

Approved 6/24/20
MINUTES
County Health Committee
May 27, 2020
@ 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Williams - Chairman, James Fennell - Vice Chairman; Jennifer Groves Allison, Brandy Bryant, Linda Daley, Betty Duncan, Rachel Reliford, Rob Reneau, Steve Rieker, Phillip Salzer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Angela Loftus, Gretchen Pearsall, Jamie Dowell – County Administration; Karen Raithel – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Alyssa Herman – Care & Treatment Board; Nicole Bjerke - County Treasurer; Jessica Thomas – County Auditor; Doug Gaa, Chris Watkins – Sheriff's Office; Mark Little – IT Department
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Call to Order

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

A motion to suspend the Rules was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Ms. Daley. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of April 29, 2020 was made by Ms. Daley and seconded by Mr. Fennell. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- Board of Health
- Monthly Update

Ms. Hendrickson advised that the department continues to focus on COVID-19 response.

- COVID-19 Contact Tracing Grant

Ms. Hendrickson advised that \$4.9 million has been allocated to the Peoria City/County Health Department for COVID-19 contact tracing for the period June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021. The funding will be utilized for increasing contact tracing capacities and coordination. She stated that being cognizant of current Peoria County budget constraints, IMRF and FICA expenses will be included as budgeted costs as part of the grant so as not to place a further burden on County funds. She stated that the Health Department will request a budget amendment to recognize revenues and seek approval for spending authority be brought forward via a special meeting of the committee in order to be placed on the June 11th County Board Meeting agenda for consideration.

- Restore Heart of Illinois Implementation Plan

Ms. Hendrickson advised that the Restore Heart of Illinois Implementation Plan is a phased approach to locally implementing the Restore Illinois Plan, and which directly addresses the protocol and guidance for local communities.

Mr. Sorrel advised that as part of the Implementation Plan, a website (RestoreHOI.com) for self-registration and voluntary compliance of COVID-19 protocols for local agencies/businesses has been created. The website will enable businesses to self-certify their establishments and will also enable the public to search for certified businesses by county or business type. He advised that certification is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged.

Mr. Sorrel advised that staff is seeking feedback from the committee on restrictions and/or protocol for outdoor dining at restaurants. He stated that there are currently 44 restaurants in unincorporated areas which also hold liquor licenses; of those, 14 have a subclass license allowing live music. Mr. Sorrel stated that under the Peoria County Liquor Ordinance, the latest a bar can be open is 2:00 a.m. with live music allowed until 2:00 a.m. as well. He advised that local guidance including hours of operation has been established for establishments within the City of Peoria and a companion version has been created for establishments in unincorporated Peoria County, with the exception of hours of operation and the live music issue, which will be policy decisions for the County Board. He noted that the majority of the 44 establishments located in the unincorporated areas of the county are located in commercially zoned districts and are rural in nature.

After discussion, it was the committee's consensus to maintain the current established hours of operation for businesses issued liquor licenses in the unincorporated areas of Peoria County. Ms. Hendrickson remarked that the guidelines set are temporary in nature and there is the potential for further revision as the Restore HOI Plan moves to Phase 4.

Ms. Duncan asked if churches will be included in the Implementation Plan, and Mr. Sorrel advised that churches and places of worship are currently within a different classification, but noted that general guidance for gatherings allows groups of 10 or fewer. She commented that feedback was requested from the Illinois Department of Public Health on faith based entities, and stressed that decisions are made not only on proximity but length of time as a measurement.

- Care & Treatment Board
- *Monthly Update*

Ms. Herman advised that the Care & Treatment Board has concluded the most recent grant RFP cycle, stating that grant applications were due to the Board on May 1, 2020. She advised that five agencies presented their proposals for a total request of \$1,040,580.00. She remarked that due to current budget constraints and guidance from Peoria County for a 5% reduction on property tax and PPRT revenue. She remarked the Board has postponed final funding decisions due to the uncertainty surrounding property tax and PPRT allocation. She stated that the requesting agencies have been asked to provide information to the Board this week on potential reductions to their requests for this quarter due to COVID-19 pandemic impacts to their agencies.

- Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Ms. Raithel stated that staff is working on a timeline to resume composting and recycling events. She advised that the office is coordinating with both the City of Peoria and PDC on social media posts on changes to recycling and garbage services.

Heddington Oaks

- *Financials*

Ms. Musselman advised that total operating revenues are up \$457,000.00 from the same time last year. She stated that Medicaid revenue is up \$1.3 million compared to 2019. She advised that Personnel expenses are down \$61,000.00 and overall operating expenses are down just over \$400,000.00 from the same time period in 2019. She noted that decreased census numbers will begin to be reflected in the next several reports.

Ms. Musselman advised that the current Heddington Oaks census stands at 37, with 5 residents scheduled to be discharged by the end of the day today. She stated that of the 32 residents that will be remaining after today, one is a Medicare resident. She also stated that the facility is still accepting short-term Medicare residents. She advised that all discharged residents, with one exception, have been relocated locally. She stated that staff is working with a facility in the Kansas City area to relocate a resident closer to her family.

Ms. Musselman advised that facility staffing has decreased from approximately 150 employees to 125-30 employees through natural attrition and unfilled temporary positions. She stated that the first round of layoffs will occur this Friday, at which time the employee numbers will be reduced to 65-70 employees.

Mr. Rieker asked the short-term plan for recovery of accounts receivable. Ms. Musselman advised that three Medicaid pending are still in the facility and we are actively working with those families to take care of those before they are discharged to another facility. Several other Medicaid pending residents have been discharged to other facilities and are working with the families. Staff continues to review the 90 day list to determine a strategy moving forward for those with significant dollar amounts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 1:53 p.m.

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