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BOND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Meeting

November 25, 2024

Those physically in attendance:

Members:

M. McCullough, Board of Health President
T. Hall
K. Hamilton
D. Lippert
R. Nehrt
A. Oestreich
P. Siefken

Others:

S. Eifert, Administrator
B. Strieker, Compliance/Human Resources

Those in attendance via Zoom:

Others:

R. Dothager, Dental Clinic
B. Goodiel, Home Health/Hospice

Members Absent:

C. Bohannon
C. Ackerman
J. Rehkemper
E. Korte

Board of Health President M. McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All attending stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hearing from the public

There were no comments from the public.

Minutes of October 28, 2024, Meeting

Prior to the meeting, Board of Health members received a copy of the minutes from their last meeting held on October 28, 2024. T. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as provided with no additions or changes. The motion was seconded by D. Lippert and the motion unanimously passed.

Administrator's Report

Health Department Administrator S. Eifert indicated a first meeting was held of the Ad Hoc Committee, which was appointed to review home health financials and long-range stability. With several factors identified for deeper analysis, the home health team is assembling additional information. The next meeting for the committee is planned for the second week in December.

Surveyors from the Illinois Department of Public Health recently completed their review of Bond County Hospice. The survey is completed every three years and reviews compliance with state and federal requirements involving areas for quality of care and patient safety. Surveyors were on site for 4 days and were very complimentary of staff and services. B. Goodiel reviewed the surveyor's findings and indicated recruitment efforts continue for a social worker, which is a required core service of the program.

B. Goodiel was recently awarded Employee of the Year by Home Care Across Illinois. Board members congratulated B. Goodiel on earning this distinction and thanked him for his ongoing leadership and commitment to Bond County Home Health and Hospice.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has announced a new grant opportunity designed to eliminate health disparities. Two grantees will be selected with awards going to applicants comprising a health equity zone. S. Eifert indicated he organized an initial meeting with local health departments in the region and is continuing to determine the feasibility of applying.

Financial Report

For the month of October, there was an overall decrease in cash on hand of \$48,051. S. Eifert indicated there are outstanding vendor payments at the Illinois State Comptroller's Office amounting to about \$75,000 and the 4th quarter payment from the health protection grant has not been received. Both dental and mental health services' financials were positive for the month with home health at about the break-even point. S. Eifert noted during October there were no invoices paid for physical therapy professional services that were provided in home health due to the timing of payments.

A. Oestreich motioned to accept the financial report as presented. R. Nehrt seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Prior to the meeting, Finance Committee members reviewed the Accounts Payable Ledger covering the month of October 2024. The report was also available to members on the Board's private area of the website. With the Finance Committee presenting a motion and second for the approval and filing of the invoices as identified in the ledger, all members voted in favor and the motion unanimously passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

With the new fiscal year budget taking effect December 1, S. Eifert indicated a wage increase was included for all staff. Following discussion, a motion was made by T. Hall to approve a 3% cost of living increase for all employees to be effective December 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by D. Lippert and unanimously passed.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Health will be on Monday, January 27, 2025, and begin at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business to be brought before the Board, D. Lippert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. A. Oestreich seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.



T. Hall, D.O.
Secretary