

DRAFT
MINUTES
County Health Committee
September 23, 2020
@ 1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Sorrel - County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Randy Brunner, Paul Letcher – Finance; Karen Raithel – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department

Call to Order

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

A motion to suspend the Rules in order to meet remotely was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Fennell. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020 was made by Ms. Daley and seconded by Ms. Bryant. The motion carried unanimously (10-0) 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 stated that Peoria County is now at 3,312 positive cases, the majority of which are considered recovered. She added that 11% of cases are isolating at home and 1% are currently hospitalized. She stated that nine additional contact tracers, three outreach workers, and a social worker have been retained via the contact tracking grant awarded to the Health Department. She advised that additional support staff is also being hired. She noted that the CDC recommends 30 contact tracers per 100,000 population.

Ms. Bryant asked how the return to school is being impacted by COVID-19. Ms. Hendrickson advised that there was an initial increase in cases as in-person schooling began, partially due to exposure during the summer months based on travel or large gatherings. She stated that positive cases have dropped significantly as the new school year has progressed. She stressed that school districts have been well-trained and respond quickly to potential new cases, and remarked that the Health Department has developed a specific e-mail address for school administrations to utilize which is monitored 24 hours a day. She commented that the more significant rises have been in the 18-22 age group.

- Care & Treatment Board
- Monthly Update

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

➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

Sustainability Update

Ms. Raithel advised that the Sustainability Team is comprised for the most part of facilities staff within several county buildings, adding that subject experts from county departments are also included. She stated that the Team drafted a Sustainability Plan in 2011 which catalogs and compiles programs, initiatives, upgrades, and efficiencies. She stated that the Team intends to update the six elements of the Plan (Buildings & Construction, Operations, Land Use, Purchasing, Employees, Solid Waste Efforts) within the next year.

Ms. Raithel advised that the Illinois EPA will resume hazardous waste collections, with Peoria County being chosen as one of several counties selected to hold annual household hazardous waste events. She stated that the initial event will be held May 15, 2021.

Heddington Oaks

➤ Financials

Mr. Letcher advised that financial data for the month ending July 31, 2020 is included in the committee packet. Ms. Daley noted the significant differences in balances within the Accounts Receivable report between managed care providers for Medicaid, specifically noting the difference between Molina and Meridian. Mr. Letcher stated that Meridian has double paid on several residents, and staff is reviewing lines items to ensure the double payments were not overpayment on their part. He advised that Molina has a “slow pay” process, wherein Medicaid approval can take 6-9 months, adding that billing amounts over six months old will be denied at first billing. He stated that the denial must then be appealed and re-billed, which delays the payment process. Ms. Daley suggested the Medical Provider Complaint Portal as an appropriate means of filing a claim.

Resolution

➤ Heddington Oaks Collection Policy

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Groves Allison and seconded by Mr. Fennell. Ms. Musselman commented that a Bad Debt Policy was approved by the County Board in 2018, outlining the process of writing off accounts that have been determined uncollectible. The policy before the committee would supplement the Bad Debt Policy and establish policy and procedures for the process prior to that final determination. She explained that the policy addresses four action plans for the following specific accounts receivable components: Medicaid, Medicare, Private Pay, and Vendors, and establishes a series of objectives.

Ms. Daley asked if the County has ever pursued an estate in an attempt to collect bad debts, and Ms. Musselman advised that she is not aware of any such attempts. She remarked that this procedure is included as an objective in the draft of the policy.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0) via roll call vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 1:31 p.m.