

**Proceedings of The Regular Meeting
Clark County Board of Health
May 8, 2006**

The CCBH met on Monday, May 8, 2006, at 6:35 p.m. in the Health Department building at Martinsville. Norman Yeley, President, called the meeting to order and requested the secretary call the roll. Attending were Dr. Darlene Hildebrand, Barbara Kannmacher, Dr. Steven Macke, Ted Perillo, Sandi Ramsay, and Norman Yeley. Dr. Davis and Greg Hosch were absent. The secretary declared a quorum present. Cathy Hayden, CCBH Administrator was present.

Yeley and Perillo gave a brief report on a presentation they attended in Marshall last week. The United States is sponsoring a \$1 billion, 10-year demonstration project to create the world's first coal-based, zero-emissions electricity and hydrogen power plant and Clark County is one of the sites being considered. The program was presented by State of Illinois and Future-Gen (a not-for-profit corporation) personnel. The plant would require a million and a half gallons of water per day, which could come from the Wabash River and a very large untapped aquifer south of Marshall.

Minutes of the February 27 regular and executive meetings were presented for consideration. Motion by Perillo and second by Kannmacher "to approve the minutes of the February 27 meetings with the spelling of tow corrected to toe in the executive minutes." The President put the question and all the members answered "aye." The motion was declared passed.

Yeley reported that he has been requested to serve on a national advisory committee for health issues, and to attend a dinner at the White House. He has not yet decided if he will accept the invitation.

Hayden reported that there are currently 262 cases of mumps, confirmed and probable, in 54 counties in Illinois as of today. There are 15 counties with multiple cases and the closest confirmed case to Clark County is Jasper County. Reports on the number of identified cases and locations are received by Hayden on a daily basis.

Heard that the Department was approved to receive a \$10,000.00 pandemic flu grant. The grant went into effect April 1 and ends September 30. The timeline makes meeting the three objectives of the grant difficult. One of the objectives is to create a plan to address an avian flu epidemic and the Department has to show how funds will be

spent.

Hayden reported that the state had increased the funding for the Local Health Protection grants by \$3,000,000.00 most of which will be directed to Chicago. This represents the first increase in funding in over 10 years.

The claims list for April and May was presented for consideration. Ramsay noted that the March claims list still needs Board approval. Motion by Macke and second by Perillo to pay the claims as presented." Hayden fielded various questions on expenditures and income. She was asked if the employee insurance premiums had been received for the employee who had been on maternity leave. She assured the Board the cost had been recovered. Discussed roof damage from a recent storm. The President put the question and all the members answered "aye." The motion was declared passed and the claims approved.

Mosquito abatement costs were reviewed and compared with 2002 - 2005 expenditures. Heard that costs had increased by the cost of adulticide, vehicle and administrative costs. The new reimbursement rates should fully fund the countywide project.

Discussed the current septic permit fees. Motion by Perillo and second by Hildebrand to increase the septic permit fee to \$50.00. Discussion followed and Hayden explained the need for raising this fee. The President put the question and all the members answered "aye." The motion was declared passed.

Hayden reported on an April 19 meeting of local doctors, Health Department staff and area social service agencies to solicit input on the basic health needs of Clark County, in connection with the Rural Health Grant. Included in the group were Bob Dougherty, Casey; Dr. David Davis, Martinsville; Ted Perillo, Pharmacists; and a doctor from Cork Medical Center. Suggestions were to establish an electronic medical records system to better manage chronic disease, to centralize the availability of patient education, create a better transportation system for health care, address the increase in teen pregnancies, address the difficulty in finding a pharmacist in the area, and focus on diabetes - all factors such as education, diet, weight control, and exercise. Hayden will submit an application for funding to address this project. Dr. Macke had previously identified the need to have a local diabetic referral service and this could provide funding to address that need. The maximum grant award is \$75,000.00 (with a 25% local

match in dollars or in-kind services) for six years, but the program must be self-sustaining at the end of the grant period. Hayden walked through the requirements and types of programs that would qualify under the grant.

Motion by Macke and second by Perillo to "authorize the Administrator to write an application for the Rural Health Grant, for a program to address diabetes." There were several possibilities for services discussed before the President put the question. All the members answered "aye" and the motion was declared passed.

Hayden presented a request to recognize former health board members by planting trees in their honor. It was pointed out that the previous planting was in memory of Stan Arney, who died while serving on the Board and was a driving force in establishing a county health department. There was concern about establishing a process that would be fair in the future as some directors have served multiple terms and one served under a year. It was a consensus to provide trees and shrubbery if they are required for shade and aesthetic value, but not as service recognition.

Hayden reported that the Department has established permanent office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., although the Board had suggested the office be open until 4:30 p.m. There will continue to be 2-3 late clinics per month and staggered lunch hours have been assigned. Hayden has approved a work schedule change for the Administrative Assistant, previously addressed by the Board.

Heard that the Department is getting bids on asphaltting the current oil and chip drive to eliminate problems with snow removal and potholes.

Hayden reported on a Woman's Health Fair, held through a \$500.00 mini-grant, on May 8 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. There were 48 women who attended and received various health screenings and information. It was a much-appreciated event that provided good community education.

Yeley reported the terms for Hildebrand (replacing Sam Deahl) and Dr. Macke expire at the end of June. Both indicated that they would serve again if appointed by the County Board.

Hayden reported that \$100,000.00 had been recorded as budget expenditure and placed in a certificate of deposit. This will provide for

Department operations in the event grants become unavailable, are reduced or State reimbursements are not current.

Motion by Macke and second by Perillo "to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled date on July 10." The President put the question and all the members answered "aye." The motion was declared passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.