

MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Michael LeVora  
Ruth Ann Pomatto (by phone)  
Paula Robinson

Nikki Ray (by phone)  
Andrea Card  
Mike Barnard  
newspaper  
Ralph March  
Suzanne Stayton

**OTHER PRESENT**

Kent Tarro, CEO (by phone)  
Peggy Garrison, FCO  
Christy Blank, Clinical Director (by phone)

Kristen Crabill, Environmental Dept  
Derrek Tibuzi, Environmental Dept.  
Jackson Wilson – Enquirer/Democrat

Ralph March called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**CEO Update**

Kent Tarro gave an update on the following topics:

1. COVID-19 deaths continue to increase in the county. There have been 1,814 people in Macoupin County who have tested positive. Today, there were 106 new positive cases and we are up to 21 deaths. Kent shared data from the 1918 pandemic and the COVID-19. Drug makers Pfizer and Moderna said they expect to submit their applications for emergency use authorization. The speed with which manufacturers and regulators have moved this year will help a number of First Responders and Health Professional to start receiving their shots first in the next few months. It will be February or March before vaccination will start for people with high risk health issues and seniors over 65 years of age. Kent said that they have secured a freezer that will have a temperature of more than 80 degrees below zero celsius. The CDC hope to have 40 million vaccines in December and 50 million vaccines in January. People who are 18 years of age or younger will not receive the vaccine. Kent is encouraging schools to close down attendance in person. Blackburn College has sent their students home until mid-January. The top potential exposure locations are restaurant/bar, school and workplace. Some of the nursing homes are having outbreaks and there is a shortage of beds in area hospitals.
2. Kristen Crabill and Derrek Tiburzi presented information on the Macoupin County Food Sanitation Program Ordinance. There were proposed additions to Section II.06 Licenses Suspension:

d) Failure to comply with provisions provided by IDPH, CDC, or any other state or federal governmental entity during a pandemic or infectious communicable disease emergency.

e) Receiving a citation or violation from MCPHD or any other local, county, state, or federal governmental entity for failure to comply with state or federal guidance, rules, or laws.

f) Revocation or suspension of local, county, or state liquor license.

Proposed changes in Section II.07 Licenses Revocation:

e) Failure to comply with IDPH or CDC rules, regulations, laws, and guidance during a pandemic or infectious/communicable disease periods.

f) Establishment receiving a citation from MCPHD or any other local, county state or federal governmental entity.

Derrek and Kristin reported that 53% of the restaurants are still open even after the governor's regulations. Restaurant and bar owners still have many questions related to the ordinances. All gaming machines will be turned off on Friday, November 20. MCPHD can suspend the license of a business for not following the ordinance. The ordinance will be voted on by the Macoupin County Board in December. After the vote, the County Food Protection Ordinance will become law. The Macoupin County State Attorney's office has been working with the wording of the ordinance. This year, the MCPHD waived the food license and have given food handler gloves to restaurants and bars. Michael LeVora moved to accept the changes in the Macoupin County Food Sanitation Program Ordinances in Section II.06 and Section II.07. Seconded by Paula Robinson. Motion carried.

3. Dr Therese Polo was confirmed by the Macoupin County Board to serve on the MCPHD Board of Health.
4. A portable building has been located next to the Maple Street Clinic where ten people are working as COVID contact tracers.
5. The Columbian Dental Clinic in Litchfield will complete the remodeling in December. The St. Francis building remodeling will begin soon and take a couple of months.
6. The October 2020 minutes for the Board of Health were approved. The motion was made by Mike Barnard and seconded by Suzanne Stayton. Motion carried.
7. The October Financial Report was presented by Peggy Garrison. The Public Health beginning balance was \$887,809.02 and the ending balance was \$528,006.73. FQHC Reimbursement for Payroll was \$400,000. The School Link Health Center received \$44,837.27 and County TB tax of \$68,342.89. The WIC account beginning balance was \$21,288.93 and the ending balance was \$36,753.78. The Transportation account beginning balance was \$33,721.07 and the ending balance was \$21,287.41. The Community Care beginning balance was \$599,690.54 and the ending cash balance is \$853,917.17. The receipts for October was \$831,527.06 and disbursements was \$577,300.43. The ending cash balance is \$853,917.17. The transportation program has

not received any grant money. The payroll expense was \$393,126.65 and there were three payrolls in the month. A motion by Mike Barnard to accept the financial report. Seconded by Suzanne Stayton. Motion carried.

8. The Statistical Analysis of Appointments for October were shared: Medical Care – 499; Behavioral Care – 1,060, Dental Care – 1,156 for a total of 2,715. The UDS Report was presented for the year: Patient served – 6,919 which is 83.3% of the goal – Uninsured – 29.3%, Medicaid – 53.5%, Medicare – 5.2% and Private Insurance – 12%.
9. The Rural Health Workforce grant proposed we are a part of would be hiring community health workers and social workers. This program will be working with prevention and substance abuse.
10. On September 18, 2020, Maranda Hall Jackson submitted her resignation as of October 5. Megan Naugle has been hired in the Domestic Violence Department.
11. The Illinois Primary Health Care Association announce the CEO Jordan Powel is leaving his position.
12. The IMRF gave an update on contributions for employees.
13. A Letter from Blue Cross/Blue Shield confirm the COVID-19 relief credit of \$8,000.
14. The Utilization report for new cases was discussed.
15. The September unemployment rate for Macoupin county was 6.1%
16. The SIU School of Dental Medicine Graduate Program sent a letter concerning patients using this program.
17. Carlinville School Superintendent Becky Schuchman sent a letter to families and staff related to COVID- 19 and the Public Health Department’s health and wellness.
18. Christy Blank reported on the Bunker Hill School District that recognized MCPHD. Several schools have brought food to the Maple Street Clinic for staff members.
19. The WIC program participation continue to have a good respond with 747 participants. The participants are receiving nutrition education and assistance with a drive through program. Our immunization program is staying in compliance as well.
20. Kent reviewed the COVID-19 Staff Safety Policy and Procedure. If an employee within the MCPHD organization tests positive, COVID-19 mass testing of all other employees who work in that building or have close contact with positive employee is mandatory and not optional as the risk of transmission of COVID-19 outweighs the risk of getting tested. MCPHD administration will identify other employees deemed “Close Contacts” per IDPH and CDC guidelines and those employees will be required to be tested for COVID-19 every working day for 14 days post-exposure. Any of the close contacts of the positive employee that develop COVID like symptoms will be removed from work immediately and quarantined per IDPH guidelines.  
If any employee develops COVID-like symptoms, they are to be sent home, schedule for testing either through IDPH state testing or a private/commercial lab testing. Employees may not return to work until they have a Negative test and have been afebrile for at least 24 hours without a fever.

If an employee is Positive for COVID-19 and they have documented, known exposure to COVID within the prior 14 days at MVPHF, the MCPHD will pay the employee their regular rate of pay for their absence related to the illness. Suzanne Stayton moved to approve the COVID-19 Staff Safety Policy and Procedure. Seconded by Michael LeVora. Motion carried.

The Board of Health went into Executive Session at 8:20 pm.

The Board of Health resumed the meeting at 8:40 pm. A motion was made by Paula Robinson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Michael LeVora. Motion carried.

Paula Robinson, Secretary