

Approved 9/23/20
MINUTES
County Health Committee
June 24, 2020
@ 1:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Angela Loftus, Gretchen Pearsall – County Administration; Paul Letcher – Finance; Karen Raithel – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department
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Call to Order

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

A motion to suspend the Rules was made by Ms. Daley and seconded by Mr. Rieker. The motion carried unanimously (7-0) via roll call vote of those present.

A motion to allow the participation of Ms. Bryant via teleconference was made by Ms. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Rieker. The motion carried unanimously (7-0) via roll call vote of those members present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes of May 27, 2020 and June 11, 2020 was made by Mr. Fennell and seconded by Ms. Daley. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) via roll call vote.

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- Board of Health
- *Monthly Update*

Ms. Hendrickson updated the committee on the Health Department's COVID-19 response. She advised that the tri-county area of Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford stands at 595 cases to date. She added that the 7- and 14-day averages for the tri-county area stands at 11 cases, and notes this number has been consistent for several weeks. She also stated the Health Department has been monitoring four hospitals, and commented the 7- and 14-day averages for stays in ICU beds stands at 4-5.

Ms. Hendrickson advised that a program for contract tracing via the COVID-19 Tracing Grant will be initiated in Peoria County.

Ms. Hendrickson advised that the Health Department has been working in conjunction with school districts on guidance for re-opening the school year.

- Care & Treatment Board
- *Monthly Update*

No report. There were no questions or comments from committee.

(Ms. Groves Allison enters meeting.)

➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Sustainability Update

Ms. Raithel advised that Kenny's Westside Pub is June's Tri-County Green Hero.

Ms. Raithel advised that food scrap composting continues at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Landfill Update

Ms. Raithel advised that the agreement between the Peoria City/County Landfill and Foth Infrastructure & Environment will be extended to 18 months and is in line with the approved budget.

Heddington Oaks

➤ Financials

Mr. Letcher advised that financial data for the month ending April 30, 2020 are included in the committee packet. He stated that two payments were received in April from the CARES Act totaling \$228,000.00.

➤ Closure Action Plan

Ms. Musselman advised that 5 residents remain at Heddington Oaks as of today. She stated that after several rounds of staff reductions, approximately 40 staff remain at the facility. She advised that 4 of the 5 units within the facility have been closed and all regulatory staffing levels continue to be met. She remarked that all staff and residents have tested negative for COVID-19. She commented that maximum unemployment exposure to date totals \$315,000.00, although she cautioned that a total expenditure is unknown until final reporting is completed.

Ms. Musselman advised that Records Retention and Asset Disposal Teams continue to move through those processes.

Ms. Daley asked the strategy for maximizing information to assist voters regarding the Heddington Oaks referendum that will be placed on the November ballot. Mr. Sorrel advised that a meeting is scheduled for early July to begin outlining an educational campaign. He added that the team intends to recruit an individual from the community who would coordinate a campaign to encourage a successful referendum.

Mr. Sorrel advised that two of the five remaining residents will be public guardian residents with no next of kin. He stated that multiple attempts have been made to contact the Power of Attorney of an additional resident with no success, and public guardianship may be necessary for that resident as well. Ms. Musselman advised that the remaining two residents have Powers of Attorney; however, there has been some difficulty in placing them into another facility. He advised that the regulatory processes with both Health Facilities Review Board and the Illinois Department of Public Health are ongoing and on schedule.

Committee Action

➤ Review of Executive Session Minutes

A motion to accept the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office was made by Ms. Reliford and seconded by Ms. Duncan.

Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that it is the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office that all previously held executive session minutes continue to be held closed as the need for confidentiality still exists, and to destroy executive session audio recordings more than two years old, except those that relate to pending litigation.

The motion carried unanimously (9-0) via roll call vote.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Williams read into the record a letter received by Elizabeth Cashman regarding the closure of Heddington Oaks.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 1:30 p.m.

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