

State of Illinois
Counties of St. Clair
East Side Health District
Monday, January 10, 2022

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, January 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mark Kern -Present; – Norman Miller -Present – Rickey Eastern, Sr. - Absent– Vanessa Chapman –Present; Curtis McCall, Jr – Present. Quorum present. Meeting chaired by Mark Kern.

Also Present:

Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside, Administrator; Attorney Rice

1. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2021

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- yes; Norman Miller -yes; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – absent; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Curtis McCall, Jr – yes. The Motion carried.

2. Administrators Report

- New Township Supervisor, C. McCall, Jr.
- Ameren Easement – deferred until February meeting with Ameren Representative present
- Auditor’s Report – deferred to February
- Grant Update – In-depth discussion regarding CT changes and its possible impact on the health department; CURES grant expenditures done for the remaining money not initially spent. This included the acquisition of a van for testing and vaccination efforts, new signage for the 638 clinic and Washington Park clinic, expanded cleaning of all sites, etc.
- Staffing Crisis
 - Entire agency closed from 12/28/21-1/2/22 due to staffing shortages as a result of COVID cases within all departments o the health district.
 - WIC – was closed for two days (Thursday & Friday) in Cahokia due to staffing shortage. Re-opened on Monday
 - STD – employees rerouted to assist with testing. Regular STD cases being done a limited basis
 - Nursing – More nurses doing investigations of COVID
 - Environmental Health – limited inspections due to COVID
 - Employee Update – Union requesting pay for all employees, even those already scheduled for being off prior to HD closure. Protocol followed for inclement weather closure.
- COVID Update
 - Vaccines – Demand has greatly decreased
 - Testing – Currently doing an average of 300-350 cars per day with a positivity rate above 25%
- Health District Hours of operation
 - Testing - Testing at the Washington Park clinic will reduce to 4 days/week – Monday – Thursday, no appointment necessary with last car at 2:30 p.m.
 - Vaccinations/PODs - Continue to provide vaccinations daily at 638 clinic and Thursday at Clyde Jordan. Due to decreased demand for testing, the

site time will decrease from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm to 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon on Thursday

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- yes; Norman Miller -yes; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – absent; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Curtis McCall, Jr – yes. The Motion carried.

3. Finance Committee Report

- Disbursements for December 2021

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- yes; Norman Miller -yes; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – absent; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Curtis McCall, Jr – yes. The Motion carried.

4. Attorneys Report

5. Board Comments

6. Motion to adjourn until Monday, February 14, 2021

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- yes; Norman Miller -yes; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – absent; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Curtis McCall, Jr – yes. The Motion carried.