

1 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
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4 *Tuesday, November 16, 2021*
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6 **Call to Order**
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8 The Champaign County Board of Health held an electronic meeting via Zoom on
9 November 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by President,
10 Dr. Krista Jones.
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12 **Roll Call**
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14 Upon roll call, the following Board members were found to be present: Dr. Krista
15 Jones, President, Mr. Davis Thies, Vice President, Dr. John Peterson, Dr. Lyndon
16 Goodly, Dr. Dorothy Vura-Weis, Dr. Vihn Hick, and Dr. Brent Reifsteck. Mr. Jacob Paul,
17 County Liaison, was in attendance at 5:40 PM and Ms. Cathy Emanuel,
18 Secretary/Treasurer, was in attendance at 5:57 PM.
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20 Also present: Julie Pryde, CUPHD Administrator, Awais Vaid, CUPHD Deputy
21 Administrator, and Sarah Michaels, CUPHD Director of Environmental Health.
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23 **Approval of Agenda/Addendum**
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25 Dr. Vura-Weis made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Goodly seconded the
26 motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.
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28 **Special Item**
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30 Dr. Jones introduced Dr. Vihn Hick and Dr. Brent Reifsteck as new members to
31 the County Board of Health.
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33 **Approval of Minutes**
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35 Mr. Thies made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 17, 2021 and
36 September 20, 2021. Dr. Goodly seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion
37 carried.
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40 **Public Participation on Agenda Items Only**
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42 Community member Bo Barber addressed the board in regards to the Resolution
43 Declaring Continued Utility Disconnections in Illinois to be a Pandemic Safety Risk. He
44 draws attention to the data provided in the document noting that there have been just as
45 many service shutoffs in the last three months as there were for the previous 11 months
46 before that period. Mr. Barber notes that this loss of utilities can result in individuals
47 being housed together, which he suggests poses a risk to public health. Mr. Barber
48 expressed his support for the resolution.
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55 Community member Mr. Thiebald spoke in support of the Resolution Declaring
56 Continued Utility Disconnections in Illinois to be a Pandemic Safety Risk. Echoing a
57 similar sentiment to Mr. Barber, noting that the loss of safe housing is dangerous, and
58 can result in the further spread of the pandemic. The stress of utility shut-offs also
59 negatively impact families that may be struggling otherwise during the pandemic.
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61 **Correspondence and Communications**

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63 Ms. Julie Pryde provided a COVID-19 status update for Champaign County.
64 There are currently 764 cases, 499 people in quarantine, 211 deaths and seven
65 hospitalized. Ms. Pryde noted that of those 211 deaths, 98 have occurred since
66 February 2021. In addition, 75.23% of eligible residents have received at least one
67 dose, though she believes this to be an under-count due to the student population.
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69 The County has started vaccinations for those age 5-11 and they are at a
70 16.55% vaccination rate. For those age 12-17, 65.40% have been vaccinated; age 18-
71 64 are 65.37% vaccinated; and individuals age 65 and older are 92.22% vaccinated.
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73 Ms. Pryde explained Integrated Recovery. Eventually, COVID-19 is expected to
74 transform from a pandemic into an endemic disease, similar to the flu, likely becoming
75 seasonal. Integrated Recovery is intended to drive health departments to continue
76 working on their other projects, to ensure that services do not diminish, and will continue
77 to be strong and available when the pandemic has lessened.
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79 Ms. Pryde noted some of the projects that CUPHD has been working on:
80 expanded immigrant cooperative to include new partners, expanded services to
81 refugee, immigrant, and migrant communities, CUPHD ordered a new mobile clinic for
82 the immigrant cooperative, working on an equity pilot to help streamline and assist small
83 food service businesses with the permitting process, CUPHD has built a new clinic in
84 the east wing, continually working with service providers to the homeless to ensure
85 those with active addictions who are living on the streets have accommodations this
86 winter, working with local townships and the LIHEAP program to prevent utility
87 disconnections, especially during the winter months, working to ensure refugee,
88 immigrant, and migrant children have access to dental case management and services,
89 and the COVID dashboard will be expanded in 2022 to cover additional issues
90 important to the community.
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92 Dr. Vihn Hick left the meeting at 6:10 PM.
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94 **SmileHealthy**

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96 Dr. Vura-Weis made a motion to receive and place on file the following
97 SmileHealthy monthly reports: July, August, and September 2021. Mr. Thies seconded
98 the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.
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106 **CUPHD**
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108 Mr. Thies made a motion to receive and place on file the following CUPHD
109 invoices for service: July, August, and September 2021. Dr. Vura-Weis seconded the
110 motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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112 Ms. Pryde noted that COVID-19 booster shots are being given at the I-Hotel and
113 Carle is at the former Dress Barn location by Kohl's in Champaign. Dr. Brent Reifsteck
114 and fellow pediatric doctors are sharing vaccination information and encouraging
115 parents to have their child vaccinated. Carle will transition efforts to the clinics after
116 Thanksgiving.

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118 Dr. Lyndon Goodly left the meeting at 6:32 PM.
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120 An agreement for the Joint Jurisdiction Annual Health Permit for Mobile Food
121 Establishments was presented. This agreement was recently approved by the District
122 Board of Health. Mr. Thies made a motion to recommend approval by the Champaign
123 County Board. Ms. Cathy Emanuel seconded the motion. This will eliminate the need for
124 two permits allowing for mobile food establishments to operate anywhere within the
125 County under one permit. The attester's name will need to be updated to Cathy
126 Emanuel. With all in favor, the motion carried.

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128 Mr. Jacob Paul made a motion to place on file the CUPHD Reportable Diseases
129 and Performance Management reports. Mr. David Thies seconded the motion. With all
130 in favor, the motion carried.

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132 **Old Business**
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134 Ms. Cathy Emanuel noted that she will be reaching out to County restaurants to
135 potentially host vaccination clinics with the possibility of offering incentives to their
136 patrons. No action was needed regarding spending of the fund balance to address
137 pandemic concerns. Dr. Jones stated that the fund balance of \$50,000 will be available
138 for use in response to the COVID-19 response efforts.

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140 **Other Business**
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142 Mr. Thies made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution Declaring
143 Continued Utility Disconnections in Illinois to be a Pandemic Safety Risk by the
144 Champaign County Board. Dr. Vura-Weis seconded the motion. With all in favor, the
145 motion carried.

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147 Dr. Jones addressed the Board regarding the upcoming 2022 meeting schedule
148 and proposed March 22, June 14, August 16, and November 15. Mr. Davis Thies made
149 a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Dr. Vura-Weis seconded the motion.
150 With all in favor, the motion carried.

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156 Ms. Cathy Emanuel suggested an additional meeting in January for COVID
157 updates. The Board agreed to a Special Meeting to be held on January 11, 2022 at 5:30
158 PM.
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160 **Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**
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162 Mr. Allan Axelrod shared with the Board that, besides community leaders, the
163 best way to get people vaccinated is to provide a guaranteed monetary incentive.
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165 **Next Meeting**
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167 The next County Board of Health meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at
168 5:30 PM. This meeting will be held via Zoom.
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170 **Adjournment**
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172 With no further business to be discussed, Dr. Vura-Weis made a motion to
173 adjourn the meeting. Mr. Thies seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting was
174 adjourned at 7:14 PM.