

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Mrs. Karen Nelson, Chair

The Health & Social Services Committee met on November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room of the Law Enforcement Center. An option to join by teleconference was also available. Members present were Nelson, Lee, Weaver, Dowd and Hamilton. Others present were Joel Horn, Cheryl Lee (via teleconference), Mr. Duffy, Mrs. Britt (via teleconference), Karla Belzer and an anonymous caller (via teleconference).

1. Monthly claims were reviewed and approved.
2. Health Department
 - a. Ms. Lee informed they are still waiting on the \$1 million federal grant to be awarded for the proposed expansion. They have had an architect look at the old part of the building and are researching several options.
 - b. Beginning Friday, November 5th they will taking appointments for the vaccine for ages 5 - 12.
 - c. Ms. Lee stated they are now administering the Covid-19 booster shots as well as the regular flu vaccine.
 - d. Ms. Lee indicated there will be a special Board of Health meeting to consider annual raises on November 17th at 6:00 pm in the Sterling Township building.
 - e. Ms. Lee discussed at length with the committee the Executive Order regarding mandatory vaccines and testing. She is working with the States Attorney's office to insure we are in compliance.
 - f. Mr. Hamilton asked about the progress on the construction of the garage for the mobile unit. Ms. Lee indicated they should have started on the shell but she would have to confirm that. The committee also discussed winterizing the vehicle.
3. U of I Extension
 - a. Karla informed the committee 4-H Awards and Achievements banquet is going on as we speak.
 - b. Mrs. Belzer highlighted several programs including but not limited to the Master Gardeners back yard birding program, the Illinois Strong Couples project and the Mental Health First Aid for the Agriculture Community program. Flyers will be distributed on board night.
4. Mental Health Board
 - a. Mr. Weaver indicated the Board met on 10/26/21 and discussed several items regarding the handbook (See #24). The next meeting will be held on November 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – December 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM in County Board Room

MOTION: To place on file the Health & Social Services Committee's meeting report, October 2021 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.