



**Peoria County Board of Health
Health Protection Services Committee Meeting
May 21, 2014**

Present: Joyce Harant
Kathy Simpson
Jennifer Groves-Allison

Absent: Dr. Na'Allah

Staff Present: Greg Chance, Public Health Administrator
Carey Panier, Assistant Director Environmental Health
Wil Hayes, Director of Environmental Health
Jason Marks, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Kristin Grubb, Administrative Assistant
Monica Hendrickson, Epidemiologist
Meredith Littell, Assistant Director of Infectious Disease
Randy McClallen, Health Protection Services Coordinator
Gene Huber, Director of Financial Services
Dale Clarkson, Lead Hazard Control Program Manager

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Simpson.

There were no public comments.

A motion to approve the March 19, 2014 minutes was made by Ms. Harant. Motion was seconded by Ms. Groves-Allison. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that each Committee will have the opportunity to review the draft FY15 budget for their respective program areas. The draft FY15 budget being discussed tonight is the first look; any needed changes will be made and brought to the full Board at the June meeting. The Committees will then review the draft budget again at their July meetings with an action item on the August full Board meeting agenda. Mr. Chance stated that, since the State of Illinois has not yet adopted a budget, it is unknown how grant funded programs will be affected. Ms. Huber reviewed the draft FY15 revenue and expenditures for each program area. She stated that the draft budget includes an increase of 2.5% for all employees as well as a 10% increase in health insurance cost. Mr. Chance stated that the biggest expense is personnel; the fringe benefit cost is about 33%. Ms. Huber stated that one FTE is being added for FY2015; this is the Director of Health Protection/Assistant Administrator position that is expected to be filled during 2015.

In the next item of business, Mr. Clarkson provided a report regarding Lead Hazard Program activities. Mr. Chance stated that the information being presented regarding the amount of money spent on lead hazard mitigation represents two federal HUD grant periods as well as other funding sources. The first HUD grant was for 2007-2009 and the second was for 2010 thru September 30th of this year. Mr. Clarkson stated that landlords of rental properties are charged 15% of the project cost. Landlords who participate in the program are also required to sign an agreement that they will only rent to low income families for the next two years. The average cost per project is about \$12,000.00. There are three zip codes within Peoria that are targeted due to having the highest incidence for lead poisoning; those are 61603, 61604, and

61605. Mr. Chance stated that every child with an elevated blood lead level is reported to the Health Department for follow up. He added that this Program not only reduces exposure to lead hazards, but also has an economic impact including workforce capacity development. Six of the contractors conducting lead hazard removal work are from Peoria County.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that Ms. Groves-Allison asked at the previous Committee meeting for a list of issues/challenges related to IDPH Administration. A list was developed and included in the agenda packet. Mr. Chance stated that the theme is a lack of fulfillment of responsibilities either due to a lack of resources or leadership. He added that it is his opinion that, as a result of IDPH inconsistencies, the General Assembly is put in a position to adopt laws to address issues when the issue could have been addressed through the appropriate administration of rules rather than through creating laws. Mr. Chance stated that an example of this is the current issue of raw milk consumption; IDPH's response is that consumption of raw milk is already occurring so it might as well be regulated. Mr. Marks discussed issues regarding difficulty in having individuals volunteer to assist in responding to a public health emergency due to concerns related to liability. He added that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and IDPH operate in silos and there is a lack of coordination. Mr. Hayes stated that an issue he has found is that IDPH is not prepared for implementation when new Rules are adopted. Mr. Chance stated that there is frustration due to IDPH offering excuses for failure to perform duties; however, local health departments are required to meet requirements or face a penalty regardless of the reason. In response to a question regarding what can be done to address these issues, Mr. Marks suggested making sure the decision makers are aware of the issues. He added that sometimes the issues that receive media attention can detract from other issues for which there could be a resolution. Mr. Chance stated that the General Assembly seeks uniformity; however, with local health departments and different service delivery models, there will be conflicts. He added that IDPH used to have a Local Liaison Division, which included subject matter experts and worked with local health departments and Boards of Health; that activity no longer exists. Ms. Harant asked if surrounding counties would be interested in leading a discussion regarding issues with IDPH. It was decided that Mr. Chance will discuss this at the regional Illinois Association for Public Health Administrators meeting next week to see if there is interest from other local health departments.

In the next item of business, staff discussed current or future public health issues/challenges/opportunities.

Mr. McClallen stated that there has been a great deal of activity over the past month with the Reproductive Health Sub-Committees which are focused on school curriculum and the community. District 150 is participating in a five year grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. The purpose of the grant is for schools providing sex education to meet new legislation, which requires comprehensive and evidence-based curriculum. Mr. McClallen stated that he, Ms. Harant, and Ms. Hendrickson attended a meeting at District 150 today; the school district is utilizing the Health Department as experts as well as to provide resources. He added that a community committee meeting is scheduled for June 23rd; the faith-based community in the 61603, 61604, and 61605 zip codes, which is where the most teen births and STDs are occurring, will be approached regarding implementation of evidence-based programs in churches.

Ms. Littell stated that TB testing has resumed and Infectious Disease staff is getting ready for back to school immunizations. Mr. Chance added that Infectious Disease staff has been busy with a shigella outbreak at a daycare.

Mr. Marks stated that an Emergency Preparedness exercise was conducted at the United States Postal Service last week. The exercise included Infectious Disease staff providing prophylaxis to

anyone in the building at the time the anthrax detection alarm was activated. Mr. Marks stated that the Health Department also participated in unified command training, which ensures someone is responsible for defining roles and responsibilities for appropriate agencies during a disaster response.

Mr. Hayes stated that Environmental Health staff is working with a software company regarding the homeowner education requirement of the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Code. He also stated that the State of Illinois passed geothermal legislation; therefore, the Peoria County Water Well Code is being revised to incorporate the regulation of geothermal well installation. The Committee will be provided a draft document for review at the July meeting. Ms. Panier stated that Environmental Health is also researching software programs used for food inspections. It is hoped that information will be presented to the Board in the next few months. She added that an overhaul of the food program is also being done regarding the inspection tool and evaluating compliance with food safety regulations. The revisions would be more risk-based as opposed to the current checklist and 100 point demerit system. The Food Safety Workgroup has been informed of this and seems to be interested in receiving more information regarding what this would entail. Ms. Panier said the goal is to prevent critical violations and conduct more education. The revisions to the food safety inspections process and tool are being done in conjunction with researching new software.

Mr. Chance stated that Ms. Hendrickson has conducted several media interviews regarding MERS. She has also been in communication with health care partners regarding this topic.

Mr. Chance stated that community stakeholders continue to meet regarding preparations for the Country Life Music Festival. He added that this weekend is when the Summer Camp festival is held in Chillicothe. Environmental Health staff will be onsite approximately eight hours per day.

Mr. Chance stated that the State Board of Education (ISBE) has been conducting inspections in public school kitchens. It appears that every three years an inspection is done by ISBE staff to check compliance with grant standards. There has been some confusion created by these inspections.

Ms. Harant stated that on June 5th, Dr. Paul Winchester, a neonatal intensive care director at an OSF facility in Minneapolis, will be doing grand rounds at OSF. He has been conducting research on the link between pesticides in water and birth defects. Ms. Harant stated that a meeting is attempted for professionals to have access to meet with Dr. Winchester. There will also be a public presentation at 6:30 pm. She wanted to share this information in case anyone is interested in attending.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.