

State of Illinois  
Counties of St. Clair  
East Side Health District  
Monday, August 10, 2020

### **Proceedings of the Board of Health**

A regular meeting of the Board of the East Side Health District in the City of East St. Louis, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, was held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:40 a.m. The following members were present: Mark Kern - via WebEx/phone; – Norman Miller -Absent – Alvin Parks –Present– Vanessa Chapman –Present; Curtis McCall – Absent. Quorum present. Meeting chaired by Mark Kern.

#### **Also Present:**

Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside, Administrator; Phil Rice, Atty., Micah Prior, WU Intern

1. Approval of Minutes from Monday, July 13, 2020
2. Administrators Report
  - Employee Update –
    - COVID Supervisor & Program Manager, IT. Others being interviewed for the CT positions, APN, RN, LPN, MA, CT. Our current employees in those positions hourly rate must be increased to the rate quoted in the COVID grant if position filled.
    - Terminated a Sanitarian for gross insubordination but he was quitting anyway.
  - Annual Audit Process to begin
  - Infrastructure Developments –
    - Canteen has sewer problems that MUST be rectified, Clinic closed until completed – employees are working remotely from home, payment in installments, using Spengler Plumbing for emergency repairs.
    - Clinic roof has areas that resumed leaking –calling the roofer to return each time for repairs at their expense.
    - New furniture has been ordered for the CT Call Center
    - Restructuring in the Nursing Clinic area to now have two exam rooms. Converting the old Dental area for the new exam rooms
  - COVID Update –
    - several taverns, bars and strip clubs investigated for COVID compliance from 7/31-8/2. As a result, the Club Onyx located in Centreville was closed until 8/17/20 after a reopening plan can be approved by ESHD.
    - Our number of positive cases continue to increase.
    - Had several conversations with Dr. Ezeke, Illinois Director of Public Health, Dr. Tokars, Assistant Director of IDPH and Marilyn Green, RHO with mitigations that could be implemented to help curb the increase of positive COVID cases
    - Videotaped a PSA for Impact Church Media
    - Had a videoed Town Hall meeting with the Mayors of my jurisdiction regarding COVID, abiding by the rules, etc. with recommendations expressed by the Mayors and IDPH:
      - No Shirt, No Shoes, No Mask, No Service
      - Some bars closing at midnight
      - Enforcement of 6ft social distancing rule
      - No gathering greater than 50 people or 25% of capacity with social distancing enforcement

- All businesses must provide hand sanitizer prominently for public usage and/or readily available restrooms with wash facilities with soap and water
- Reduce indoor dining capacity to 25 or less and continue social distancing
- Suspend indoor bar service, i.e., remove bar chairs or stools, no patron should be able to order drinks at the bar only waiters, no congregating in the common areas waiting for seating
- Temporary shutdown of locations that violate social distancing, mask and capacity requirements
- Temporary shutdown any establishment that is tied to an outbreak
- Enforce cleaning measures
- Encourage each other to wear a mask, practice social distancing and to practice washing your hands
- Get tested
- Articles written for the local newspaper that have been published and will be published for COVID PSA and quoted in articles by the Belleville News Democrat
  - Why Should You Get Tested For Coronavirus?
  - Why Me?
  - We Are In Danger!
  - Contact Tracing – What Is It?

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- yes; Norman Miller -absent; Alvin Parks – yes; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Curtis McCall – absent. The Motion carried.

### 3. Finance Committee Report

#### Disbursements for July 2020

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- yes; Norman Miller -absent; Alvin Parks – yes; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Curtis McCall – absent. The Motion carried.

4. Attorneys Report – None.

5. Board Comments – None

6. Motion to adjourn until Monday, September 14, 2020

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- yes; Norman Miller -absent; Alvin Parks – yes; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Curtis McCall – absent.

The Motion carried.