

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 April 4, 2023.

**Members Present:** Jean Schram, M.A., Paul Hoover, D.C., Paul Frohnert, M.D., Ph.D., Jennifer Loethen, M.D., MaryAnn Niemeyer, Ph.D., Laura DeLuca, R.N., Richard Quayle.

**Members Present Via Teleconference:** Joy Birk, R. N., B.S.N

**Members Absent:** Rebecca Dunn, D.M.D., and Laura Burton, NP-C, CRMP.

**Others Present:** Doug King, Public Health Administrator, Stacey Counton, Office Manager; Mark McGranahan, M.D., FAAP, Medical Consultant; Emily Won, Community Health Services Director; Kurt Prenzler, County Board Chairman; Deborah Humphry, Mental Health Board Executive Director; Cedric Irby, Vice President, Mental Health Board-Board of Directors.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Hoover, Chair at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jennifer Loethen and seconded by MaryAnn Niemeyer to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes. Motion Approved.

**Public Comment:** None

**Public Health Administrator's Report:**

*Environmental Health*

- Erin Boester, Health protection Division Director, spoke at a regional city clerk meeting with approximately 26 people in attendance. Topics included food trucks, temporary events, cottage food. Gave an overview of how MCHD permits a food establishment and the importance of working closely with local municipalities.
- Food program staff member working with group of high school students enrolled in the county CEO program. MCHD has had the opportunity to work with these students in educating on rules and regulations as well as food safety and the process of operating your own cottage food business.
- Staff members presented to a class at SIUE on the programs conducted by the MCHD and the role of the HD in environmental health.

*Communicable Disease*

- Top 5 investigations currently: Chlamydia 69, Gonorrhea 21, Hepatitis C 23, Hepatitis B 19, Rabies Potential Human exposure 8.

*Emergency Preparedness*

- Participating in several county and regional trainings and exercises including the National Disaster Medical System exercise at the St. Louis Downtown airport, Foodborne exercise and the NASCAR race in Madison.

**Dr. McGranahan:** Cannabis in the area and legalization. Wanted to share what we are seeing in clinical medicine. A lot of votes on legalization and a lot of public policy was created with the idea that today's cannabis is just like the cannabis for the baby boomers, which are not true. The average concentration in the 60's/70's/80's is 2-3-4-5 percent, now it is 10-15-20-25 percent. When it is marketed, there is a lot of very concentrated versions. There are a lot of concerns that have emerged, clinically. Very important to educate our patients. Discussion.

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**New Business:** Extensive discussion on Marijuana which includes:

- What cities are getting in sales tax from sale from their dispensaries.
- Recreational Cannabis Sale Tax in Illinois.
- Marijuana purchase & possession limits for Illinois residents.
- Smoke/Vape Shops.
- Unknown medical long term effects.
- Research related to long term use of marijuana is limited since marijuana has been an illegal drug.
- Addition/Treatment
- Illinois Youth Survey – What are the usage rates of Madison County Youth? [Cnty22\\_Madison.pdf \(illinois.edu\)](#)
- Mental Health/depression
- Education/Prevention
- Access to Care – Substance use disorder/treatment/recovery centers.

Refer to audio for full content:

[https://cms4files.revize.com/madisoncountyilus/document\\_center/CountyClerk/HealthDepartmentAdvisory/4-4-2023\\_HAC.MP3](https://cms4files.revize.com/madisoncountyilus/document_center/CountyClerk/HealthDepartmentAdvisory/4-4-2023_HAC.MP3)

The next scheduled meeting for this committee is **Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**, 157 N. Main Street, Room 145, Edwardsville, IL.

A motion was made by Paul Frohnert and seconded by Laura DeLuca to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



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Laura Burton, Secretary