

Jasper County Board of Health
July 27, 2015

The Jasper County Board of Health held their meeting on Monday, July 27, 2015 at the health department. Members present were Jeanine Fell DDS, Clara Short, Mary Finley RN BSN MBA, Bob Schafer DVM, Tom Clark BS, Everett Miller, and Ryan Jennings MD. Staff members present were Debbie Rubsam BS, Administrator and Linda Ervin.

President Jeanine Fell called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Bob Schafer made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting and Everett Miller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Tom Clark made a motion to approve the bills for the months of May and June, 2015 and the motion was seconded by Clara Short. Motion unanimously carried.

Under old business, Debbie discussed budgets and finance. The health department is still doing ok and much better than many health departments. We have a few months of reserves even if we don't receive any state or federal funds for awhile. Debbie advised the board that Cumberland County Health has gone to 4 days a week and reduced salaries. Franklin/Williamson County Health has laid 8 staff off and East Side Health District recently laid 65% of their staff off. Jackson County reduced staff earlier in the year. A handout from Effingham County Health Department was distributed addressing their reduction in hours. They will soon have every employee on one furlough day per week with no pay. They had already closed home health and laid those staff off earlier this year. Debbie also mentioned that Crawford County had previously gone to four day work weeks to try and decrease expenses.

Program Year 15 – Our program year ended June 30. As a whole and with a budget of \$1.4 million, we ended with a deficit of \$2,375. Agency expenses are \$40,795 over tax levy. Behavioral health expenses are \$3,194 over revenue. Nursing and Environmental revenues are \$31,122 and \$15,241 over expenses.

We will soon start working on the budget for FY16 which will start December 1, 2015. It will be presented at the September board of health meeting.

I have talked with a contractor and we are on the list to have the back section of the roof replaced. Roofing should be the last update for awhile. It was suggested by Everett Miller that we have the roof inspected for hail damage to see if a claim could be filed with insurance company.

In new business, Debbie discussed the State Budget Impasse. The state's budget is still unresolved but we are prepared for the cash flow problem this is causing. Best case scenario, they may have a budget in August or September. We are going to continue carrying out the requirements of the grants that we have received applications for, knowing that we will be paid at some point once the budget is approved.

A Federal judge ruled last Thursday that Cook County will get paid for Medicaid services through the state. It is not clear whether the state will agree to apply this ruling statewide.

If they do not apply to downstate, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law will take further legal action.

Since our Federal grant's funding goes through the state, Administrator's discussed talking with legislatures to see if a budget could be passed that included just federal money. That way we could get paid for WIC and Match money.

There is no movement on the state's annual budget or even a one month budget. School districts will get their money because the Governor signed that bill. Also, state workers will get paid, so there is really no pressure for the governor and legislature to work together on a budget.

The grant reductions and increased work requirements, as evidenced by the list of state grants that was distributed, is hurting our agency the most. Crisis grant and Local Health Protection grant stayed the same amount as last year. WIC actually increased 10%. Most of the other grants have decreased about 10% except for Substance Abuse which decreased 21%. Psych grant and non-Medicaid money was completely cut.

Jeannie Johnson and Chad Miller, Jasper County States Attorney, have been telephone conferencing with a judge and DHS reviewer. We have reached a point where we do not agree with DHS and they do not agree with us about the audit performed on clinical reporting of client's progress. There will be a brief from DHS on August 5th and then Chad Miller will be able to send in a rebuttal by September 4th. On September 21st DHS will reply and then a judge will make the decision the end of October whether we owe back \$2,350.04. We have documentation and HFS also completed the same audit and we received 100% compliance.

The Information Management and Performance Improvement Goals and Reports for 4th quarter of FY 15 have been completed by Jeannie. Debbie gave a copy to each person present at meeting. A motion was made by Bob Schafer to approve the reports and the motion was seconded by Clara Short. Motion unanimously carried.

A document was given out to all present in regards to changing the pay scale for secretarial staff. The secretarial pay scale starts at \$10.90 and increases by increments of one year to two years. It is currently an 8 year schedule. We would like to make a change where the same rate is scheduled over 6 years. A motion was made by Ryan Jennings to accept the change in pay scale and the motion was seconded by Tom Clark. This will take effect at beginning of new fiscal year. Motion unanimously carried.

Personnel - Lauren Ackerman has resigned and Charles Coleman has turned in his resignation and is working through the end of this week. Lauren was one of the new WIC clerks at the Olney office. Charles is a substance abuse therapist. At this point, we will not be replacing Charles until we can rebuild our caseload in substance abuse program. We haven't replaced Lauren yet.

Other – Tom Clark and Bob Schafer have been reappointed to the health board for 3 year terms.

West Nile virus has been found in mosquitoes in 32 other counties. We have not found any WNV in any of the mosquitoes that we collected. We still need to send in dead birds to the

lab to be tested for WNV.

Dates to Remember - Interagency meeting August 12th at Parklanes starting at 11:30. The next board of health meeting is Monday, September 28th at 5:30 pm. December 16th will be the Christmas dinner at Parklanes.

Bob Schafer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm and the motion was seconded by Tom Clark. Motion unanimously carried.

Clara Short, Secretary