

Approved 8/23/22
MINUTES
County Health Committee
July 26, 2022
@ 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sharon Williams - Chairperson, Betty Duncan - Vice Chairperson; Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Linda Daley, Rachel Reliford, Rob Reneau, Steve Rieker, Phillip Salzer
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Kate Pastucha
STAFF PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Heather McCord – Chief Financial Officer; Angela Loftus, Gretchen Pearsall – County Administration; Beth Crider – Regional Office of Education; Jason Marks – EMA; Rebecca Cottrell – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Rachael Parker – County Clerk; Nicole Bjerke – County Treasurer
VISITORS:	Kathie Brown – Greater Peoria Economic Development Council; Kevin Nowlan, Theresa Kuhlmann – Center for Prevention of Abuse

Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022 and July 14, 2022 was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- Board of Health
- Monthly Update

Mr. Marks advised that work continues on the 2023-2025 Community Needs Health Assessment and Improvement Plan. He stated that prioritization has been completed, with the next step being evidence-based intervention planning.

Mr. Marks noted that the state grant period begins July 1, 2022.

Mr. Marks advised that as part of the planning phase for the construction of the new Health and Human Services Campus, a number of staff members will relocate to other county facilities.

- EMA
- Monthly Update

Mr. Marks advised that monthly meetings with the Emergency Operations Center on COVID-19 continue. He stated that several training sessions have been scheduled over the next several months, including a Department of Transportation training session for crude and ethanol rail incidents, Crisis Management training for School Based Incidents, Emergency Operations Center Planning and Operations Training, and a Senior Officials Workshop.

Mr. Marks commented that repairs to a damaged emergency siren in Hanna City are nearly complete. He stated that discussions are ongoing with the Emergency Telephone System Board regarding radio systems within the siren cabinets.

- Care & Treatment Board
- Monthly Update

Mr. Sorrel explained that the Board determines their grant process based on distribution of property taxes from the County Treasurer's Office. He noted that there is currently a vacancy on the Board.

Regional Office of Education

- Monthly Update

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

- An additional appropriation into the Service Line Item have been used to fund an expansion of Truancy Support staff.
- A full-time Social Worker to support families in deep crisis will be added to the staff.
- Professional Learning has undergone a re-design by moving to a completely virtual experience and a new Director of Professional Learning Services has been retained.
- Staff has undertaken the Strategic Planning process over the summer, realigning and better using resources, culminating in August with an all-staff meeting.
- With the upcoming new school year, the ROE will host Safety Day, and in conjunction the Dunlap School District will host the Sheriff's Department for live fire training.
- Staffing issues in schools continue to be a primary issue.

- Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Ms. Cottrell provided an update on activities:

- Limestone Township will host an electronics collection in early September.
- Peoria County will host a Household Hazardous Waste collection this spring. McLean County will host a collection on September 17th. Staff is working with the IEPA on a Memorandum of Understanding to act as a co-sponsor of future events.
- A meeting regarding recycling and refuse collection for unincorporated townships will be held September 7th at the Health Department. A resident survey has been posted on the Peoria County website's Sustainability Department page, with survey results being compiled and distributed to township supervisors prior to the September 7th meeting.
- The Regional Food Council will host a symposium later in the year.

- TRIAD

Ms. Williams advised that the topics of the latest meeting of TRIAD included the Speaker's Bureau, groups of professionals who attend various functions to discuss TRIAD and their organizations. She stated that an email list is being created to disseminate information on TRIAD to the public, and a website has also been completed. She commented that discussion also focused on TRIAD's social media presence.

- Center for Prevention of Abuse Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Ms. Kuhlmann commented that the function of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is to advocate for residents in long-term care facilities by informing and educating residents of their rights which are protected by federal and state law. She stated that the Program can also investigate any complaints brought to their attention. She noted that the top three complaints in Illinois being investigated are missing personal property, violation of resident rights, and the right to live where the resident wishes to live. She remarked that the position approved and funded by the Peoria County Board is certified to investigate cases and to go into facilities acting as an Ombudsman, and added that the Ombudsman began in her position on April 1, 2022. She advised that the Ombudsman can be reached at 309-272-2917 or by calling the Center for Prevention of Abuse.

Ms. Kuhlmann summarized 1st and 2nd quarter 2022 statistical data and defined benchmarks for each data point.

➤ Broadband Study Update

Ms. Brown reminded the committee that the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council applied on behalf of the County of Peoria to participate in the Illinois Accelerate Broadband Planning effort, a 14-week discovery and learning process on best practices in planning infrastructure development. She stated that the outcome of the process is intended to create a holistic broadband access plan for both urban and rural broadband sectors. She advised that underserved areas by FCC standards, are eligible for federal stimulus broadband infrastructure funding.

Ms. Brown provided a preliminary update on the survey process. She stated that the survey has been distributed both electronically and via paper copies, and the team has conducted extensive outreach to Peoria County neighborhoods, towns, villages, and townships. She commented that survey results thus far have provided the ability to track where the respondents live within the county and begin to highlight issues in broadband speed. She advised that the team will begin the process of assimilating and processing information gathered to date in an effort to identify long-term goals, and prepare for federal funding opportunities within the state.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Sorrel advised that the Design Team is nearing completion of schematic design of the Health and Human Services Campus, and once complete will begin preliminary pre-construction costing. He remarked that a separate project entails logistics of relocating the Health Department during the construction phase.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairperson Duncan at 2:30 p.m.

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