

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Madison County Board of Health Advisory Committee was held at 157 N. Main Street, Suite 145, Edwardsville, IL on March 7, 2023.

Members Present: Joy Birk, R. N., B.S.N., Jean Schram, M.A., Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., Paul Hoover, D.C., Paul Frohnert, M.D., Ph.D., Jennifer Loethen, M.D., MaryAnn Niemeyer, Ph.D., Laura Burton, NP-C, CRMP, and Laura DeLuca, R.N.

Members Absent: Paul Malcherek, M.D.

Others Present: Doug King, Public Health Administrator, Stacey Counton, Office Manager; Kurt Prenzler, County Board Chairman; John Thompson, Deputy County Administrator; Richard Quayle.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Hoover, Chair at 5:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Jennifer Loethen and seconded by Joy Birk to approve the February 7, 2023 minutes. Motion Approved.

Public Comment: Dr. Hoover gave a brief overview of the Advisory Committee BY-LAWS. Because the County Board is also the Board of Health, the Health Advisory Committee is required by law. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Madison County Board of Health concerning the public health needs of Madison County and the programs necessary to address those needs. All members shall be residents of Madison County, chosen for their special fitness for membership. At least one member shall be a physician licensed in Illinois to practice medicine in all its branches, at least one member shall be a dentist licensed in Illinois, and one shall be an Illinois Registered Professional Nurse. The Committee consist of at least 10 members (terms are for three (3) years) appointed by the Chairman of the County Board with the approval of the County Board. Dr. Hoover suggested putting together a small committee and have a meeting to put together some ideas that they might have on the COVID situation and bring that back to the next meeting.

Public Health Administrator's Report:

Environmental Health

- Planning for Cottage Food, Food Trucks, Spring and Summer events.
- Food Protection Manager online course and exam is now offered at MCHD.
- Staff went to Foodborne Outbreak and Response Training in St. Louis.
- Multiple Flood Relief well inspections conducted.

Animal Control

- Bids are going out for the dog run and exercise area.

In September 2022, the Health Department administered 371 bivalent vaccinations versus February 2023, 37 were administered. As of May 11, 2023, COVID vaccine and boosters will no longer be free.

New Business: Discussion on canceling the July 4, 2023 meeting or rescheduling it on a different date. The committee decided to make this decision at their June meeting.

Dr. Hoover will contact those interested meeting before next Health Advisory Meeting to see when would work best for everyone.

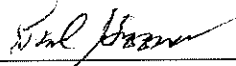
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Kurt Prenzler stated that March 17, 2023 will be the 3rd Anniversary of Madison County COVID Emergency Declaration. He was thinking that he may write something in terms of a 3 year history of COVID. If anyone wanted to contribute or have any thoughts on that.

Continued discussions on COVID: patient care, physician roles, data collection/studies, testing, and masking.

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**, 157 N. Main Street, Room 145, Edwardsville, IL.

A motion was made by Laura DeLuca, and seconded by Paul Frohnert to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Laura Burton, Secretary