

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending:

Terry Linton, Secretary
Paulette Evans, RN-- Vice Chairperson
Robert Hyten III, DMD- Treasurer
Cynthia Lynn Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Stacy Albers, RN
Deanna Ducomb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member
Deb Wesselmann- Ex Officio
Bob Netemeyer- Ex Officio
Mike Strieker - Ex Officio

Others In Attendance:

Chris Leidel, CCHD Administrator
Marian Voss, CCHD
Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal
Sean Elfert
Matt Wilson, Union Banner
Louis McMilln, CCHD

Call to Order

The January 5, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Paulette Evans due to Dr. Klostermann's absence via zoom at 5:33 PM.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Approval of minutes: Meetings of 11-17-20 and Executive Session 12-3-20

Dr. Hyten made a motion, seconded by Stacy Albers, to approve the November 17, 2020, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Kues made a motion, seconded by Paulette Evans, to approve the executive session minutes of December 3, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

Chris Leidel, our newly hired administrator, gave the current financial report for the department. He reported that the health department has begun to administer the Covid vaccine. Some vaccines were given to St. Joseph's Hospital as well. The Contact Tracing Grant was revised to

purchase more PPE. Vaccinations have been administered in school gymnasiums, to allow the process to be quicker and allow for distancing of patients. We are on target to expend all funds in the contact tracing grant for the year. Mr. Laidel reports he and Sean Elfert have worked well to transition leadership at our health department.

Terry Linton asked what 'FCM' stands for in the budget. It stands for 'Family Case Management'

Kim Hugo asked about our current positivity rate-- do we count residents of state facilities like the correctional center and Murray Center as our county-- Louise McMillin noted that yes, these numbers go into our county count of positive cases. We have not had a positive case at our County Jail as yet.

Paulette Evans asked what the roll out of the vaccine will look like as of today?

Chris Laidel stated we are almost done with 1A (Healthcare workers) and we are ready to start with 1B, which includes essential frontline workers such as teachers, firefighters and people 75 and older.

We do not have dates as yet for general public, the state is sending the vaccinations for one group at a time,, beginning a new group when the state as a whole is mostly complete for the previous stage.

Louise McMillin stated we are taking names of people who qualify for 1B and there are about 700 people on the wait list. We are almost complete with our healthcare workers. She noted that long-term care workers are under the pharmaceutical program, which will vaccinate the workers at those facilities based on the number of residents, (a facility with 30 residents will allow for 30 worker vaccines) and the rest of the staff will need to be vaccinated by the county. We continue to receive more doses weekly. We are working with the hospital to vaccinate OILA (disabled adults) residents. The state has indicated they do not want any vaccines to be wasted, and the state will allow 1A vaccines that are left over to be used for people on the 1B waiting list rather than waste them. We do have volunteer nurses helping (50-60) to work the vaccination sites.

Louise stated there have been few adverse reactions at the sites- there were more second day side effects with Moderna than with Pfizer.

Dr. Ducomb noted she had no side effects from her vaccine.

Both shots require a second shot either 21 or 28 days later, and these appointments are made immediately with the patient upon administering the first shot.

Dr. Ducomb noted the staff is doing an excellent job of managing the vaccination sites.

New Business

a. Meeting Schedule

Chris Laidel stated the meeting schedule dates as presented for 2021 may need to be moved as the financial report may not be ready so early in the month, and some members report that 5:30 is too early for them to attend.

James White noted he cannot make the 5:30 time due to work hours. Sean Elfert stated he made the schedule based on past schedules. He felt it may be better to have our meetings on the 4th week of the month to be able to have the financial reports in hand.

Mr. Netemeyer noted the County Board meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month, and if they need information, they would have to wait an entire month to receive it. James White stated that he has asked some committees to move their meetings to earlier in the month, to be able to report to the county as to their actions.

After discussion, Terry Linton made a motion to maintain the proposed meeting dates as scheduled, but to move the time of the meetings to 6:00 PM, seconded by James White. Motion passed unanimously. Chris Leldel noted he will note the change in time with a posting on the Health Department Door, the County Clerk will post on the County site. Chris will also post the schedule on the website, and note it on our facebook post. Deb Wesselmann has her animal control meetings for the County on the first Tuesday, at 6:00, so this would be a conflict- but she checked with the animal control committee by phone to see if they can move their meeting and the animal control committee agreed to move their meetings to Monday nights.

Old Business

a, Building Committee Update

Dr. Ducomb noted that Mr. White was named as Brad Knolhoff's replacement to the County Health Department. She asked if Mr. White was also willing to serve on the building committee as Brad Knolhoff was a member of that committee as well.

Rob Hyten stated he would like to be on the building committee, and James White noted he would be happy to serve on the committee as well. The building committee consists of Dr. Ducomb, James White, Paulette Evans, Marian Voss, Dr. Hyten, with Chris Leldel to attend meetings when he is able to, or if his presence is necessary.

Dr. Ducomb noted the committee met on December 8th, and rectangular building plans were reviewed which had 60-70 parking spaces allotted. Building orientation was discussed to allow for drive through and drop off capabilities. A question that remains is that our consultant requested a survey of the site, and Mr. Netemeyer does not know of any survey of the suggested property site. Dr. Ducomb noted the cost of building materials has increased tremendously recently. Mr. Karasek asked if the current health department building will be maintained or demolished? This would impact the building site, and needs to be discussed by the County Board. James White noted that the current Health Department building may be used for storage, but there are some upkeep concerns, and there are also concerns with the current parking lot behind the current building. The County owns the parking lot that is currently behind the existing building.

Dr. Ducomb noted for mass testing needs, it would appear a location like the fairgrounds would be best suited to avoid traffic issues.

Dr. Ducomb also asked if anyone had suggestions for surveyors locally. There were no suggestions, so the committee will seek local surveyors who would be available.

Mr. Netemeyer noted that this would be County property, and he felt the county should be responsible for the surveying-- the County has used Pat Netemeyer surveying in the past.

Rob Hyten asked if the county had the property surveyed when they purchased the property? No one at the County level knew of a survey according to Dr. Ducomb, and Pat Netemeyer Surveying denied knowledge of any previous surveys.

Bob Netemeyer asked if Larry Johnson could be contacted to see if the County would be willing to pay for the survey? James White stated he would check with Mr. Johnson.

Paulette Evans asked when the next committee meeting would be scheduled? Dr.

Ducomb noted that the survey is the next step.

Dr. Hyten asked what does Dr. Ducomb have in hand to share with the board? Are there any drawn plans? James White stated he hasn't received anything in print. Dr. Ducomb stated she will ask him for preliminary drawings to be shared with the committee.

Chris Leidel commented that with the new building, will we continue to have utilities paid by the county? This will affect the Health Department budget tremendously. Dr. Ducomb stated it was an assumption that the utilities would continue to be paid for by the County Board.

Terry Linton asked, when the building is built, who will own it, who will be paying for it, and who will be responsible for the utilities, as currently the utilities are paid for by the County Board, and their decision to continue paying for the utilities was at least a year ago-- was that still their plan?

James White stated he has those same concerns, and he feels we will need to get an opinion from the State's Attorney, and he will reach out to the State's Attorney for guidance.

Sean Elfert stated the County had never received rent from the Health Department, but with the contract tracing grant, we currently pay \$2,500 to the County for space used by Contact Tracers-- this will end when the Contact Tracing Grant is expended.

Dr. Hyten agrees that there are concerns with ownership and funds going forward. His understanding was the same as Terry Linton's in that the County initially was planning to support some funds and the Health Department would issue some funds, and the building would then be owned by the County. We (the Health Department and the County Board) need to come to a more formal agreement to answer these questions.

James White will check with the State's Attorney, as he feels these issues are dictated by statute.

Dr. Hyten asked about Fayette County Health Department Building as to who owns the building? Sean Elfert did not know about Fayette County, but he stated Bond County Health Dpt. owns the building, but if the Health Dpt. dissolves, the building ownership would default to the County.

James White will review how much the utility expense is for the current building, who would title the building, who will provide funds for the building, financing for the building, etc. He will report back to the Health Board next month.

Dr. Ducomb noted that we have the ability to have a tax levy for public health.

Sean Elfert stated he was unsure of what the maximum levy is currently for public health. He does not know if the levy is at the maximum level.

Sean Elfert did state that our accountant suggested that we increase our levy in the future.

Dr. Hyten asked Chris Leidel to note that if we can increase the levy for the future, we should do so, and Mr. Leidel will check into it.

Louise McMinn noted that in the past few weeks, notable community members have been lost to Covid, and people have been very affected by it. She feels that because of this, contact tracers have been treated with more respect.

Dr. Ducomb reminded Mr. Leidel that the new members of the Board of Health should have the bylaws in print, and that no member of the Board of Health should be paid.

Sean Elfert thanked the Board of Health and the Health Department Employees for the support he has been given through this pandemic. The Board Members expressed their thanks to Sean Elfert for a job very well done.

At 7:07 a motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded Dr. Ducomb, to go into executive session.

At 7:33 a motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded by James White to go back into open session. Motion passed unanimously.

In open session Deb Wesselmann asked where our meetings will take place if we go back to in-person meetings, and it was agreed that the meetings would be held at the County Board Room.

At 7:37 a motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded by James White to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending:

Brian Klostermann, Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary
Paulette Evans, RN- Vice Chairperson
Cynthia Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Deanna DuComb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member
Deb Wesselmann- Ex Officio
Bob Netemeyer- Ex Officio
Mike Strleker - Ex Officio

Others In Attendance:

Chris Leidel, CCHD
Marlon Voss, CCHD
Louise McMinn, CCHD
Larry Johnson, Clinton County Board
Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal
Matt Wilson, Union Banner

Call to Order

The February 2, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann via google at 6:02 PM

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Minutes Approval - January 5th, 2021 meeting

The minutes of the January 5th open session were presented. Cindy Kues made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Terry Linton. The motion carried unanimously. Executive session minutes of this meeting will be presented at the February meeting for approval.

Administrative / Financial Report

The financial data was not available for the month, but Chris Leidel will present these at the next meeting. Mr. Leidel reported Covid vaccinations are being administered and the process is going smoothly. We have administered 1,775 first doses, 425 second doses as of January 28, 2021. We have requested another 500 doses from the state. There are several more clinics to be held in the upcoming week for other towns. Chris Leidel reported the state has more Pfizer vaccines, but we need a freezer to store them in, and we are waiting for the new freezer. Mr. Netemeyer noted he has received the vaccine, and it was very well organized. He had a

concern with what a person should take after the shot, if they have pain. (He and his wife were given conflicting advice.) Chris Leidel stated there is no problem with taking Tylenol or Motrin after the shot, but patients should not take the meds before the shot is administered. The public is responding positively to the vaccine sites and their organized method of administering the shots. Chris Leidel states this is due to Louise McMinn's organization of these events. He also reported that we have received another grant (Mass vaccination grant) which will run through the end of November, to help with contact tracing. We are on pace to expend the current contract tracing grant monies which will need to be spent by May, 2021. Our region 4 positivity rate is 7.5%, and our county is at 9.5% as of January 24th, 2021. Chris noted he is receiving emails asking for High School sports to be reinstated. They are not now currently going due to our high ICU bed use. He is talking to IDPH to see if there is a way to move up into a different tier and is waiting for their response. Chris reported that our temporary workers are able to continue to work because they are on a temporary grant which has a definite end time, and he is discussing this with the State's attorney. (The concern is that these temporary workers would be eligible for union benefits.) Chris Leidel reports these temporary workers are told when they are hired when their end date is going to be. He states that it would be difficult for him to hire all new staff when the first grant ends and the second one begins. Chris Leidel reports that citizens who cannot come back for their second shot on the date planned, these are rescheduled. Dr. Klostermann noted that the 2nd dose cannot be given *before* the date, but it can be given afterwards. Chris Leidel reported that we are not holding back 2nd dose vaccines, because the state is holding those for us.

New Business

Meeting Schedule:

The meeting schedule was discussed at the last meeting. Dates remain as presented, meeting time at 6:00.

Old Business

Building Committee Update

Dr. DuComb reported she made a list of local surveyors. There were 5 that responded. She forwarded their names to Mr. Karasek, and he supplied them with a standard instruction for bids. The bids were presented and discussed. (4 from Clinton County, one from Collinsville)

Abacus: \$8000

HMG: \$4,800

Pat Netemeyer, Breese \$4,000

Sherbet- Carson- Plaxton (Collinsville) \$2,500-\$3,500

Milepost Surveying in Carlyle (Donnelly) \$3,200

They also discussed the orientation of the building on the lot, with varied shapes and parking options.

The committee recommended the rectangular building and its proposed orientation.

Paulette Evans asked if Mr. Karasek reported whether Donnelly knew how to survey a building

of this type, and Dr. Ducomb responded that he had indicated that Donnelly was acceptable. James White reported that the County Board would be asked to pay for the survey at the next meeting, he will bring it up to the finance committee. He feels the county should select the surveyor, since they are paying for it.

Dr. Ducomb feels the Health Board should select the surveyor.

James White responded he didn't feel the surveyor would affect the building plans.

Dr. Klostermann was asked by Dr. Ducomb what he thought about the choice of the surveyor. He responded that it is their land and he didn't feel it was a problem that the County Board paid for the survey.

James White noted the County Board would prefer to hire the surveyor, in case no building could be built there-- they would still benefit from having the survey of the land that belongs to them.

Paulette Evans asked if we could make a recommendation to present to the County Board.

Dr. Ducomb noted she has a concern that if we don't take the lowest bid, we open ourselves up to legal issues.

Paulette Evans noted that Abacus was asked to review their numbers, since they were so high, and they said their bid was correct.

Dr. Klostermann asked a verbal vote for the recommendation of Mr. Donnelly, and all members were in agreement.

James White reported that he brought up funding at the last County Finance Committee meeting. The finance committee stated they are willing to continue to pay for the utilities for the new building. We did have a statement from the State's Attorney as to how to deed the building. Terry Linton asked if we should go forward with the new building without a set budget?

James White noted we should have this decided and put into writing.

He feels we need to survey the land and then discuss ownership and funding.

Bob Netemeyer was told at an assessment meeting that County owned buildings do not have to pay taxes. James White said he will have to check on this.

Cynthia Kues asked if we can look into tax levy limits for the Health Department, and Chris Leidel stated he will check into this. He stated we are fortunate to have the cash reserves that we have and we need to protect this reserve, so having the county pay for utilities is very helpful to us.

Dr. Ducomb asked James White how long the survey decision will take. James stated the finance committee meets February 10th, and the County Board meets on February 16th.

Larry Johnson stated the County Board should approve the choice of the surveyor, and the State's attorney could review the contract, and it shouldn't take a lot of time.

Dr. Ducomb stated they will schedule the next building meeting after the survey is approved.

Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

Adjournment

Cindy Kues made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacy Albers. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 2nd at 6:00 PM.

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending:

Brian Klostermann, Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary
Paulette Evans, RN- Vice Chairperson
Robert Hyten III, DMD- Treasurer
Cynthia Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Stacy Albers, RN
Deanna DuComb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member
Deb Wesselmann- Ex Officio
Bob Netemeyer- Ex Officio
Mike Strleker - Ex Officio

Others In Attendance:

Chris Leldel, CCHD
Marlon Voss, CCHD
Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal
Larry Johnson, Clinton County Board
Todd Marver, Union Banner

Call to Order

The March 2, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann via google at 6:03 PM.

Hearing from the public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Minutes Approval-

January 5, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

The minutes of the January 5, 2021 executive session were presented. Cindy Kues made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Ducomb with changes as noted. Motion carried unanimously.

February 2, 2021 Minutes

The minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Terry Linton to approve the minutes, seconded by Paulette Evans. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

Chris Leldel reported vaccine rollout has been slow in the past weeks, largely due to 2nd doses being needed. The Department has received an ultra cold freezer so that we can now receive

Pfizer vaccines and have appropriate storage for them. There have been no problems getting the second doses. Johnson and Johnson's vaccine was approved last Friday, and we are expecting a shipment soon. We have vaccinated 8.73% of our population as of today. Those residents who are immunocompromised have now been added to the 1B, part 2 list for vaccines. We have added a Spanish Speaking portion to the sign up list. Our auditor recommends increasing the levy for the Health Department to 6% this year.

James White asked why should we increase our levy? Chris Leidel stated that it is to offset the cost of the new building and possible new programs. Chris will check with the auditor to see if there needs to be a vote to increase the levy.

James White stated he is opposed to increasing the levy, especially during Covid when businesses were not able to be open.

Deb Wesselmann stated we need to consider financing mental health, because businesses have closed down and she feels it is very important that we put aside monies for mental health- at what point will we need the money, and then we may have to wait for it, and the mental health issues can snowball while we are waiting for the money.

James White stated that he is opposed to raising a levy for 'services to be determined', especially when we don't know the cost yet.

Dr. Ducomb stated that we are supposed to 'keep up with our levy' but we got behind on increasing our levy under past administration. We had a lot of overtime for Covid, and our budget reserve was eaten up by that, but we were fortunate to receive grants to supplement our reserves.

James White feels it is important to be able to document the need for the funds before we levy a higher percentage. In addition, the County pays insurance and utilities, and he feels the Board of Health and the County Board should get together to discuss where the monies will come from and how they will be used.

Chris Leidel reiterated that the auditor was simply stating how we can raise the levy- he does not necessarily recommend we do this. Chris will check on when we need to increase the levy, if that's what is decided.

Larry Johnson also suggested that Chris discuss this with the State's Attorney. The Board of Health uses the same auditor as the County Board.

Marlan Voss noted we didn't increase our taxes when Cheryl Lee was the administrator.

Larry Johnson again asked if the Board of Health could meet with the County Board to discuss who will pay for what with the building.

Marion Voss stated she feels we are missing out on funds since we haven't increased our levy. Dr. Ducomb noted we are hoping to expand our services, and we may need a levy to support those services.

Dr. Klostermann noted that we should then set up a meeting with key individuals from both the County Board and the Health Board to make some decisions about funding.

Chris reported that our Region positivity rate is 4.4% and our counties rate is now 1.8%. 5,544 positive cases have been reported in the County to date.

Kim Hugo noted she had seen an article in the paper regarding several cases at the County Jail, but they have stopped. She wondered if the outbreak was affecting the housing at the jail?

James White noted 23/35 of the inmates had tested positive, but the situation has improved now. The Health Department did the testing for the inmates and did supply extra PPE to the jail.

New Business

There was no new business this evening.

Old Business

a. Building Committee Update

Dr. Ducomb noted that we have had concerns noted with the recent bidding for surveyors for the new building.

James White noted we need to get a professional services contract with a local provider. He feels we should go through the proper procedures working with the State's Attorney to get the bids.

Dr. Ducomb stated Mr. Karasek is ready to begin, but the survey is holding up the process.

Executive Session

There was no need for executive session this evening.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2021 in the County Board Room with a Zoom option. Terry Linton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by James White, motion approved unanimously.

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending
Brian Klostermann, MD, Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary
Robert Hyten III, DMD-Treasurer
Cynthia Kues, NP
Stacy Albers, RN
Deanna Ducomb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member
Deb Wesselmann- Ex Officio
Mike Strleker- Ex Officio

Others In Attendance:
Chris Leidel, CCHD
Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal
Brad Knolhoff
Jennifer Steinkamp, CCHD

Call to Order

The April 6, 2021 meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann at the Clinton County Meeting room at 6:00 PM. This meeting was also conducted via Zoom.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Minutes of March 2, 2021 BOH Meeting

The minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting were presented. Cindy Kues made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Ducomb. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative / Financial Reports

Chris Leidel reported a monthly surplus of \$63,000 for the month of February. There is more money coming in from grants and more expenditures within those grants to be expected in the next 3 months. We have administered a total of 7,396 vaccines to Clinton County citizens. The upcoming clinics are open to all citizens over the age of 18, so these numbers are expected to rise substantially in the near future. Citizens can sign up through EMtracks, calling the vaccine phone number, or online through the website. The clinic dates are announced on Facebook and it contains the link for EMTracks. The staff is willing to do Saturday clinics if there is a need for that. We now have Johnson and Johnson vaccines, which we administered yesterday. As of today, Clinton County is at 1.5% positivity rate.

The plan creation has begun. This is a requirement of the Health Department every 5 years for recertification. The major concerns identified by the advisory board are mental health, food insecurity, health behaviors such as obesity, substance abuse and chronic conditions.

James White asked how the priorities are decided. Chris Leidel noted a survey was completed by the advisory committee members along with the statistics for Clinton County reviewed.

Dr. Klostermann asked if the total number of vaccinated citizens included those Clinton County residents vaccinated in other areas, and Chris Leidel stated that yes, those numbers are sent back to our county to be included in our count. Chris Leidel noted that everyone over 18 is now eligible for the shot, and we do not deny shots as long as we have the vaccines. Rob Hyten asked how Clinton County is doing in terms of our percentage of vaccinated citizens-- we are at a higher rate than the average for the state. About 31% of our citizens have had at least the first vaccine. Dr. Klostermann asked about walk in clinics-- are we planning to do this? Chris Leidel stated the clinic yesterday was supposed to be 300, and we had 285 show up. Most of our clinics are full to capacity, but if there is a walk in and we have the shots, we will give them. Pfizer vaccines may soon be available for 16-18 year olds. Dr. Ducomb warned that citizens who have had Covid should not have a false sense of security, but should get the vaccines. Dr. Klostermann stated the presence of antibodies does not necessarily mean a person is safe from getting Covid. He feels the Covid vaccine may be a yearly shot similar to the flu shot. Terry Linton asked if we could do a radio ad to announce the availability of the shot to all 18 and up. Chris Leidel stated he would look into this as some citizens in the county do not have Internet access.

New Business

a. Health Department Independents

Dr. Klostermann discussed the tax levy situation for the Health Department. The finance committee of the County Board met with Dr. Ducomb, Dr. Klostermann and Paulette Evans to discuss this issue. We need to make decisions as to who will pay for the building and subsequent expenses of the building. Chris Leidel did some research about this issue. He checked with other health departments. The Clinton County Health Department is a part of the local county government. Some counties pay for benefits for health department employees. Counties in which the health department was supported through the county were typically better managed. The health department now pays for salaries of the employees. The average monthly utility bill is \$1150. He stated the total cost of FICA, IMRF, Health, utilities and Ameren along with all salaries was \$698,246. The county expends around \$180,000 yearly- to pay FICA, IMRF, utilities and Ameren. (These numbers were from 2020 records.) The County is self-insured now, so the cost is less due to the number of employees covered in the group plan.

Chris Leidel noted that he is not aware of any health department that is completely independent from their county. Chris noted that some of the employees have stated that they would need to seek other employment if they lost county health coverage. Deb

Wesselmann noted that many county employees come to the health department for labs, which saves them money. Dr. Klostermann stated he believes labs are free for County Employees at the Health Department. James White noted the conversations between the County Board and the Health Department are productive, and they are seeking to make the decisions which make the most sense for the county. Chris Leidel noted that our current agreement with the County Board seems to be working. These discussions will continue between the Health Department and the County. Mike Strleker stated Larry Johnson is working hard to make the relationship between the county and the Health department conducive to progress.

Old Business

a. Building Committee Update

Dr. Ducomb stated that the committee had discussed the option of the County owning the new building and could lease it to the Board of Health. Dennis Middendorff noted we cannot have a tenancy in common, but could do a legal and formalized lease agreement. We could also lease with an option to buy. We could also raise bond money and fund it independently. The survey is the next step in the process.

James White noted the approval of the survey monies was only with the County finance committee, but it still needs to be approved by the county board as a whole. He will try to get that issue on the next meeting agenda.

The building committee has drawn up a very rough rendering of the spaces needed for the health department. Chris Leidel also received input from the health department employees and this information was given to Mr. Karasek. We have plans for a basement and a first floor, but there is still a question as to whether we need a 2nd floor. A second floor could be used as a conference / meeting center for staff. This area could also be useful for mental health needs as it would be more private.

James White noted we need plans and then we can see the costs and know where cuts may need to be made. Mr. Karasek feels the building would look better with a second floor. Chris Leidel noted we need to make sure we have enough parking space- both for citizens and for employees.

James White notes the county owns the parking lot next to the building site.

Dr. Ducomb suggested that the old building area could be made into a parking lot if it were demolished, but that will be up to the County as they own the building.

Mike Strleker asked if the Building committee has visited other health departments- Dr.

Ducomb noted they have visited Washington County as well as Bond County. These are both smaller populated counties than Clinton County.

Dr. Hyten asked if the physical representation of the mock building reflects the needs stated by the health department employees? Dr. Ducomb noted they do not. The drawings are very preliminary. Chris Leidel stated the current plans are a good start, but will change through the process. Dr. Hyten stated he feels the preliminary drawings are not good. James White noted the current drawing is not Mr. Karasek's work. It was a rough mock up drawing that he was given to express areas of need for the Health Department. Mr. Karasek will take the rough drawing and draw a more detailed rendering based on the needs that have been stated.

James White noted the meeting with Mr. Karasek was simply to help him get more input as to what employees of the health department needs.

James White made a motion to go into executive session at 7:30 PM, seconded by Stacy Albers. Motion passed unanimously. James White made a motion to return to open session at 7:45, seconded by Cindy Kues. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is May 4, 2021 at 6:00.

CLINTON COUNTY (708) MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MAY 26, 2021 MINUTES

(708) Mental Health Board Members Present

Brian Klostermann

Nellie Garman

Edna Woltering

Carolyn Santel

Dawn Kleber

James White

County Board Members Present

Deb Wesselmann

Bob Netemeyer

Stakeholders Present

Paul Klostermann – Community Link

John Huelshamp – Community Link

Georgianne Broughton – Community Resource Center

President Klostermann called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

The minutes of the August 26, 2020 meeting were reviewed. James White made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to the funding amount allocated to SAFE. The amount will read \$45,726, rather than \$47,726. Seconded by Carolyn Santel. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Brian Klostermann discussed his proposal that the (708) Board retain a contractual administrator to perform the administrative functions of the board. \$10,000 was previously budgeted for this purpose. Sean Eifert was recommended for the role. James White suggested that the board develop a draft contract and submit to the state's attorney for review. Motion by Dawn Kleber to retain Sean Eifert as a contractual administrator contingent upon the state's attorney's approval of the contract and its subsequent execution. Seconded by James White. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Brian Klostermann announced that, while he desires to remain a member of the board, he had chosen to step down from his role as president. Dawn Kleber was the only member nominated to fill the role of president. Motion by James White to elect Dawn Kleber president. Seconded by Nellie Garman. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Brian Klostermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Seconded by James White. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Clinton County (708) Board will be June 30 at 6:00 pm in the county board room.



Nellie Garman, Secretary/Treasurer

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021

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Board of Health Members Attending
Brian Klostermann, MD, Chairperson
Paulette Evans, RN, Vice Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary
Cynthia Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Stacy Albers, RN
Deanna DuComb, MD
James White- Voling County Board Member
Bob Netemeyer, Ex Officio
Mike Strleker, Ex Officio

Also Attending:

Brad Knolhoff, County Board
Ben Jacobi, Attorney for Health Dpt.
Todd Marver, Union Banner
Louis McMinn, Health Dpt.
Michael Wilmarth

Call to Order

The May 5, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann at the Clinton County Meeting Room at 6:04PM. This meeting was also conducted via ZOOM for those wishing to attend remotely.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Minutes Approval : April 6, 2021

The minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting were presented. Dr. DuComb noted that in the minutes, she wanted to clarify that she was the only one attending the Washington County Building visit. Cindy Kues made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. DuComb, motion passed unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

Chris Leidel reported that for the month of March, we have realized a revenue of \$331,114.80 and expenses of \$107,528.86, for a surplus of \$223,585.86. He is wrapping up grants which will be ending June 30, 2021. He noted we received \$100,000 for the Max Vaccination Grant. Vaccinations are slowing down, but the health department continues to work on new ways to get people into clinics. A Saturday clinic will be held May 15, 2021, and evening clinics at the Health Department will be conducted on Wednesdays in the next couple of weeks. As of April 29th, 32.96% of the county's total population has been vaccinated. This exceeds the state

percentage of 30.61%. As of April 29th, our positivity rate in the county was 2.9%. To date, there have been 91 deaths in the county due to Covid.

May 17th, 2021, we will have an audit from the Department of Human Services. He has provided appropriate documentation to them for the audit. He stated this audit can be expected every 3-5 years.

Bob Netemeyer noted he has heard there are fraudulent CDC cards going around. Chris noted people should not post their card online, as those dates can be copied.

Paulette Evans noted some citizens have gotten their 2nd vaccines, and then gotten letters to follow up with the health department. Chris Leidel noted this is because when people registered, they used two different forms of their first name (Thomas / Tom) which caused two different profiles for the individual.

Some venues (concerts, etc) are now requiring a vaccine card before entry, which may increase the vaccination rate.

Chris Leidel noted the health department has reached out to schools, and schools have sent out letters to children offering the vaccines. When the shots are approved by the FDA, the health department will be ready to administer them. The department may send out home teams to give shots to people who are homebound. Louise McMinn noted the EMS system is also helping to vaccinate homebound individuals.

Louise McMinn spoke regarding the spike in cases three weeks ago. All the new cases were children. The children were sick with stomach upset, but no commonality could be found initially. Children were getting sick, going to the doctor, being diagnosed with a stomach flu, and getting a note that they could return to school. Many children with these symptoms tested positive with Covid. The symptoms for smaller children are different than in the adult population. The Health Dpt. plans to offer PCR tests at their sites, these tests will be sent in for molecular sequencing, to see what strain this is. This is the only way we can track variants of the virus. Another concern Louise McMinn stated was that many of the outbreaks in children start in a sports setting, and without the schools monitoring over the summer, we could see a rapid increase in spread through the younger populations. On a positive note, we have had record low numbers of flu this year. We have seen only one positive case of Covid in a person who received the vaccine. This is to be expected because the vaccine is not 100% effective, but it is up to 99% effective.

Chris Leidel noted that Terry Linton, Stacy Albers, and Dr. Ducomb's Health Board membership is up for renewal at the end of June, 2021.

We are currently finished with the health assessment for the Iplan. Michael Willmarth from the Clinton County Health Department was present at the meeting and presented data regarding the survey for the Iplan. Mental Health, Behavioral health/ substance abuse and healthy behaviors were listed as the top three priorities on the survey, and the board agreed those are the top noted needs in our county. Chris Leidel will write short term goals for these three areas.

New Business

A. Employee payout

A vote was taken to approve payout for Stephanie Wuebbles, who has submitted her resignation, for compensatory time and sick leave accrued during her employment. Paulette Evan made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Kim Hugo to approve the payout. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

A. Building Committee Update

Dr. Ducomb reported that the survey has been completed. The committee recommends a rectangular building with a basement, and an option of a second story. Parking is now being considered, and with a two story building, there would be more room for the parking. The site would include 50 parking spaces possible, but there would be more if we built the second story. We do not know if the old building will be demolished--this would provide more parking space. The architect is now waiting to receive the survey before making his recommendations. The building needs to be useful and flexible, with adequate security for the enclosed health department offices, but allow use of the rest of the building.

At 7:18 a motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded by Kim Hugo to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:57 a motion was made by Stacy Albers, seconded by Kim Hugo to go back into open session.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded by Paulette Evans to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The next scheduled meeting is June 8, 2021.

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending

Brian Klostermann, MD- Chairperson

Terry Linton, SLP- Secretary

Robert Hyten III, DMD- Treasurer

Cynthia Kues, NP

Kimberly Hugo, RN

Stacy Albers, RN

Deanna DuComb, MD

James White- Voting County Board Member

Deb Wesselmann- Ex Officio

Bob Netemeyer- Ex Officio

Also Attending:

Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal

Todd Marver, Union Banner

Call To Order

The June 8, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann at 6:03 PM at the Clinton County Meeting Room. This meeting was also conducted via ZOOM for those wishing to attend remotely.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board.

Minutes Approval: May 4th Meeting and Executive Session

The minutes of the May 4th meeting were presented. Jim White made a motion to approve, seconded by Terry Linton, motion passed unanimously.

Executive session minutes from the May 4th meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cynthia Kues, seconded by Dr Ducomb. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

Total cash on hand currently is \$1,166,253.67. The current vaccination rate in the county is 39.41%, and at the state level it is 44%. The Health Department continues to sponsor walk in vaccination events on Wednesday evenings at public venues such as Farmer's Markets. We are seeing a good turnout for the 12-16 year old population. Our county positivity rate is from .6% to 1%, currently. We are at a 1.5% positivity rate for the region. Chris Lelidel reported there were a few financial policies that the auditors did not find, and he will need to generate those and submit them. He will present these to the board at the August meeting.

Chris Leidel reported good turnouts at the walk in clinics- up to 30-35 per clinic. They typically offer 2 different types of vaccine as there have been younger children being vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine.

Dr. Klostermann noted that people who have had the virus and get the vaccine are showing a longer immune response (up to 10 years immunity) which is a good incentive to get the vaccine, even if they have already had Covid. He feels we may need to incentivize getting the vaccine to increase our rate. Our health department has not done this as yet, but they are talking about it.

Dr. Ducomb noted that possibly sporting venues will ask for vaccine cards as well. She states that just because you have had the disease, doesn't mean you don't need the vaccine.

Chris Leidel reported the schools may require non-vaccinated children wear masks, whereas the vaccinated students will not need to wear masks. This is not certain, but it has been discussed. He reports if they conduct their clinics at public events, they are getting more people to participate.

James White asked where else can people go to get vaccinated? Chris responded CVS and Walmart do have them and also some doctors have them.

Chris Leidel notes that the hope is that eventually the vaccine is distributed more by doctors and pharmacies rather than the health department.

Doctor Ducomb asked if we could put some information in the local papers to announce clinics. Chris Leidel stated he would send out the schedule to the papers.

New Business

There was no new business stated.

Old Business

a. Building and Committee Update

James White reported the survey costs will be approved by the County Board and they will reimburse the Health Department for those.

Dr. Ducomb noted the cost of materials has increased 2-4 times, and the square footage has had to be reduced due to budget constrictions, so the plan now is to have a half second floor and a half second floor. She reported they are studying the step efficiency of the building plan for staff and facility use needs.

Stacy Albers remarked that a full basement would be beneficial for storage long term. It would not need to be a finished space.

James White asked the square footage of the current health department building? Chris Leidel did not know at this time.

Bob Netemeyer asked who will own the new building?

James White noted the County Board will be discussing this and making the decisions. He noted he asked about the current size of the building, so that we could see what is actually necessary in terms of space.

Bob Netemeyer asked if we are planning space for any necessary expansion? Chris Leidel noted we have made room for everything we need, and there are some areas such as two exam rooms, that are flexible space.

Dr. Ducomb asked how much square footage is needed for the phlebotomy room? The architect needs this information. Stacy Albers suggested they look at the hospital phlebotomy space to see what they want.

Executive Session

There was no executive session this evening.

Adjournment

James White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Terry Linton, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021

Board of Health Member Attending:

Brian Klostermann, Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary
Paulette Evans, RN, Vice Chairperson
Robert Hyten III, DMD, Treasurer
Cynthia Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Stacy Albers, RN (via ZOOM)
Deanna DuComb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member (via ZOOM)
Deb Wesselmann, Ex Officio
Bob Netemeyer, Ex Officio
Mike Strieker, Ex Officio (via ZOOM)

Also Attending:

Louise McMinn, CCHD
Marian Voss, CCHD
Brad Knolhoff, CCB
Todd Marver, Union Banner
Mr. Buckingham, citizen

Call to Order

The August 3rd, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Board of Health was called to order by Dr. Brian Klostermann at 6:03 PM at the Clinton County Meeting Room. This meeting was also conducted via ZOOM for those wishing to attend remotely.

Hearing from the Public

Heather Behrens addressed the board to state her concerns with Clinton County school students' mask mandates. She stated Wesclin has retracted their 'no mask' mandate. She noted neighboring states where she has traveled had no masks. She stated concerns with the number of students sent home from school due to concerns with COVID concerns, and the setbacks in their education and mental health due to that. She asks what the 'end game' is? These are things she has never seen before. She stated statistics from the IDPH website in terms of the numbers of deaths in children. She noted the children need to be unmasked to improve their learning. She feels we (the county) is comparing ourselves to Cook County, rather than other counties like us.

Katie Peters, a recent move in citizen from Collinsville, addressed the board to state her agreement with Heather Behrens, noting that if her three children are expected to mask, they will not be attending public schools. She stated that last year her Sophomore age student was severely depressed and falling school due to Covid.

Dr. Frank Buckingham spoke. He feels the Board of Health and the Health Department has done a good job serving the community and trying to protect the public health. He feels the board and staff knows the best in terms of what to do to protect the communities needs. He feels vaccinations are so

important and encourages all to get vaccinated. He states we need to use masks for the protection of others. He asked all to remember that professionals on the board and in the health department are working in our best interest.

Ron Peters spoke. He states that we are not going to get an accurate 'death number' from COVID. He stated that Covid deaths are all persons who die with a current infection of Covid, regardless of whether the virus caused their death. He quoted Tom Devore's words in a Supreme Court case of 1922, regarding Typhoid quarantines. He stated in that case that no health authority has the right to enforce masks, because it does not prevent the spread of the disease.

Tiffany Wesselmann noted that she has 3 children in the Carlyle Schools. She stated there has been too much back and forth directives during Covid. She stated there are no real answers and no one knows the facts. She stated her family doctor does not advise getting the Covid vaccine. She stated her family was never tested (swabbed) for the flu by her family doctor. She stated that the Covid vaccine has not been FDA approved at this time. She stated the masks that came out of the Grade School at the end of the day were disgusting—wet, mold, dirty. Her children were quarantined several times during the school year, and missed several days of school and events that were taking place. She stated the vaccine does not prevent the virus. She feels no one has the right answers and she does not trust the Clinton County Health Department.

Dr. Klostermann addressed the group. He stated the Board of Health is not a policing body. It does not lay down mandates and it is not a governing body. We will continue to recommend guidance from IDPH, and other governing entities. We do not direct schools, and there are no reasons to go against CDC or IDPH guidance currently. As of last week, we had 86 positives, and due to that we will continue to recommend guidance of the CDC and IDPH. Dr. Klostermann reiterated that the Board of Health does not make guidelines for the schools.

Dr. Hyten noted that he feels it is not good to mask children and not allow them to go to school. He reiterated that school policies are not ours to make. We don't make healthcare policies, and neither does the health department. The health department must follow the IDPH guidelines. We have had an increase in numbers recently. Dr. Hyten noted that there are members of the board that agree that children should not be made to wear masks to school, but the health department can not make those rules. The state gives the department monies and we must follow their guidelines. We have not made local mandates regarding Covid. He is aware of some individuals that have been vaccinated who have contracted the virus afterwards.

Dr. Klostermann noted that the state has been requiring vaccinations for children for years.

Heather Behrens asked if we could have better data from our county health department so the public could see actual numbers of cases and their vaccination status to make better decisions. She stated parents feel they are having their rights taken from them.

Dr. Hyten stated the health department is here to talk about and support the services of health for all citizens.

Cynthia Kues noted we are trying to get a better facility to offer mental health services, because we see the need for mental health support.

Katie Peters stated the CDC has lost the American peoples' trust.

Dr. Hyten stated he will continue to do what the ADA say to do because his license depends on it. There are entitles he cannot go against. He must continue to do what has been recommended by his governing professional group.

Tiffany Wesselmann noted the new plan of action brought up at the School Board, where unvaccinated children may have to be vaccinated.

Chris Laidel said those are the current IDPH guidelines, and those are what we follow and state to the local schools.

Tiffany Wesselmann noted she does not understand why vaccinated children would not have to be vaccinated, since they could get the virus.

Dr. Klostermann noted the chance of getting the virus is 8X more likely if you are not vaccinated. This is the reason for the CDC stating their guidelines. He stated Governor Pritzker noted he does not have a mask mandate planned.

Louise McMinn noted that school plans state masks are recommended but are not mandated. She states that our recommendation will always align with CDC and IDPH. We do not tell schools that they need to require masks.

Heather Behrens asked about the quarantine guidelines for the upcoming school year?

Louise McMinn noted that last year, there was a seating plan and when there was a positive case, they would quarantine children seated within 6 feet of each other. There were problems last year with people not completing health assessments. She is unsure of how the schools will be functioning this year.

Dr. Klostermann noted that we do not direct the schools as to how they will plan for Covid. We do not write their Covid plan. We are available to assist the schools in keeping children in school, but we cannot tell the schools what to do, we must simply reiterate what the CDC and IDPH states. He stated that if our positivity rate was very low (1% in May), we would not have to worry, but currently our rate is increasing.

Dr. Ducomb noted that children do become ill from the virus, but we don't know what the Delta variant and other variants will do to children. This is why caution is prudent. Viruses evolve and it is not rational, so we have to learn as quickly as we can, and address it as it unfolds. She stated polio closed down everything. We also do not know if there are long term effects of this virus, so we need to practice caution.

Minutes of the June 8th, 2021 meeting

The June 8th minutes were presented. Cynthia Kues made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rob Hyten, motion passed unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

Chris Leldel reported cash on hand \$1,085,272.89. As of today, we have vaccinated 16,221, 43.1% of our population, Illinois has vaccinated 50.42%. We will continue to monitor numbers and add clinics if needed based on numbers. There are clinics weekly on Wednesdays. Clinton County positivity rate is now 12.1%. We have seen a sharp rise since the first of July.

Doctor Ducomb was voted off the board by the County Board. She will continue to serve until another Dr. can be found to take her seat.

The Contract Lease Authority was explained. It allows Chris to enter into grant agreements with the state, or lease properties if needed. Any major changes will be brought to the board.

As of this afternoon, there are 3 hospitalizations, one that was fully vaccinated, 2 who were not. Dr. Hyten noted that the public wants more details about the sick citizens and those who have died from it.

Louise McMinn noted we must be careful about giving information about sick citizens when our cases are very low, because people may know who they are.

Dr. Ducomb noted that she was not confirmed to continue on the board. She is not sure why. She will have to serve until she is replaced. There is a residency requirement for the Doctors who serve on the Board of Health. She stated there were county board members who contacted county doctors to ask them to serve on the board and they all declined. She feels the County Board needs to understand that the Board of Health is not to be politicized and the Board of Health and public health is to serve all citizens of the county. She wants the County Board to facilitate the Board of Health's progress, not set roadblocks for them.

Kim Hugo noted that she used to see discord in the newspaper between the County Board and the Board of Health and it was beginning to interfere with the public health of the residents of the county.

The financial report was presented by Chris Leldel. A motion was made by Paulette Evans, seconded by Dr. Ducomb, motion passed unanimously.

New Business

A. Annual Report

Chris Leldel presented the annual report. A motion was made by Dr. Hyten, seconded by Kim Hugo, to approve the report. Motion passed unanimously.

B. IPLAN

Chris Leldel presented the Iplan in writing. It was generated based on a public survey to doctors and citizens of the county via survey monkey on the website.

A motion was made by Paulette Evans, seconded by Kim Hugo. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Hyten stated that the information included in the Iplan was interesting and asked if the public could have access. Chris responded it needs to be approved by the state, and then it can be put on the website for public view.

Old Business

A. Building Committee Update

Dr. Ducomb presented the building committee minutes of June 16, 2021. Those minutes are attached. Dr. Hyten and Paulette Evans commented that a separate entrance for mental health is a bad idea - we can manage privacy once individuals are in the building and taken to the appropriate area.

Rob Hyten noted that the size of the building should be based on meeting needs, not on cost or availability of funds. We need to make decisions based on the needs of our citizens and work with the County Board to get that done. We need to look at our expenses in furnishing and equipping the building. If the County Board owns the building and continues to pay the utilities, that is a really good deal for the health department. Dr. Hyten noted it is amazing how the staff at the health department functions in their current location.

Dr. Ducomb noted the building committee meeting was productive and they will pick another upcoming date for the next committee meeting.

Executive Session

At 8:11, a motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded by Cynthia Kues, to enter into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

The board came out of executive session at 8:29 PM. Dr. Hyten made a motion to pay the legal fees for settlement of the recent lawsuit as long as there is no need for a previous amendment to the budget, which Chris Leidel will check on. Paulette Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paulette Evans asked if Dr. Ducomb's name could be given to the County Chair again?

James White stated Dr. Ducomb was voted down 10-4. It's up to the chairman to issue names to the County Board.

Rob Hyten stated that Dr. Ducomb has asked him if he understood why she may have been voted down by the county board? He believes that an action of Dr. Ducomb's in the past caused the County Board to vote her down as a retribution. Dr. Ducomb will have to serve until a replacement has been found, and the Health Board is not the group that must seek the replacement. He feels nothing the Health Board stated in terms of our recommendation for the Health Board members was taken into consideration if there was a unanimous vote from the Health Board followed by a 10-4 nay vote from the County Board. James White feels it is not here to comment on the votes of other County Board members. His role is to represent his constituents and they do not want taxes to be raised. The Health Board has no accountability to the people in the County.

Dr. Hyten noted that he doesn't want higher taxes either, but feels the County Board could assist us in getting the building built, but to say the no vote was to protect constituents is an overblown statement. Dr. Hyten stated we have not been given a figure of the County Board financial support of the building, but he doesn't feel that discussion of funding should be a reason to vote down a member of the health board.

James White suggested that Mr. Hyten run for the elected office and be accountable to his constituents, but that his decision is based simply on the concern for his constituents.

Stacy Albers noted that the County Board should consider their actions based on the helpfulness and intent of those serving.

Kim Hugo noted that every member of the Health Board is accountable to the public.

James White noted that true accountability at the county level is through the voting process of the County Board.

Dr. Hyten noted that he wanted to share how he felt about the County Board's 'no' vote.

James White noted that in small municipalities, people frequently do not get put up for re-appointment because of poor documentation. The process of allowing a board member to remain after non approval is because the documentation may be late, and this allows the person to remain on the board.

Adjournment

Rob Hyten made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Hugo. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending

Brian Klostermann, MD, Chairperson
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary
Paulette Evans, RN, Vice Chairperson
Robert Hyten, III, DMD, Treasurer -- Absent
Cynthia Kues, NP
Kimberly Hugo, RN
Stacy Albers, RN--Absent
Deanna Ducomb, MD
James White- Voting County Board Member
Deb Wesselmann, Ex Officio
Mike Strieker, Ex Officio (Zoom)
Bob Netemeyer- Ex Officio -- Absent

Also Attending

Chris Leidel, CCHD
Louise McMinn, CCHD
Brian Hunt, Breese Journal
Jennifer Steinkamp, Zoom
Ken Knolhoff, citizen

Call To Order

The September 7, 2021 meeting of the Clinton County Health Board was called to order at 6:00 PM. This meeting was also accessible via ZOOM.

Hearing From The Public

There was no one who wished to address the board this evening.

Minutes of August 3rd, 2021 Meeting / Executive Session August 3rd, 2021 Meeting

The minutes of the August 3, 2021, were presented and there were 3 minor corrections, which will be corrected and resubmitted. Terry Linton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Paulette Evans. Motion passed unanimously.

The executive session minutes of 8-3-21 were presented. A motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded by Cindy Kues to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative / Financial Report

Chris Leidel presented the budget dated June, 2021. He explained that the health department must spend the monies allotted for grants, and then are later reimbursed, so month to month financials may appear to show losses in specific budgets due to the lapse in reimbursement. We have received a flu prevention grant for about \$25,000, and we can use up to \$12,000 for a generator, which could be used to keep power to maintain vaccines stored at the health department to prevent loss. For \$16,000, we could obtain a larger generator which could be used in the new building, which could run the entire building. We did have a power outage last year resulting in the loss of vaccine stores. Chris is working with Oakley to get bids for this. We can only apply \$12,000 toward the purchase of a generator through

the flu prevention grant, but could use an additional \$4,000 from other funds. Chris Leidel also stated we store breast milk, which could be lost. Chris has been in touch with facilities department, specifically Chris White, to ask for their input regarding the purchase of a generator, temporary set up in the old building, to be moved to the new building after construction. Oakley representative noted that the smaller generator would be able to run the whole building except for air conditioning, and the smaller generator is currently 8% off until this week Thursday. Ken Knolhoff (Clinton County Board – Facilities Dpt.) has been working with Oakley from Okawville, Illinois to obtain bids.

Paulette Evans asked if we could get bids for the larger generator to get a price locked in. Chris Leidel is meeting with Oakley this week and will get bids for the larger generator. Ken Knolhoff noted that Oakley would not get the small generator in until January if we purchase the smaller one.

Dr. Klostermann noted that vaccines were lost at about \$10,000 due to a weekend power outage last spring. The Health Department must reimburse the state for these losses.

Region 4 positivity 6.4%

Clinton County Positivity 5.2%

112 positives in past 7 days

6, 580 positive countywide to date

Test sites are still busy with about 100 people testing per day, 4 days a week, from 9 AM to 11 AM.

Carlyle schools were in a major outbreak and went on remote learning last week and are fully masking currently.

Other schools are not quarantining, but are testing to stay on days 1, 3, 5, and 7 after an exposure. If students are exposed within the school, students may test on days 1, 3, 5, and 7, with parent permission, at school, and with a negative test, universal masking and no symptoms, those students can remain at school.

Dr. Klostermann stated 5.2 is a good positivity rate, and these negative tests are counted within our positivity rate. All tests done in school are being reported to the health department.

Chris Leidel noted that we are seeing a lot of people at our testing site, and this has kept our positivity rate low.

Terry Linton asked if students that are fully vaccinated could be quarantined for close contact. Louise McMinn stated no, they will not quarantine after the 2 week interval following the 2nd dose.

Vaccination clinics are still being held and are well attended. There are questions as to when the Moderna boosters will come out, but Pfizer boosters will begin on September 20, 2021.

James White asked about the total vaccination rate from our county—is the information up to date?

Chris Leidel noted that the reports of vaccinations are made to home residence Health Departments in real time.

Chris Leidel noted that most people should wait 8 months after their shot to get a booster shot, but people who are immunocompromised can get their booster 4 weeks after their second dose.

Dr. Ducomb asked if immunocompromised people can be tested for antibodies?

Dr. Klostermann noted that the generic antibody test does not work to show a positive reaction to the vaccine for this subgroup. He asked if the health department has been getting requests for the Moderna booster? Louise McMinn stated yes, they are getting those calls.

Chris Leidel noted Moderna is a few weeks behind in getting approval for the booster. He stated it will hopefully be available in October, 2021.

Paulette Evans asked if Louise McMinn could add the number of vaccinated vs unvaccinated people when reporting positives. Louise noted that would have to be tracked manually. Louise also stated that without the PCR test, deaths from Covid are reported as 'probable', but not certain deaths from covid. She states she needs to be careful about reporting 'probable' deaths as being covid deaths.

New Business

A. FY22 Budget

Chris Leidel presented the FY22 budget. No additional taxes were requested. He used conservative numbers for revenue. All grants are accounted for in the budget, and we are awaiting approval from the state. We are gaining a mental health grant, no grants were lost. Dr. Klostermann asked about contact tracing expenses and mass vaccination clinics- where would the monies come for those services—will the grants continue?

Chris Leidel the mass vaccination grant ends in November, the tracing grant ends in December. Chris states there are a lot of man hours spent on contact tracing and the remaining \$200,000 will be spent by the end of the year. Chris noted all the health department has pitched in to complete vaccines and contact tracing. Chris noted that the state will have to issue more grants if they want us to continue contact tracing this year. Dr. Klostermann stated if there are no more funding grants for testing we need to consider charging people for the services and possibly limiting our services to only our own Clinton County residents.

James White asked the cost of the testing kits?

Chris Leidel noted we are funded from the state, so no billing occurs currently. If the states stop funding, most health departments will stop the testing.

James White asked at what point do we stop testing as we are entering an endemic stage—just like the flu and other diseases?

Chris Leidel said at that point (endemic stage) testing will go back to private providers. Administrators have addressed this with IDPH, and there is likely an end in sight as grants will expire in December.

Chris Leidel pointed out that salaries are noted within the budget, with a 4% increase due to current union talks. This number is an estimate at this time.

A motion was made by Cindy Kues, seconded by Terry Linton, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

A. Building Committee Update

Dr. Ducomb reported. The committee has been working on the mental health area of the building. They are seeking the input of several professionals in the field to design this area. The committee was advised not to go into marital counseling as this is a very unique area of counseling. Several rooms of varying size may be needed to address all needs within the community. Mr. Karasek is working on these suggestions at this time.

James White noted that the current building will likely not be around too long. James White noted the Covid eligible money that is coming into the county is prioritized in part for the new Health Department building. He feels we should turn over the building of this building to the facilities board of the County and allow the health department as advisory to the facilities department. We have a set number of years to build this building. James White noted that the district has put in for 2.5 million for the building.

Chris Leidel noted that in his interactions with Ken Knolhoff, Ken has been very supportive and cooperative to taking the Health Department's needs to heart, and making good recommendations to him.

Paulette Evans asked who else is on the facilities committee? James White noted that the committee is made up of Ken Knolhoff, Mike Strieker, Bryan Wessel, Keith Nordike.

Dr. Klostermann asked if James White could facilitate a meeting between the health building committee and the facilities committee.

Dr. Ducomb stated we need to make sure we have a building that will do what we need it to do.

James White suggested that all plans for the building expenditures (and expenses for utilities , any agreements made between the Health Board and the County Board) should be put in writing. James White stated that the County Board is working with Bellweather to manage the paperwork for the Covid grant, and they are waiting for approval of line items within the Federal grant plan.

Ken Knolhoff stated that when bids are put out, we need to make sure that all bidders are working with the same information and bidding the same thing. He asked if we have plans? Dr. Ducomb showed him the rough draft of the current plans. Ken Knolhoff stated that when the plans are more sure, they would appreciate having copies to the facilities members.

Adjourn

There was no need for executive session. A motion was made by Terry Linton, seconded by James White, motion approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

CLINTON COUNTY (708) MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
September 9, 2021 MINUTES

(708) Mental Health Board Members Present

Dawn Kleber
Brian Klostermann
Edna Wolterling
Carolyn Santel
James White
Dennis Perez

County Board Members Present

Deb Wesselmann
Bob Netemeyer

President Dawn Kleber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The need for a person to fill the role of vice president was discussed.

Motion by James White to appoint Brian Klostermann as vice president. Seconded by Carolyn Santel. 5 ayes, 0 nays, Klostermann abstaining. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 30, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Brian Klostermann to approve the June 30 minutes. Seconded by James White. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jodi Dart with the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois presented to the board regarding membership in ACMHAI. Membership would provide the board with access to pertinent information and advocacy at the state level. Cost would be \$500 for the first year and .4% of the total levy each year thereafter. No motion was made regarding membership.

Rachel Hall presented to the board regarding the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care Grant. This grant seeks to establish partnerships to provide community level support for individuals and families seeking or maintaining recovery. The service is provided through Chestnut Health Systems.

Sean Elfert presented the financial statement through August 31. Motion by Brian Klostermann to receive the financial report. Seconded by James White. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 9 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Carolyn Santel to adjourn. Seconded by James White. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.




Nellie Paskavich, Secretary/Treasurer

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending

Brian Klostermann, MD, Chairperson Present
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary Present
Paulette Evans, RN, Vice Chairperson Present
Robert Hyten, III, DMD, Treasurer Absent
Cynthia Kues, NP Present
Kimberly Hugo, RN Present
Stacy Albers, RN Present
Deanna Ducomb, MD Present
James White- Voting County Board Member Present
Deb Wesselmann, Ex Officio Present
Mike Strieker, Ex Officio via Zoom
Bob Netemeyer, Ex Officio Present

Also Attending:

Chris Leidel, CCHD Admin.
Marian Voss, CCHD
Louise McMinn, CCHD
Brian Hunt, Breese Journal
Todd Marver, Centralia Sentinel

Call To Order

The October 5, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Health Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at the County Board Room. This meeting was also accessible via ZOOM.

Hearing From the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board this evening.

Minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting

The minutes of the September 7, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made by James White, seconded by Stacy Albers. Motion approved unanimously.

Administrative / Financial Reports

Chris Leidel reported a revenue of \$151,993.71 in September and expenditures of \$91,824.84, for a gain of \$60,165.87 for the month. All grants have been approved and signed for.

The flu vaccine promotion grant will allow us to advertise through the newspapers, Facebook and webpage and also by purchasing a billboard in Breese by Central High School. Flu shots have begun to be administered, and high dose flu shots are available as well.

Clinton County Covid positivity rate as of September 28th, 2021 was 3.3%, the region's is 4.6%. Our number of cases and hospitalizations continue to go down. Covid testing continues at a rate of about 100 per day 4 days a week. (M, T, Th, and F from 9-11)

48.26% of our population was vaccinated against Covid as of September 28th- Illinois vaccine rate is 55.06%. Weekly Wednesday clinics are held at the Health Department from 2-6:30 PM. We will offer booster shot clinics if the demand goes up.

The new Covid grant for the upcoming period through December of 2022 was received today. Most of this grant will go toward salaries. The total of the grant was \$126,000. We have not yet heard the details of the contact tracing grant for the upcoming year.

Cynthia Kues made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Kim Hugo. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

a. Meeting Schedule

Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 PM. The dates for the 2022 calendar would be:

January 4, 2022

February 1, 2022

March 1, 2022

April 5, 2022

May 3, 2022

June 7, 2022

August 2, 2022

September 6, 2022

October 4, 2022

November 1, 2022

It was agreed that due to the building project, the board should continue monthly meetings, other than July and December.

A motion was made by Paulette Evans, seconded by James White, motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

a. Building Committee Update

Dr. Klostermann noted that to clarify last month's agreement, the Health Board building committee would continue to have input as a partnership with the County Board in the planning process for the new building. There were some concerns with how the County and Health boards would be working together as was stated in newspapers after our last meeting. James White agreed that yes, we need to work together to build a building that works.

Dr. Ducomb read the most recent building committee minutes. (See attached from the building committee).

After presentation of the building committee minutes, there were several questions:

Bob Netemeyer asked if we are not building a facility that would allow for expansion? Dr.

Ducomb stated no, there was 'no fluff' in this building. It is quite basic. She stated that two million dollars was an old figure, and that Mr. Karasek stated 2 million would not build much today. It would take more like 3-4 million.

Another question that arose was regarding the County charging rent to the Health Department for the building. Dr. Ducomb has checked with other counties to see if they paid rent, and one did, but that county offered billable services such as Medicaid services.

James White stated nothing is final regarding rent. This would need to be on the regularly scheduled finance committee meeting agenda and be discussed / voted upon. He doesn't know about utilities. These agreements would need to be put in writing.

Dr. Ducomb has shared the building plans with key stakeholders, such as mental health. They were happy with the floor plan, stressed the need for soundproofing the areas used for mental health.

Paulette Evans stated the building committee was surprised at Larry Johnson's recommendation for the County to charge rent, to the point that they did not even begin discussing the second floor option.

James White asked what our current operating space is? 4,800 sq. feet. The new building would be about 14,000 square feet. (This is with the current 1st floor / basement plan). James White stated that when considering expansion, we need to think not only about space but also salaries / benefits and other needs.

Terry Linton noted that Sean Eifert had reminded us that some services were not sustainable due to expenses / return ratios—dentistry for instance.

Dr. Klostermann noted counseling services have expanded, but psychiatry is lacking in the area, and this is not a service that could be offered 24 / 7 by the health department.

Dr. Ducomb noted that some services like Al-anon just need places to meet, and that is why we currently don't have Al-anon in the county.

Dr. Ducomb reiterated that Mr. Karasek gave the building committee an estimate of 3.5 million. James White noted that if we plan ahead, we could expand later.

Executive Session

There was no executive session this evening.

Adjourn

James White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cynthia Kues. Motion passed unanimously.

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2021

Board of Health Members Attending:

Brian Klostermann, MD, Chairperson Present
Terry Linton, SLP, Secretary Present
Paulette Evans, RN, Vice Chairperson Present
Robert Hyten, III, DMD, Treasurer Present
Cynthia Kues, NP Present
Kimberly Hugo, RN Present
Stacy Albers, RN Present via Zoom
Deanna Ducomb, MD Present
James White- Voting County Board Member Present via Zoom
Deb Wesselmann, Ex Officio Present
Mike Strieker, Ex Officio Absent
Bob Netemeyer, Ex Officio Present

Also Attending:

Chris Leidel, CCHD Admin.
Lisa Huels, resident
Todd Marver, Union Banner
Brian Hunt, Breese Journal

Call to Order

The November 8, 2021, meeting of the Clinton County Health Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at the County Board Room. This meeting was also accessible via ZOOM.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board this evening.

Minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting

The minutes of the October 5, 2021, meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made by Cynthia Kues, seconded by Kim Hugo. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative / Financial Reports

In September a revenue of \$35,708.06, expenditures of \$82,972.14 for a loss of \$47,264.08, for a total cash on hand of \$1,087,110.31. The Contact Tracing Grant has not yet been extended.

The IPlan has been approved and we are certified through 5-5-2026. Being certified allows us to continue to receive our grants.

As of November 2nd, 2021, the count's positivity rate is 1.9%, the region is 2.5%.

Clinton County has vaccinated 50.31% of our population. Illinois is at 57.23. The demand for boosters is going up.

Chris reported that children vaccines are now available and they are administering them on Wednesday clinics and are reaching out to the schools to see if the schools want the health department to offer them in their buildings.

Paulette Evans made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Teresa Linton. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

a. Administrative Contracts

The administrative contracts discussion was deferred to executive session.

Old Business

a. Building Committee Update

Dr. Ducomb reported for the building committee.

She stated that given the population base and the services they provide, Clinton County Health Department's building facilities are less than the surrounding counties. She stated that to achieve our square footage needed, we would need to go up to a second floor, or down to a basement. The staff numbers of surrounding counties health departments varied, and they paid their staff largely through billable services such as home health, women's health or student physicals, billing insurance or Medicaid for these services. She reported that some counties paid for benefits for the employees, some paid for utilities, these varied county to county. Their boards were similar to our 9 member board and most meet monthly. None of them offered dental services, but most offered some form of mental health, but it may not be within the health department building.

Bob Netemeyer asked if there is an expected date to start building?

Dr. Klostermann noted he met with the county finance committee and they do not seem to be willing to go over \$2 million.

Chris Leidel noted that the county wanted him to check into what funds the Health Department could earmark for the new building. The county discussed charging the Health Department rent and the cost of utilities. He reviewed the current grants and he noted that most of those grants go toward paying salaries. With the Local Health protection and the Vector grants, there may be \$7,000 to \$10,000 yearly from these two grants together that could be earmarked for rent.

Scott Henkel, the overseer of these grants, noted that only 10% of the funds spent on employee salaries within these grants could be used for building costs. Overall, the use of grant money for building expenses is not going to be possible as a reliable source of funding the rent / utility cost. The state does not want the grants to be used for building expenses- they are careful to earmark the funds for what they want it spent towards. Chris reported that he has another finance committee meeting this week.

Paulette Evans asked if there was money set aside for the building pre-covid? Since the county got a Covid grant, where is that money going toward?

Deb Wesselmann stated there is money in the grant, but there is no line item within that grant for the health department building. The finance committee will have to answer questions about the funding. She asked if we have a finished plan to send out for bids?

The building committee stated no, they do not, because they do not currently have the budget set, so they will not continue to work on it until the budget is set. Dr. Ducomb stated that Mr. Kerasek stated this building as it stands is 'no frills'. The examination rooms that were slated to be put into the building are now slated for 'emergency preparedness'.

Deb Wesselmann stated she feels we need to have some bids out so that we know what the costs will be.

Dr. Ducomb stated that the billable services need space to use in order to generate revenue.

Dr. Klostermann stated the finance committee of the county board does not support adding more billable services at the County Health Dpt. because we have hospitals nearby that can provide those services.

Chris Leidel felt that it would be more plausible to have a space that is shared / used weekly by agencies from local providers rather than employ those people through the Health department.

Dr. Klostermann made a motion to go into executive session at 6:54 PM, seconded by Cindy Kues. Motion passed unanimously.

Open session began at 7:47.

Rob Hyten made a motion that Marian Voss's current contract increases by \$1300 yearly, and that is felt to be appropriate and fair. If the \$1300 is a salary increase (not a stipend), the board would recommend that the contract continue as stated with the \$1,300 annual increase. This would also be a 3 year contract, ending Nov. 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Cindy Kues, motion passed unanimously.

Paulette Evans made a motion to give Chris Leidel a \$5,000 raise this year, and \$2,500 for each of the following 2 years, (this would be a \$1200 annual increase plus the current 1,300 yearly increment slated by the county for the last two years of the contract.) At the end of the three year contract, the total annual salary would be \$70,000 with the end of the contract being 11-30-2024. The motion was seconded by Kim Hugo. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be January 4, 2022.

Terry Linton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Ducomb. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.