will be held May 14, 2022 and volunteers for all shifts are needed. Online registration for the event begins April 4, 2022 and will be open to 800 participants. Interested participants may also phone the Sustainability office to register.
- Limestone Township hosted an introductory meeting for townships related to achieving an improved base level of waste service for unincorporated areas of the county.
- Utility usage within all county facilities continues to decline. She noted that the Jail saw a 9.6% reduction in electrical usage in 2021 as compared to 2020.

### Joint Resolution

#### ➤ FY2022 Budget Appropriation for COVID-19 Grant (joint with Finance, Audit, and Legislative Affairs Committee)

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Rieker. Ms. Hendrickson advised that the requested budget amendment is for expenses and revenues related to four Health Department grants awarded for COVID-19 response. She explained that two of the grants are continuation grants from 2021, while the remaining two grants are for response work and COVID-19 crisis work.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (9-0).

### Miscellaneous

Mr. Reneau reported that he attended his first TRIAD meeting since being appointed to the organization as a County Board representative.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairperson Duncan at 12:32 p.m.