

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Call to Order

The Board of Health (BOH) held a meeting on May 31, 2011 in the Lyle Shields Meeting Room at the Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 East Washington, Urbana. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Bobbi Scholze.

Roll Call

Board members present at the time of roll call were Stan James, Cherryl Ramirez, Bobbi Scholze, Betty Segal, and David Thies. John Peterson arrived after roll call.

The absent Board member was Prashanth Gowda.

Also present were Kat Bork (Board of Health Administrative Assistant), Candi Crause (CUPHD Infectious Disease Prevention & Management Director), Nancy Greenwalt (Smile Healthy Executive Director), Julie Pryde (CUPHD Administrator), and Jim Roberts (CUPHD Environmental Health Director).

Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Ramirez to approve the agenda; seconded by James. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Thies to approve the February 22, 2011 minutes; seconded by James.

Ramirez requested a change to lines 150-151 to reflect that her employer is the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities.

Motion carried as amended with unanimous support.

Public Participation on Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation over the agenda items.

Correspondence and Communications

There was no correspondence or communications.

Smile Healthy

MOTION by James to receive and place on file the Smile Healthy monthly report for April 2011; seconded by Segal.

Greenwalt announced that Smile Healthy held a Last Chance Dental Clinic at the Community Services Center in Rantoul on May 14th. They will be providing follow-up services to the children seen at this clinic.

Peterson entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

Scholze asked for an update on dental health in the community. Greenwalt stated the Frances Nelson Dental Clinic is planned to open on October 3rd. Construction has not begun and the bids were within budget. The clinic's clientele will be half children and half adults. Smile Healthy is coordinating the clinic, but not managing clinic. Smile Healthy is accepting applications to fill the positions of a full-time dentist, a full-time hygienist, two dental assistants, and a dental office assistant. The clinic will have staggered hours and be open five days a week. There is an advisory group which meets monthly to review the clinic's progress and to fundraise for construction and operating expenses.

CUPHD

Approval of CUPHD Invoice – March 2011

MOTION by Peterson to approve payment of the CUPHD invoice for March 2011; seconded by James.

Peterson asked why the invoice was higher than usual. Pryde thought the increase was due to PHEP activities to complete spending on the grant.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

Notice of IPLAN Acceptance from IDPH

Pryde gave Scholze a hard copy of the IPLAN and sent the other BOH members links to the executive summary. The BOH and CUPHD are in "substantial compliance" for another five years. The IPLAN is now online as a searchable document.

List of Current Grants

Pryde provided this list of current grants for the BOH's information. Pryde noted the State of Illinois is so far behind in payments that CUPHD is just now receiving money for grants that expire in a month.

Update on the Cherry Orchard Situation

Pryde explained that the owners of the Cherry Orchard Apartments, Bernard and Eduardo Ramos, were found guilty on criminal and civil charges, including the initial charges of illegally dumping sewage. They were fined around \$54,000. The Ramoses did not show up for next court date and were found in contempt.

Peterson asked if the Ramoses have left town. Pryde was not certain of their whereabouts, but is aware that apartments in the complex are still being rented to tenants. She believed a building where tenants are currently living may lack electricity. CUPHD continues to receive complaints about the property from its neighbors. James shared details about the conditions of some of the apartment buildings. Roberts added that, in addition to the ordinance violations, there is an injunction to not occupy or discharge sewage on the property. Scholze asked who would follow up on this issue. James stated the Sheriff's Office should follow up because it is in a rural setting with no local police force. Pryde has been contacted by the State's Attorney's Office asking how this case should proceed. James recommended that the County Planning & Zoning Department could condemn and close the property.

Thies asked if the State's Attorney's Office could send the BOH a memorandum outlining the Board's options. Pryde described her communication with the State's Attorney's Office and how the case is now being handled by Joel Fletcher. The BOH discussed the situation at the Cherry Orchard Apartments. Thies inquired if the BOH could ask questions of the attorney handling the case. Pryde agreed to ask Fletcher to attend a meeting. The BOH continued to discuss the impact of the sewage discharge and the results of the court case.

James asked Pryde to request that John Hall of the Planning & Zoning Department and Joel Fletcher attend a BOH meeting or arrange some other conversation. Pryde agreed to make contact with Hall and Fletcher this week.

Invoice from the State's Attorney's Office Regarding the Ramos Case

Scholze announced that the BOH received a bill for attorney services for the Ramos case from the State's Attorney's Office. Pryde spoke to Deb Busey about the invoice and was told that county entities outside of the General Corporate Fund are billed for the State's Attorney's Office's services. Scholze added that Busey has recommended waiting until the end of the fiscal year to determine if a budget amendment is needed to cover the bill.

James said the BOH is a County agency, supported by County taxpayers and he was under the impression that the Champaign County State's Attorney would represent the BOH on enforcement issues. He asked if the BOH would have to pay the State's Attorney's Office for representation any time an action is taken against someone. Pryde said CUPHD was not charged for a noncompliant TB court case. James would understand if the BOH was asked to pay for outside legal counsel because the State's Attorney's Office did not have the expertise to handle certain cases, but he assumed the State's Attorney's Office would take an ordinance violation case under its charter because both the State's Attorney and the BOH are working together as County entities. He was surprised the BOH was being billed for the services because the State's Attorney's staff was supposed to represent the County entities in lawsuits.

Pryde was concerned that another noncompliant TB case could involve further legal costs. Thies felt the invoice was about government being transparent in order for the public to understand the costs to taxpayers. Pryde noted the BOH would receive the fines revenue if any money is ever collected from the Ramoses. James would like to know what services the BOH is responsible to pay for when facing future enforcement issues. The BOH continued to discuss the invoice. Thies noted the amount invoiced was very inexpensive for legal representation.

Proposed FY2012 Budget

Pryde presented the CUPHD FY2012 budget proposal prepared by Andrea Wallace. CUPHD is using their budget surplus to pay down IMRF, which could lessen the amount the BOH has to pay towards IMRF. There was discussion amongst the BOH and Pryde regarding what was the exact total figure of the budget proposal. Pryde agreed to contact Wallace or a staff person to get the total budget figure before the next meeting. James talked about the new budget process that will replace Legislative Budget Hearings this year for the County. Peterson stated the BOH will have to meet monthly in June and July to prepare the FY2012 budget. Peterson asked if Deb Busey had signed off on Wallace's revenue projections for FY2012. Pryde said Busey and Wallace were in contact all the time. Segal asked for a lighter blue to be used on the spreadsheet because she could not read the cells highlighted in blue.

CUPHD Monthly Division Reports

MOTION by Thies to receive and place on file the CUPHD Monthly Divisions Reports for February, March, & April 2011; seconded by James.

Peterson questioned CUPHD staff about the number of active TB cases. Crause answered there were four active cases. Pryde added that CUPHD issues orders for voluntary compliance when tests results come back positive for active TB. Peterson noted that hospitals have been excused from annually testing their personnel for TB. Pryde was surprised because health care workers can spread TB. Crause described how active cases can go untreated until the individual is so sick that he or she is hospitalized and the testing is done. The BOH discussed TB and the likelihood of cases in Champaign County. They discussed various TB tests and the prevalence of the disease in other countries. Pryde thought a TB levy should be re-established.

Motion carried with unanimous support.

Other Business

Distribution of Public Health Levy for FY2011 from Deb Busey

This memo was provided for information only. Peterson remarked on how accurate Busey's projections have been each year.

Support Services for the Board of Health in the Future

Scholze announced that Bork would be resigning from the County to attend law school in August and Pryde has agreed that CUPHD staff will provide support for the BOH meetings. Pryde suggested holding the meetings at the CUPHD facility. The FY2012 CUPHD budget proposal includes the staff expense of providing these support services.

The BOH discussed the next couple of meetings. Thies stated he would not be present for the June 21st meeting.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

MOTION by Thies to approve the January 25, 2011 closed session minutes; seconded by Ramirez. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items Only

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

Ramirez announced she would not be seeking another term on the Board of Health when her current term expires on June 30, 2011. The BOH discussed quorums, as it is currently short two members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Board of Health Administrative Assistant

Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business at the meeting.