

State of Illinois  
Counties of St. Clair  
East Side Health District  
Monday, May 12, 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, May 12, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Vanessa Chapman-Absent; Curtis McCall, Jr.-Present; Sally Rodriguez-Present; Mark Kern - Present; Rickey Eastern, Sr.- Absent. Quorum present. Meeting chaired by Mark Kern.

#### **Also Present:**

Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside, Administrator, Atty. Phil Rice

1. Approval of minutes from, April 14, 2025.

2.

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

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

2 Administrators Report:

- Line of Credit signatures obtained with approval. Ms. Chapman signature to be obtained by Wednesday and papers given to Regions Bank representative, Kristi.
- Cyber lawsuit update – new hearing date requested and name of petitioners
- Grants – WIC decreased \$50,000. Letter sent to St Clair County Board of Health for financial assistance – no reply; DCEO - \$100k received from Memorial/BJC but still needs \$250k. Asked board members for assistance in securing names of organizations that could help – no response; FCM Grant eliminated as of June 30, 2025; FCM High Risk Grant submitted.
- Employee changes – Due to the grant reductions or elimination, a WIC nutritionist may be laid off as of 6/30/25 and the grant deliverables will not be met; Closure of the FCM grant will cause the layoff of all case managers; Health Education personnel is retiring and may be able to move a case manager into that position; if we receive the FCM High Risk grant we will have to hire 5 additional RNs; STD general and HIV service grants are in jeopardy – no definitive answer on funding yet; Prevention grant will end December 2025 and new grant if approved will start in March of 2026 – question posed and awaiting answer from IDPH of what to do with the personnel for three months.
- Environmental Health update - Seminar for all jurisdictions regarding ESHD procedures for restaurant inspections, temporary event permits, etc. Date TBA
- Events Update- 5/19 Kidney Event moved from Clyde Jordan to Touchette Hospital and July 31<sup>st</sup> Healthy Street is in the final planning stages.
- Garden Update – Market opening delayed until 6/26/25
- New starting wages & 3% COLA increase

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3. Finance Committee Report

- Disbursements for April 2025

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Rickey Eastern, Sr. – Absent; Mark Kern- Yes. The Motion carried.

4. Attorney's Report – None
5. Board Comments – none
6. Motion to adjourn until June 9, 2025

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

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