

Montgomery County Board of Health  
Minutes  
October 21, 2008

A regular quarterly meeting of the Montgomery County Board of Health was held on October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD), located at 11191 Illinois Route 185 in Hillsboro, Illinois. Present at the meeting were: Phillip W. Johnson, M.D., Harold Jurgena, LaMoine Reeves, Kate Poirot, R.N., Jerry Wesley, George Blankenship, Hugh Satterlee, Dolores Wheelhouse, Jodi Perkins, Carolyn DeWerff, Lynn Sellers and Julie Marcolini.

Jerry Wesley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2008 Board of Health meeting. Harold Jurgena made a motion to approve the minutes; LaMoine Reeves seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Dolores Wheelhouse, Public Health Nursing Coordinator, was present to give her report. The flu clinic was held on October 4 and also served as an emergency preparedness exercise. Hillsboro had 405 participants; Litchfield had around 159 participants. The Department also participated in the State SNS that day, accepting a "delivery" from the National Guard. Several of our MRC volunteers helped at the clinic. There were some communication problems with the radios, which will be addressed. Dolores participated in Macoupin County's drive thru flu clinic as an evaluator. They had 550 participants. They turned away public aid people. The Department has given 1500 flu shots and has made times available at the office for the public. The first group of nursing students has completed this rotation; the next group starts October 22, 2008. Linda Zimmer, Prevention Specialist, had thirty (30) people attend an informational meeting on the Student Assistance Program (school administrators, counselors and nurses). After the first of the year she will be having another informational meeting for schools about drugs in the County.

Carolyn DeWerff was present to give the Maternal Child Health report. Currently, MCHD is at 98% caseload. The Department has ten (10) WIC clients from Macoupin County due to the closing of their Gillespie office. Teen Parent Services (TPS) enrollment is down. There has been some discussion about taking over Macoupin County's TPS program. Children's flu clinics have been scheduled in Hillsboro, Litchfield and Nokomis. Shots will also be available at regular clinics. The next genetics clinic will be November 12<sup>th</sup> (Hillsboro) and on November 19 (Litchfield). Grant funding allowed for an additional day. Family Case Management is having a meeting on December 8, 2008, to discuss program and funding changes. The Shriners will be here on November 8 from 9:00 – 12:00 doing free screenings. Our nurse will run the clinic.

Hugh gave the Mental Health report for Kurt Simon. More and more inpatient psychiatric units have been closed. It is creating problems for MCHD to find bed space for these patients. It is causing a lot of frustration. Substance abuse treatment facilities

have also been cut. Gateway and Triangle Center have informed the Department that the waiting list may be over eight (8) weeks. This is putting an extra burden on local emergency rooms. The Department has also had a cut in Substance Abuse funding (\$14,000) and at present only Montgomery County residents are being served. A new case manager has been hired to fill the vacancy in Mental Health. Hugh assured Board members that services to Montgomery County residents are being taken care of and that Jill (substance abuse) currently has a three (3) week waiting period. Dr. Johnson asked about mental health wait time for an appointment. Hugh told the Board that any client could get into mental health within a week.

Lynn Sellers was present to give the CCU report. She gave the status and updates on all her programs as outlined in the CCU Annual Report for FY 2008. The programs include Comprehensive Care Coordination Program (formerly CCP and CM), Case Screenings for three (3) counties (673 screens this past year), Case Management, Information and Assistance, Senior Health Assistance Program, Elder Abuse, Flexible Senior Services and Assistive Technology. Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland conducted two (2) compliance reviews which found no problems. CCU had income this past year of \$401,772. Provision of case management services will be opened up to other agencies in September of 2009 so MCHD is working hard to be the preferred provider agency. As of June 1, 2008 case managers will assist CCP clients in mandatory Medicaid enrollment. The Department will continue to promote Elder Abuse Awareness and continue to look for programs and funding to better assist seniors. The CCU Department will also be doing the Diabetes program and blood pressure clinics. And the Department is working on the establishment of an annual Senior Health Fair.

Hugh gave the Environmental Health report. New employee Paul White has completed the Sanitarian Training Course and will attend food sanitation class at the end of the month. Mark, Associate Sanitarian, is awaiting approval to take the Food Sanitation Instructor's exam. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) adopted amendments to the Food Code in July of 2008. The restaurants are being notified of these changes and the Sanitarians will enforce them beginning in January 2009. A Montgomery County woman tested positive for West Nile Virus in August. All mosquitoes and birds tested were negative. An application was submitted for funding for additional surveillance. Radon test kits distributed (121) showed that 22% of the results have been above the action level of 4.0pCi/L.

Hugh gave the IBCCP report. The Consortia currently has a caseload of 265 scheduled for services; this is 35.33% of the total assigned caseload. Montgomery County is at 67 and Macoupin County is at 45. In conjunction with the Montgomery County Breast Cancer Survivor Support Group, the Health Department took part in the following activities: "Light the County Pink", "Volley for the Cure", and "Pink Extravaganza at Best Western Carlinville." Several basketball events are planned for this fall/winter.

Hugh gave the Public Health report for Christy Guinn. Heart Smart for Teens classes continue at Hillsboro and Litchfield Jr. Highs. Promotion of Quitline continues and there have been no new complaints regarding violations to the new Smoking Law. Christy has

completed Hearing & Vision screenings at Raymond, Farmersville, Lincolnwood grade schools and Zion Lutheran School and is in the process of doing Nokomis School district. All screenings should be completed by the beginning of December.

Hugh gave the Administrator's report. In regards to a question about SASS, Hugh told the Board that SASS (mental health assistance for kids in school) is handled by Macoupin County Mental Health. Jerry Wesley asked for a motion to approve the bills and financial reports. LaMoine Reeves made a motion; Kate Poirot seconded it. Roll call was taken and all present approved (roll call attached). Hugh told Board members that Denny Hiller had one (1) furnace left to repair and the parking lot was done. Regarding the dental clinic, Dr. Shafer is to contact SIU Dentistry and Kent Tarro is to meet with them. Under personnel, Karyl Dressen is moving to CCU and Shelley Halleman will be assisting with IBCCP, billing and the tobacco program. Kate Poirot voiced her concern about kids in Litchfield getting dental care. Carolyn DeWerff said that Affordable Dentistry is seeing public aid patients. Jerry Wesley suggested working on the MCHD web page and making its content better known. He is interested in putting minutes, meeting dates and times, schedules and having forms available. The next meeting is in January. A suggestion to meet more often has been made. At the January meeting a determination of the meeting schedule will be finalized. Hugh said guidelines could be set. Special meetings, such as meetings for CARF, can always be held in addition to regular meetings. Dr. Johnson would like the location of Board meetings to include at least once a year in Litchfield. Dr. Johnson brought a request from Kathy Johnson to have additional children's immunization clinics during the evening hours. Carolyn responded that they do have evening hours in July and August and some on Saturdays. Carolyn told the Board that the County is at 98% vaccination rate for 1-5 year olds. And Dolores answered the question regarding pneumococcal vaccines; the Department has 20-30 doses. Hugh asked for a motion to go in to Executive Session. A motion was made by Kate Poirot; and seconded by Harold Jurgena. A roll call was taken and all present were ayes (roll call attached). The Board went in to Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. on October 21, 2008, with a quorum present, to discuss possible employment of personnel and expanding services.

George Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting; Harold Jurgena seconded it. All ayes of those present and the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
ROLL CALL  
October 21, 2008**

**REGARDING MOTION TO:**      Go Into Executive Session

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Phillip W. Johnson, M.D.</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Harold Jurgena</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>LaMoine Reeves</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Roger C. McFarlin, M.D.</b>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Kathy J. Shafer, D.M.D.</b>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Kate Poirot, R.N.</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Jerry Wesley</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>George Blankenship</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
ROLL CALL  
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**REGARDING MOTION TO:** Approve Bills and Financial Reports

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Phillip W. Johnson, M.D.</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Harold Jurgena</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>LaMoine Reeves</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
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<b>Kate Poirot, R.N.</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Jerry Wesley</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>George Blankenship</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>