



**Peoria County Board of Health
Health Protection Services Committee Meeting
October 6, 2014**

PRESENT: Joyce Harant
Kathy Simpson
Jennifer Groves-Allison

ABSENT: Dr. Na'Allah

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Chance, Public Health Administrator
Carey Panier, Assistant Director Environmental Health
Emily Connors, Human Resources Coordinator
Jean Bellisario, Director of Infectious Disease
Wil Hayes, Director of Environmental Health
Meredith Littell, Assistant Director of Infectious Disease
Melissa Hall Adamson, Director of Community Health Policy &
Planning/Assistant Administrator

Summary of Action Items:

-Approved July 30, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Follow-up Issues for Next Meeting:

-Draft Legislation Regarding Emergency Preparedness Volunteers

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Ms. Simpson.

There were no public comments.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 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 due to the meeting being rescheduled, Ms. Hendrickson, who produced the STD quarterly reports, could not attend. He stated that the reports are part of the Health Department's surveillance of STDs in the community. Ms. Bellisario reviewed the reports with the Committee. Mr. Chance stated that the data shows STDs continue to be a problem in the community. He added that the Reproductive Health Workgroup continues to try to address this issue with the targeted group being African Americans aged 15-24 in the zip codes of 61603, 61604, and 61605. Mr. Chance stated that, with having an Epidemiologist on staff, the Board is able to see data as issues arise to help drive action with intervention strategies, etc... In response to a question regarding what the Committee can do regarding STDs, Mr. Chance stated that the Reproductive Health Workgroup continues to look at strategies around STDs. Ms. Harant stated that the school committee is working with District 150, which is in the planning

stages of a sexual education curriculum. The community committee is attempting to reach out to the faith community and as well as trying to determine how to work with the local substance abuse coalition.

Mr. Chance stated that a number of issues are being moved through the Administrative Code process: Fracking Regulations, Smoke Free Illinois, Food Service Sanitation Code, Health Protection Grant Rules, and the proposed Code language regulating the sale of unpasteurized milk. Included in the agenda packet was a memo drafted by Mr. Hayes regarding the proposed amendments to the Local Health Protection Grant Rules. Mr. Hayes stated that written comments were submitted to the Joint Committee for Administrative Review (JCAR), with several of the comments relating to how IDPH is changing the rules in trying to create a more flexible system. This would give IDPH the ability to make changes and not give ample notice to local health departments. Mr. Chance added that funding for the Local Health Protection Grant has not been increased for at least 10 years and the rule amendments create more costs for local health departments. He stated that there are also proposed rules at JCAR for Smoke Free Illinois. The proposed changes are primarily in response to incidents in Peoria County regarding enforcement of the current legislation by the Peoria Police Department and the gray area of the current Statute regarding what the industry refers to as beer gardens. IDPH was asked to review language in the Statute and create rules to guide enforcement agencies regarding the application of Smoke Free Illinois requirements. The proposed regulations primarily talk about where smoking is not allowed. If employees are in areas, then the business cannot allow smoking in that area. The language also states that local health departments must conduct inspections; however, there is no funding to support this activity. Ms. Adamson wrote a letter on behalf of the Health Department questioning the language regarding who conducts inspections under the State Statute. It appears in the drafted rules that IDPH was omitted from being a responsible agency. The other issue is the mandate of conducting an inspection; not every complaint may be worthy of an inspection. Regarding fracking, Mr. Chance stated that legislation was passed and the responsibility given to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to write the rules. JCAR has instructed IDNR to review the rules that have been written. There have been comments regarding having local health departments more involved in the fracking process. A letter was written regarding the need for local health department input regarding potential issues related to the fracking process. The Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) and the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) have been drafting comments with a second letter sent out on behalf of all downstate local health departments to IDNR discussing some of the concerns regarding the need to have an informed local health department once a fracking permit has been issued, knowing the process and chemicals being used, background sampling of groundwater, etc... Mr. Chance stated that the Health Department will continue to monitor the fracking rules and regulations as they move forward. He then stated that legal counsel for the State of Illinois has rendered an opinion that the State of Illinois cannot prohibit the sale of unpasteurized milk based on the current language of the State Statutes. Subsequently, IDPH has taken the position that although it does not endorse or support the consumption of unpasteurized milk, rules and regulations need to be developed so that it can be regulated. Mr. Chance stated that, from a public health perspective, the consumption of unpasteurized milk is not in the best interest of the public. In response to a question regarding home kitchens, Mr. Chance stated the criteria to meet the definition of a home kitchen is that the food must be prepared in the home, food must be non-potentially hazardous, and gross sales have to be less than \$1,000.00 per month. There is also the issue of the local unit of government having to adopt a local ordinance allowing food to be prepared in home kitchens. Mr. Chance stated that he is not aware of any local unit of government in Peoria County adopting this type of ordinance.

PROGRAM AREA UPDATES

Infectious Disease

Ms. Bellisario stated that outbreaks over the summer provided insight regarding how the Infectious Disease Program works with community partners. During the course of an investigation, issues arose regarding accountability and communication in following up with cases. Recently, communication has been improving. Ms. Bellisario also discussed processes and procedures being in place for responding to outbreaks. Scabies, Enterovirus D68, and Ebola are emerging issues requiring communication. Information is also communicated to the Infectious Disease departments of the hospitals to be shared with physician offices. Mr. Chance stated that some interviews have been given by the Health Department regarding Ebola. Information continues to be shared with community partners and public messaging has also been done. The Health Department's role is surveillance, providing information, and coordinating a response. Ms. Bellisario stated that BioSense will be used for syndromic surveillance. Flu vaccine clinics have been scheduled for Peoria County employees. The Health Department is encouraging the public to get a flu shot wherever it is available.

Environmental Health

Mr. Hayes stated that long and short range plans concerning wastewater and drinking water in Peoria County are being developed. Mr. Hayes stated that he hopes the web-based homeowner onsite wastewater education program will be ready by the end of this month. Ms. Panier stated that September was National Food Safety Education Month. Environmental Health did several social media posts, media releases, and the coloring contest. She stated that the Food Safety Workgroup is working to address guidelines for establishments that cook food outdoors. Another issue that the Workgroup will address is the development of a new food establishment inspection tool.

Lead Hazard Control

Mr. Chance stated that the Health Department was not selected for funding for the most recent HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant. A debriefing will be held in early November at which time the Health Department will learn if the application was deficient. The two communities in Illinois to receive funding are the City of Chicago and City of Kankakee. Mr. Chance stated that the Health Department will continue to seek CLEAR-WIN funds, which IDPH indicates \$660,000.00 should be received by PCCHD.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Chance stated that Jason Marks, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, continues to provide support to Peoria County's Emergency Management Agency. He added that Mr. Marks was very involved in the emergency preparedness exercise held at Caterpillar's Mossville plant. In response to a question regarding legislation for volunteers in emergency preparedness, Mr. Chance stated that the Northern Illinois Consortium of Local Health Departments has a draft piece of legislation, which was introduced last year, but stopped at Committee level. This draft legislation will be the legislative agenda for next year with the Consortium taking the lead on this issue. Mr. Chance stated that the draft legislation will be brought to the Committee at its next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Chance stated that, as a result of discussions with Dr. Trachtenberg and the fact that the Director for Dynege's Government Relations Office contacted Greg proactively in response to media attention from the Board's last meeting, Dr. Trachtenberg requested that Health Department staff meet with representatives from the Edwards Power Plant. Mr. Chance stated that a meeting is scheduled for this week between Health Department senior leadership and corporate and plant representatives from Dynege. He added that he will follow up with Dr. Trachtenberg

after the meeting to determine if the issue should be brought back to Committee or the Board of Health.

Mr. Chance stated that convening a meeting with local health department leadership and Board of Health representatives has been challenging. He recommended waiting until spring to schedule the meeting; the Committee agreed with this recommendation.

Mr. Chance stated that the Quality Quest Board voted to engage the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to provide consultation services in creating a framework and governance for the Population Health Improvement collaborative. The next step is to identify a core group of stakeholders to work with IHI and in the communities to develop a collective vision for population health improvement strategies.

Mr. Chance reminded the Committee that, at October Board meeting, the Nominating Committee will propose officers for 2015. If approved, the President Elect will have from October to December to identify committee chairs and members to bring to the December Board meeting. The new Committees would be effective January 1st.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.