

State of Illinois  
Counties of St. Clair  
East Side Health District  
Monday, April 14, 2025

### **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, April 14, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Vanessa Chapman-Present; Curtis McCall, Jr.-Present; Sally Rodriguez-Present; Mark Kern - Absent; Rickey Eastern, Sr.- Absent. Quorum present. Meeting chaired by Curtis McCall, Jr.

#### **Also Present:**

Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside, Administrator, Atty. Phil Rice, Bhagya Kolli, Assistant Administrator

1. Approval of minutes from February 10, 2025. No meeting in March 2025.

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call-

Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr-Yes; Sally Rodriguez - Yes;  
Rickey Eastern, Sr. – Absent; Mark Kern- Absent. The Motion carried.

#### **2 Administrators Report:**

- 2024 Annual Report – disseminated
- Employee General Staff Meeting grants discussed in detail and grant cuts on IDPH and LHD
- Grant Update
  - FCM - NEW RFP BUT SOCIAL WORKERS ELIMINATED – RNS AT \$40.00/HR
  - SAP - WAITING FOR NOTIFICATION OF CONTINUED FUNDING
  - RW – NEW CONTRACT RECEIVED FROM SCCHD
  - RESPIRATORY SURVEILLANCE GRANT - HAS BEEN CUT BUT WAITING FOR OFFICAL CONFIRMATION TO RETURN ANY MONEY NOT SPENT. TERMINATED ON MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> BUT TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER OBTAINED UNTIL 4/17/25. DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF TRO, STAFF WILL BE NOTIFIED ON MONDAY, 4/21/25, OF IMPENDING LAYOFF EFFECTIVE 5/1/25.
  - SIPPA GRANT – AWAITING NOTIFICATION OF CUT AMOUNT
  - TOBACCO RFP – WRITING FOR IT BUT ONLY \$10K AMOUNT
  - WIC GRANT – DECREASED BY \$42,000.00. NOT SUFFICIENT ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN STAFFING LEVEL BASED ON THE ALLOTTED CASELOAD. A LETTER WILL BE DRAFTED TO THE COUNTY BOARD FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MONEY TO HELP WITH THIS INITIATIVE.
- Employment opportunities
  - Freeze on hiring
  - Reorganization of staff and departments based on grant amounts, experience, etc.
- Gardening Class 4/2 & 5/3
- Agency Birthday - 4/16/25 will be celebrated on 4/17/25. Lunch served at 1pm.

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- Employee Issues – Not filling open positions, returns from FMLA, and possible employee layoff based on grant funding.
- Healthy Street 2025 – July 31, 2025 still on schedule

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Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr-Yes; Sally Rodriguez - Yes;  
Rickey Eastern, Sr. – Absent; Mark Kern- Absent. The Motion carried.

3. Finance Committee Report
  - Disbursements for February & March 2025

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call-  
Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr-Yes; Sally Rodriguez - Yes;  
Rickey Eastern, Sr. – Absent; Mark Kern- Absent. The Motion carried.

4. Attorney's Report – Spoke with proprietor's attorney regarding difficulty with ESHD but has not received any further notification after attorney received rules and regulations of ESHD permitting of establishments.
5. Board Comments – none
6. Motion to adjourn until May 12, 2025

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call-  
Vanessa Chapman- Yes; Curtis McCall, Jr-Yes; Sally Rodriguez - Yes;  
Rickey Eastern, Sr. – Absent; Mark Kern- Absent. The Motion carried.