

**Approved 4/27/21**  
**MINUTES**  
**County Health Committee**  
**February 23, 2021**  
**@ 1:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Sharon Williams** - Chairperson, **Betty Duncan** - Vice Chairperson; **Jennifer Groves Allison, Eden Blair** (*via teleconference*), **Brandy Bryant, Linda Daley, Kate Pastucha, Rachel Reliford, Rob Reneau** (*via teleconference*), **Steve Rieker, 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** – Chief Financial Officer; **Rebecca Cottrell** – Sustainability & Resource Conservation; **Monica Hendrickson** – Health Department; **Elizabeth Crider** – Regional Office of Education

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021 was made by Ms. Daley and seconded by Mr. Salzer. The motion carried unanimously (10-0; Dr. Blair and Mr. Reneau voted aye via teleconference).

**Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates**

- Board of Health
- Monthly Update

Ms. Hendrickson directed committee members to the submitted Board of Health minutes of December 21, 2020.

Ms. Hendrickson updated the committee on the status of the current COVID-19 vaccine campaign. She advised that Peoria County has received nearly 40,000 doses to date, which are allocated to local health departments, and which are then re-distributed to local entities. She stated that the Peoria City/County Health Department has partnered with OSF St. Francis Healthcare Systems, UnityPoint Health, and Heartland Health Services to distribute the vaccine. Ms. Hendrickson advised that Peoria County specifically has provided 9,000 first doses of vaccine and 3,000 second doses. She commented that data on the Illinois Department of Public Health website indicates that Peoria County is leading in terms of 65+ individuals being vaccinated.

Mr. Rieker noted that a portion of the vaccines are distributed to health departments, while others are distributed by the state, and asked for clarification as to where the various doses are allocated. Ms. Hendrickson explained that each state receives a distribution, adding that the vaccines distributed by the Federal program are allocated to the State of Illinois, the Federal Pharmacy Program (CVS, Walgreens, HyVee, etc.), and the City of Chicago. She stated that the Pharmacy Program administers to long-term care facilities, with any unused vaccines re-allocated to their brick-and-mortar stores. She advised that the health department receives its allocation from the State of Illinois.

➤ Care & Treatment Board

➤ *Monthly Update*

No report. No questions or comments from committee members.

➤ EMA

➤ *Monthly Update*

Ms. Hendrickson directed committee members to the submitted report. She remarked that the EMA continues to have a large focus on events related to COVID-19 response. She also advised that a meeting was held on flood preparedness and an Armed Threat Tabletop Exercise was held with Kingston Mines. She commented that Jason Marks gave a presentation to the Peoria Kiwanis Group on COVID-19 response and the vaccination campaign.

➤ Regional Office of Education

➤ *Monthly Update*

Ms. Crider provided an update on the activities of the Regional Office of Education:

- Teachers have been signing up and receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The 2021 Lincoln Senior Scholar Award nominations from each Peoria County high school are being posted on Facebook.
- Illini Bluffs, Brimfield, Norwood, Elmwood, and Pleasant Valley schools are participating in a Safe to Help pilot program, a tipline that students may call with concerns.
- The Peoria Regional Office of Education has earned accreditation.
- Peoria Public Schools have been averaging approximately 13,000 students and that number has decreased to 12,500. Every school district with the exception of Dunlap has reported a loss of students. Truancy has increased under the pandemic, and Ms. Crider has tasked her staff with a recovery post-pandemic plan “Ignite, Inspire, and Innovate” to determine how to navigate truancy and “lost” students under this pandemic differently, and how to measure learning loss.

➤ Sustainability & Resource Conservation

➤ *Sustainability Update*

Ms. Cottrell provided highlights on activities and upcoming events, including:

- Educational activities include the continuation of “Sustainability Sunday” posts
- Landfill Committee is now meeting every six weeks as opposed to monthly
- Jail facilities staff have installed 1,549 LED bulbs to date
- Both all-facility and Courthouse electric and natural gas usage through 2020 has decreased over 2019 usage

➤ *Sustainability Plan Update*

Ms. Cottrell presented an update and summarization of the Sustainability Plan, which she noted was adopted in 2011. She stated that the Sustainability Team meets quarterly to review sustainability projects, and advised the Team is seeking to update the current plan. She advised that the Team, comprised of County employees and outside entities, has developed specific sustainability goals and objectives for the following six elements of Peoria County government: 1) Buildings and Construction; 2) Operations; 3) Land Use; 4) Purchasing; 5) Solid Waste; and 5) Employees.

Ms. Cottrell advised that the Highway Department, Health Department, and Juvenile Detention Center completed lighting upgrades in 2019. She also commented that the parking deck completed a lighting update in 2017.

**Miscellaneous**

Ms. Hendrickson advised that the Peoria City/County Health Department, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois Public Health Association will be hosting a virtual forum on the social determinant of medical mistrust and vaccine hesitancy on March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 1:50 p.m.

*Recorded & Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman*