

Whiteside County Board of Health Minutes  
Regular Meeting: March 26, 2018

Members present: Dr. Mench, Dr. Mathew, Rick Cavazos, Karen Nelson and Margo Myers. Staff present: Beth Fiorini, Gene Johnston and Peggy Long. Public present: Shelly Eng, Char Johnson, Gene Ryan, and Stephanie Vavra.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Karen Nelson made a motion to approve the January 2018 board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Margo Myers. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Gene Ryan spoke about commercial tree burning and EPA regulations. Fiorini stated that although commercial tree burning is not under the authority of the health department, her staff would investigate if actual burning is happening on a complaint basis. Dr. Mench instructed Fiorini that he would like updates at future meetings.

**Correspondence:** Fiorini shared: 1) the recently released 208 County Health Rankings; 2) several newspaper articles including a) IDPH article on Grandparent's Raising Grandchildren, b) IDPH's article on World AIDS Day and PrEP, c) VALU Chic's article on MAT, & d) Sauk Valley News's article on dental health, and 3) a variety of advertisements.

**PHA Report:** Fiorini shared: 1) she purchased a new shredder which is under her spending authority because the process of taking medical information to the local Self-Help has become riskier due to them storing the information for unknown periods of time before shredding and disposal of the information. 2) the adjusted pay for all the dentists according to the market value; one dentist has agreed to stay another 6 months because of the increase. 3) a LCSW has been hired and the behavioral health department is now fully staffed. 4) the bread lady of Erie is starting a campaign to adopt a county-wide/city-wide the *Cupcake Law*. Fiorini explained *the Cupcake Law* and the health department's position. 5) WCHD staff has been trained by the state to fill out Medical Cannabis applications. 6) the Animal Control 2017 report, 7) the AIMS' sponsored opioid-risk education projects for Whiteside County High School and Jr. High, and 8) the dates for the federal OSV site visit in July for the CHC.

**Committee reports:**

Finance: Karen Nelson reported the following:

Public Health Fund:	February 1, 2018	Beginning Balance	\$ 499,729.76
		Receipts	\$ 1,295,350.50
		Expenses	\$ 696,259.33
	February 28, 2018	Ending Balance	\$ 1,098,820.93
Animal Control Fund:	February 1, 2018	Beginning Balance	\$ 154,234.30
		Receipts	\$ 23,227.42
		Expenses	\$ 7,626.87
	February 28, 2018	Ending Balance	\$ 169,834.85

Rick Cavazos made a motion to place the Finance Report on file as presented, seconded by Karen Nelson. Fiorini explained the low balance to start the month r/t getting the deposit from the CHC into the bank one day late. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel: (None)

By-laws: (None)

**Regular Business:**

1. Margo Myers made a motion to approve the 2018 End of Year Report as presented, seconded by Dr. Mathew. Fiorini answered questions. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Margo Myers made a motion to approve the 2017 Medicaid and Medicare Cost Reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Mathew. Fiorini answered questions. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:**

1. Fiorini presented a power point indicating to the BOH the changes in the County Animal Control Ordinance that the County Board is considering. By consensus the BOH agrees to the Animal Control Ordinance changes as presented.
3. Fiorini informed the BOH of the possible land purchase with CHC reserves for future expansion. Margo Myers made a motion to approve Fiorini pursuing of the Mills property including an investigation into environmental contamination of the site and a history of site owners, seconded by Dr. Mathew. Fiorini answered questions. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Karen Nelson made a motion to approve the signing of the updated WCHD/WCCHC MOU as presented, seconded by Rick Cavazos. Fiorini answered questions. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Fiorini, Public Health Administrator