

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

12/15/2022

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on December 15, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Carretto at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes. Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire arrived at 9:05.

AGENDA

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Gallagher to approve the agenda as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Benavides to accept the minutes as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – LouAnne Carretto

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

After a discussion of the November 2022 bills, a motion was made by Dr. Manigold seconded by Ms. Wilke to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Welcome to Lisa Rosheck. Lisa has joined our Personal Health Team as a Program Specialist in the WIC program

Welcome to Mary Shannon . Mary has joined our Personal Health Team as a Program Assistant.

Welcome to Tiffany White. Tiffany has joined our Personal Health Team as a Program Assistant.

LCHD still has 4 vacant positions down from 10 in early October.

Congratulations to Lou Ann Carretto who has been reappointed to the Health Board for an additional 2-year term.

Enclosed in your board packet is an update listing of Board of Health members and their updated offices.

Enclosed in your board of health packet is the official notification that LaSalle County Health Department has met all the requirements to be a certified local health department.

Staff participated in WIC calls, to discuss how and when the WIC program will resume in-person services post-Covid. Staff participated in the WIC program assessment.

Staff met with Champaign-Urbana Health Districts to continue to investigate better serving RIM (Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant) populations in LaSalle County.

Staff continue to work with homeless clients to insure they can safely isolate after testing positive for Covid. In November, housing was provided for 14 Covid Positive individuals/dependents.

Staff met with representatives from OSF and St Margaret's of Peru to discuss Healthy LaSalle County (IPLAN).

The County's 2021 fiscal audit was finally approved. We will be updating the financial report on the website.

Staff shared information about World Aids Day, Flu prevention and senior activities on social media.

Staff also posted Tinsel's Holiday Tips on the health departments social media page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Manigold to go into executive session for appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Benavides to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes, Dr. Maguire – Yes.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Gallagher to adjourn the meeting.

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
LaSalle County Board of Health

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

1/26/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on January 26, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Carretto at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

AGENDA

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Manigold to approve the agenda as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Ms. Wilke to accept the minutes as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Aubrey, County Board member, attended the meeting.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – LouAnne Carretto

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

After a discussion of the December 2022 bills, a motion was made by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Manigold to remove the Treasurer's report of investments from the Board of Health packet. Ms. Carretto -Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes. Mr. Gonzalo, Ms. Wilke, and Dr. Benavides opted to have treasurer's report sent directly to them via email.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Welcome to Kristie Leal. Kristie has joined our Personal Health Team as a Public Health Nurse .

Welcome to Monica Strzalkowski . Monica has joined our Environmental Health Team as an Emergency Response Specialist.

Welcome to Yehonatan Figueroa. Yehonatan has joined our Personal Health Team as a Public Health Nurse.

LCHD still has 1 vacant position down from 10 in early October.

Staff completed their WIC Quality Review. IDPH had some minor corrections that we are addressing in the program.

Congratulations, Leslie Dougherty, for 30 years of service with LaSalle County Health Department.

Our security cameras have been installed. We are still waiting for doors and walls to be installed as the doors are on backorder.

Staff met with Dr. Mia Pho, an infectious Disease doctor from the University of Chicago, and Luke Tomsha, from the Perfectly Flawed Foundation, concerning a grant they are seeking for responding to opioid related infections, such as Hepatitis C, and HIV, in rural areas. Our Department provided a letter of support to be included in their grant application. This was also the first meeting, post-Covid, that was held in our Board room.

Staff continue to work with Carus Chemical, City of Lasalle, LC EMA, US EPA, IL EPA, IDPH, ATSDR and IL Dept of Ag, in response to the January 11th fire at Carus Chemical.

We received notification that St. Margaret's – Peru, will temporarily suspend operations on January 28, 2023, due to being unable to staff its ER, ICU, Med- Surg, pediatric, lab, X-Ray and other outpatient appointments will be rescheduled at St. Margaret's in Spring Valley. EMS transfers are effective January 26th. St Margaret's indicated that OB patients are being directed to Ottawa, Morris and Pontiac. Spring Valley is attempting to have their site designated as a Rural Emergency Hospital, but this requires legislators from Springfield, to adopt rules pertaining to Regional Emergency Hospitals.

One of our LaSalle County Schools is participating in an IDPH/SHIELD Wastewater Sample School pilot project. Wastewater from the school will be monitored weekly for Covid-19, and Influenza A. The result will be compared with school completed surveys regarding absenteeism, to determine if/how sample data compares with absenteeism in the school, and to determine if viral loads in wastewater can be used to predict future trends.

Staff met with Champaign-Urbana Health Districts to continue to investigate better serving RIM (refugee, Immigrant and Migrant) populations in LaSalle County.

Staff continue to work with homeless clients to insure they can safely isolate after testing positive for Covid. In December, housing was provided for 8 Covid Positive individuals and dependents.

Staff shared information about January being “Radon Awareness” Month.

Staff shared information about January being “Cervical Cancer Awareness” month, and staff celebrated “Sock it to Cancer”, by wearing Teal socks on January 17th.

Covid, Flu and respiratory infection prevention information was placed on social media.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the audited Fiscal numbers and have them posted with our FY 21 Annual Report. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

The County has updated our lease agreement. The lease agreement was last updated in February 1995, for \$50,169. That lease agreement was for 18 years, and expired on January 31, 2013. The same amount then continued yearly, without an updated lease agreement. This new agreement runs from January 2023, through November 30, 2028 at a fixed annual rate of \$60,000 per year.

- a. OLD Lease - 8027 SF @ 6.25/sf ft (has been this price as far back as I can find leases (1993)
- b. NEW Lease 8027 @ 7.47/sf ft

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Wilke to accept the lease agreement as presented. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by MS. Gallagher seconded by Dr. Benavides to adjourn the meeting.

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
LaSalle County Board of Health

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

2/23/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on February 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Carretto at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Dr. Manigold – Yes, Ms. Gallagher – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes.

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Dr. Maguire to approve the agenda as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Dr. Benavides to accept the minutes as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Jensen, County Board Chairman, attended the meeting.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – LouAnne Carretto

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

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REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Effective February 6th, the LCHD has a full management team. Introductions for the management team:

Connie Brooks, Director of Personal Health
Julie Keating, Supervisor of Personal Health

Erica Zednick and Bethanie Albrecht, Personal Health Coordinators
Jennifer Osborn, Director of Environmental Health
Dea Keith, Environmental Health Supervisor
Jason Lafferty, Environmental Health Coordinator
Lora Alexander and Elaine Roemer, Administrative Managers

Construction Update: Cameras are installed, walls and doors are in place, but still need fobs installed. Security glass is being installed today. Hoping next month's meeting could potentially be held at Health Department

Staff learned that the National and State Emergency Orders regarding COVID, will be allowed to expire on May 11, 2023. This will mean:

- The government will no longer be purchasing vaccines. The manufacturers will be selling the vaccines.
- The end of free covid test kits.
- Individuals who no longer qualify for Medicaid will lose coverage. All other Medicaid recipients must start renewing their benefits annually again.
- Removes the additional food packages that were awarded to SNAP recipients.
- Telehealth allowances with Medicaid billing have been extended through 2024.
- Statewide, all WIC offices will be required to move back to in person visits with clients, within 90 days, of the end of the declaration.

Our Streator WIC office reopened January 10, 2023. WIC/FCM Staff worked this month to ensure the Mendota WIC site will reopen on February 24th. LaSalle WIC is expected to reopen by the end of March.

Staff continue to work with IDPH, IEPA and Carus Chemical regarding the cleanup at the Carus site. IDPH and LCHD are working to generate letters regarding surface samples, that were taken by EPA, shortly after the incident. We have also requested EPA conduct follow-up sampling now that surfaces have been cleaned.

Staff are working on creating a new Community Referral Guide. Many of our grants are requiring that we have a list of referral agencies for our staff and for the public to use.

Staff shared information on social media on February Holiday closures, Super Bowl Food Safety tips, and National Wear Red Day, on February 3, to raise awareness on cardiovascular disease in women.

Chris Pozzi gave a presentation on the 2022 Annual Report, A Year in Review.....

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Pozzi included the unaudited 2022 Annual Report in the packet. Motion by Mr. Gonzalo seconded by Ms. Gallagher to approve the 2022 unaudited Annual Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Benavides seconded by Dr. Manigold to go into executive session for review and approval to release executive session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Gallagher seconded by Dr. Benavides to come out of executive session and go back into regular session.

Motion by Dr. Manigold seconded by Mr. Gonzalo to release minutes from all executive session minutes except March 2001, November 2002 special meeting, and December 2002. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Gallagher to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
LaSalle County Board of Health

LASALLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MINUTES

3/23/2023

A meeting of the LaSalle County Board of Health was held on March 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President, Ms. Carretto at 9:00am. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes. Mr. Gonzalo was present online.

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boaz seconded by Dr. Benavides to approve the agenda as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Ms. Wilke to accept the minutes as written.
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Jensen, County Board Chairman, attended the meeting.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

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There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

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REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Administration – Chris Pozzi

Chris welcomed the Board back to our Board of Health room! We have not met here since February 2020. Chris updated the board that the new doors are in, along with the FOBS, and security cameras are up and running.

Staff learned the Covid Crisis Grant received a no cost extension, which allows us time to spend down grant monies. The grant has been extended from its original ending date of June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024. This grant has been used to fund Covid workforce hours, training, and security upgrades to the Department.

Staff applied for the new Mass Vaccination grant. (200,000, 25% up front). This grant is now slated to run from Oct 1, 2022 to December 30, 2023, it covers workforce hours, media campaigns for Covid, Influenza and Monkey Pox (MPOX) vaccines. The grants will also cover workforce hours for other ACIP recommended vaccines given in conjunction with these vaccines.

EH Staff accompanied IDPH and the City of LaSalle, while the City's consultant conducted additional soil samples, at properties that may have been impacted by the Carus Fire.

A presentation on the "2022 Year in Review" was given to the ROE, School Health, and Health Department committee of the County Board. This presentation was also given to all health Department employees in conjunction with Staff Appreciation Day.

A presentation on the NARCAN program was given to the Insurance Trust Committee of the County Board.

Staff coordinated with North Central Behavioral Services to host the 36th "Teen Showcase" on March 9th. Approximately 546 teens, from 22 schools across the region, participated in this energetic showcase, challenging teens to make healthy choices and develop strong character.

On March 8th, staff attended the University of Illinois Extension's "Hunger and Health", Illinois Regional Conference 2023, at IVCC.

Staff hosted its Annual Wastewater workshop. Approximately 147 wastewater and environmental professionals from across the state received continuing education.

IDPH notified Local Health Departments that the State's supply of Moderna Monovalent COVID-19 Vaccine Products, for ages 6 years and older, is set to expire in Early April. The shelf life for these products will not be extended. Therefore, once our supply is exhausted, we will no longer offer Moderna, for the primary Covid vaccination series for ages 6 years and older.

On February 28, 2023, Chris participated in the Illinois's Hepatitis Coalition. The Illinois Hepatitis Coalition brings together key stakeholders, including clinicians, academic researchers, and community partners, with the goal of formulating an equity-driven strategic plan to end the viral hepatitis epidemic, in the state by 2030.

Staff shared Social Media posts regarding: caregiver support groups, healthy eating tips, food safety, the WIC program, March being Colorectal Cancer Month, and March 24 being World TB Day.

We requested permission from Salary and Labor to replace and add on the payroll a Program Assistant, and an Environmental Health Practitioner, who have resigned their positions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Benavides to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Boaz
Secretary
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