

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

President's Report – LouAnne Carretto

There was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Gonzalo

After a discussion of the February 2023 bills, a motion was made by Dr. Benavides seconded by Ms. Wilke to approve the payment of bills. A roll call was taken: Ms. Carretto – Yes, Dr. Benavides – Yes, Ms. Wilke – Yes, Dr. Maguire -Yes, Mr. Gonzalo – Yes, Mr. Boaz – Yes.

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
LaSalle County Board of Health