

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Cindy Schott, Howard Melchi, Dr. Mark Mench, Carol Fitzgerald, Gene Jacoby, Dr. Robert Whittaker, Dr. Denise Smith and Rick Cavazos. Also present: Beth Fiorini, Marcia Widolff, Gene Johnston, and Spencer Schein.

Howard Melchi made a motion to approve the Sept. 27, 2011 board meeting minutes, seconded by Carol Fitzgerald. The board approved unanimously.

Correspondence

Beth Fiorini reported on the following: 1) Whiteside County Health Department received an award for Distinguished Service from Self Help Enterprise, Inc. 2) Whiteside County Health Department's bio-staff has started a volunteer newsletter to keep its emergency volunteers informed and Fiorini shared one of the newsletters with the board. 3) IDPH Public Health director Dr. Damon Arnold left IDPH, and Dr. Craig Conover was appointed Sept. 30 by the Governor as his interim replacement. Fiorini said IDPH allows interim directors to serve for 60 days, so another interim director will be appointed by the Governor until a permanent director is named. 4) Whiteside County Health Department and CGH Medical Center issued a joint-press release regarding Dr. Richard Ng and his patients. The press release was shared with the board. 5) Illinois Public Health Association's "Viewpoints" magazine for Dec. 2011 has an article about Whiteside County Health Department's childhood obesity program. Copies of the magazine were distributed to the board. 6) IPCHA has issued a newsletter with legislative updates relating to Community Health Clinics. Copies of the newsletter were distributed to the board, and 7) Animal Control's report.

Administrator's Report

Beth Fiorini reported: 1) Whiteside County Health Department parking lot development is going very slow and it appears that the parking lot will not be ready until spring 2012. Fiorini will keep the BOH updated. 2) Dr. Ng, a local physician has lost his license and the community health center is seeing about 150 new patients on multiple pain drugs with many needs. Fiorini has hired two part-time physicians and increased other staff hours to help. The health department is also working closely with CGH Medical Center and Sinnissippi Centers to meet these patient's needs.

Committee Reports

Finance: Howard Melchi reported the following:

Public Health Fund: October 1, 2011	Beginning Balance	\$	1,956,939.92
	Receipts	\$	533,895.25
	Expenses	\$	557,456.47
October 31, 2011	Ending Balance	\$	1,933,378.70

Animal Control Fund: October 1, 2011	Beginning Balance	\$	138,649.86
	Receipts	\$	18,308.82
	Expenses	\$	18,054.65
October 31, 2011	Ending Balance	\$	138,904.03

Howard Melchi made a motion to place the Finance Report on file as presented, seconded by Gene Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel: (None)

By-laws: (None)

New Business: Carol Fitzgerald made a motion to add an environmental fee for Building Permit Plan Reviews at a rate of \$30 in office and \$60 on-site and to take effect as of January 1, 2012. Gene Johnston did a presentation and answered questions. The motion was seconded by Howard Melchi. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: Howard Melchi made a motion to approve a resolution signed by Cindy Schott, President of the Board of Health, be sent to the state legislature in support of returning WIC, Family Case Management and Family Planning programs from DHS to Illinois Department of Public Health. Fiorini made a presentation explaining the reasons for this change and answered questions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Whittaker. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Fiorini,
Public Health Administrator