

LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 5:00 PM
DIAL IN NUMBER (US) 1-312-584-2401 MEETING ID: 1378275#
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Call to Order (5:00 PM)

Members Present: Basden II, Calandro, Erbes, Scott and Snyder

Members Absent: Comparato and Morris

Also present: Kenton Schafer, Robert Burns, Orval Rowe, Sharee Langenstein, Jennifer Lindsey, Bart Hagston, John Rendleman

Approval of Minutes

- I. [21-5983](#) Approval of April 13, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Scott, to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 5 - Basden II, Calandro, Erbes, Scott and Snyder
Absent: 2 - Comparato and Morris
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Animal Control

- II. [21-5984](#) Animal Control Monthly Update
The County Administrator commented that the Animal Control Officer had applied and received a scholarship for the Illinois Animal Welfare Conference, which he will be attending in June. She also mentioned that he had been working with local veterinarians for the upcoming Rabies Clinic on May 29th which will be held in DeSoto. She noted that there is a flyer with all the information available on the County Animal Control website.
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Health Department & Solid Waste

- III. [21-5985](#) Jackson County Health Department
Hagston reported the following:
Covid cases and contact tracing - For April the County averaged around 6.5 new cases per day, higher than Feb or March, but much lower than the months of Oct-Jan. Many of the metrics IDPH uses to track contact tracing efforts are in the top five in the state and the Health Department is very proud of the work in that arena. The IDPH grant was originally set to end the end of this month, but IDPH is allowing JCHD to continue spending through the end of 2021. JCHD currently has 2-3 contact tracing positions open, so please refer any capable individuals this way.
On the vaccination front, JCHD continues to work with the Illinois National Guard to operate a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Banterra Center. The last date for clinics at the Civic Center was April 19. Vaccinations are occurring Tue-Sat each week from 9am-6:30pm. JCHD has also partnered with the National Guard mobile team to provide vaccinations at various sites in the county. The expected last day at the Banterra Center should be May 22, after which this mobile
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team will transition to administering vaccines at JCHD. JCHD will issue a news release with details on this move later this week.

FDA has authorized the use of the Pfizer vaccine on 12-15 year old's, but another step remains before JCHD can vaccinate this population. Tomorrow an advisory panel of immunization experts will meet and make recommendations to the CDC. The CDC is expected to quickly adopt their recommendations allowing JCHD to then be able to vaccinate 12-15 year old's, likely by Wednesday night or Thursday. JCHD has plans in place to quickly be able to message this approval and start vaccinating them at the Banterra Center.

In total, JCHD has administered around 59,000 doses since the end of December. Around 32% of Jackson County residents are fully vaccinated. The pace of vaccination has slowed significantly during the past month. The last two weeks have seen the daily average of doses administered at about 120. Walk-ins have been a substantial portion of the total served in the last few weeks.

IDPH has commended JCHD for its mass vaccination efforts and helping boost vaccination rates around the region. They recognized that some counties in the region have higher vaccination rates due to their residents being vaccinated in Jackson County.

As far as other locations vaccinating, almost all the retail pharmacies are administering vaccine. People can go to Vaccines.gov and find locations where vaccine is being administered locally. People can now also text their zip code to "438829" and get a text listing 3 local sites, plus a link to more locations. FQHCs have been administering vaccine, and SIH is vaccinating some patients. Other providers can now also order vaccine through IDPH.

JCHD continues to work to address vaccine convenience and vaccine confidence issues. JCHD is working with State and local partners on these matters, but progress is slow. Recent studies indicate many holdouts would be more likely to trust their physician if they recommended vaccination during an office visit. IDPH is working with various medical societies to ensure that happens. JCHD is also partners on the This Is Our Shot Southern Illinois campaign to address vaccine confidence, and PSAs and other information from that campaign continue to build.

The Governor indicated last week that the State will enter the Bridge Phase of the Restore Illinois Plan on May 14. The bridge allows for increased capacity limits and reduced restrictions on a number of activities. If metrics remain good the State will enter Phase 5 of the plan on June 11, when capacity limits and restrictions are lifted.

The Health Department will receive an award next week from the Board of Directors of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce for its efforts to protect public health and guide the business community through the pandemic.

IV. [21-5986](#)

Solid Waste Enforcement

Hagston reported that there were 11 open dumping/ open burning inspections, 9 revisits to existing sites, 2 new site visits, 1 revisit to sites closed due to compliance (approximately 10 cubic yards of waste were removed from the sites), 6 citizen complaints, and 1 routine landfill inspection.

V. [21-5987](#)

Solid Waste Fund Update

Hagston reported the following to the committee:

Current Month Solid Waste Fund Transactions

Transfers: \$8,492.42-Trash, Document Destruction & Medical Waste Disposal

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Interest: \$53.73
Deposits: \$79,064.07
Current Month Household Hazardous Waste Fund Transactions
Transfers: \$0
Interest: \$1.77
Deposits: \$0
Host Fee Deposited
Deposits: \$62,255.17

VI. [21-5988](#)

Recycling Program

Hagston reported that Ms. Phoenix had completed the following:

- Waste Hauler Licensing renewals have been mailed for the license year July 2021 – June 2022.
- Attended Illinois Food Scrap Coalition’s five-part Compost Awareness webinar series May 3 thru 7.
- Household Chemical Collection – Saturday, June 19, 8am – 3pm at SIUC Arena – parking lot 56. All Illinois Residents are eligible to participate.

Emergency Management

Rowe updated the committee on EMA:

- Provided and programmed a NOAA Weather Radio for a County resident.
- Received the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) approval letter from IEMA, moving toward County accreditation.
- Attended SIH-MHC and St. Joe’s Monthly Emergency Preparedness meetings as Community Partners.
- Conducted the quarterly County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) meeting with community partners.
- Met with Greater Egypt to complete the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) planning meetings and set a date for the first county stakeholders meeting next month.
- Continued distributing PPE resources to County stakeholders.
- Attended and participated in the quarterly Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) executive meeting.
- Hosted the monthly Starcom-21 regional radio drill for May.
- Continue to rebuild and update the County LEPC Chemical Response Plan.

Ambulance Service

VII. [21-5989](#)

Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$80,803.77

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A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Basden II, to approve the Ambulance Monthly Claims in the amount of \$80,803.77. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Basden II, Calandro, Erbes and Snyder

Absent: 3 - Comparato, Morris and Scott

VIII. [21-5990](#)

Director's Report

Schafer reported the following to the committee:

Monthly Claims: \$80,803.77

Accounts Receivable Cash: \$427,069.71

Activity Report: 850 patient care reports for 828 incidents.

Other Information:

Monthly claims are more than usual GEMT payments to Illinois DHS (Medicaid) totaled \$49,065.51. The department had 2 payments quarter 2 and quarter 3.

This year National EMS Week will be recognized May 16-22. The Ambulance employees have experienced significant changes and additional stress during this pandemic; the employees have adapted as professionals and continued to provide high quality pre-hospital care to the visitors and residents of the County.

It is being asked of the committee to consider approving a proclamation declaring EMS Week and to recognize the sacrifices made by the staff under these extraordinary circumstances. It is believed that this recognition from the Board would mean a great deal to the ambulance employees.

The highway department has a ¾ ton pickup truck they no longer use, Burdick and Schafer have worked out a price and the department would like to purchase the truck from highway to replace the 1992 ½ ton, manual transmission. The truck is used primarily to retrieve parts, perform maintenance and carry the diesel fuel tank to fuel the generator at headquarters. This truck would serve the purpose without the expense of a new truck. It is being requested to approve moving money from the ambulance contingency line item into the equipment <\$5,000 line for ease of auditing purposes.

With the help of the AFG Grant specialist, all recommended changes and requirements have been added, this has been approved by the County Administrator and ASA Langenstein. Approval is needed to allow us to open for bids for this ambulance.

IX. [21-5991](#)

Ambulance Vehicle Budget Adjustment

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Scott, to approve the Ambulance Vehicle Budget Adjustment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Basden II, Calandro, Erbes, Scott and Snyder

Absent: 2 - Comparato and Morris

X. [21-6026](#)

Bariatric Ambulance RFP

A motion was made by Snyder, seconded by Scott, to approve the Bariatric Ambulance RFP. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Basden II, Calandro, Erbes, Scott and Snyder

Absent: 2 - Comparato and Morris

XI. [21-6020](#)

Declaration of EMS Week

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Yes: 5 - Basden II, Calandro, Erbes, Scott and Snyder
Absent: 2 - Comparato and Morris

Legislative

Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjourn (5:21 PM)

Snyder moved and Basden seconded to adjourn, motion carried.