



**Iroquois County Public Health Department
Board of Health Meeting
1001 East Grant Street
Watseka, IL 60970
August 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Phillip Zumwalt, President
Ms. LuAnn Armantrout, Secretary
Ms. Jolene Foster
Mrs. Brenda Burnett
Mr. Lyle Behrends

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Aravind Reddy, Vice President
Dr. Rodney Yergler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Eric Ceci, ICPHD Administrator
Mr. Tyler Robinson, ICPHD
Mr. Paul Ducat, Iroquois Co. Vice Chairman
Mrs. Tina Crider-Honeycutt, ICPHD
Mrs. Carla Prizy
Mr. Joe Prizy
Ms. Karol Twigg
Mr. Mitchell Bence
Mr. Charles Alt

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Dr. Zumwalt, President, called the Iroquois County Public Health Department Board of Health meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 5, 2024, in the Iroquois County Board Room. Roll call was taken.

APPROVE AGENDA: Mr. Lyle Behrends made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by LuAnn Armantrout and was approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Iroquois County resident, Mrs. Carla Prizy began by conveying her deep concerns for the future of the health department. Furthermore, Carla stated that the board of health has allowed mob-like employees to rule, threaten, and control them. She continued by calling out Iroquois County Board Vice Chairman, Mr. Paul Ducat, for actively encouraging health department employees to walk out and accused him of being an integral part of Eric Ceci's termination. She highly suggested that the Board of Health learn management skills for the sake of the people they serve. Carla also praised Eric Ceci's character and his commitment to the health department. She concluded by thanking Jolene Foster and Brenda Burnett and claimed that ICPHD didn't deserve Eric Ceci's service.

Iroquois County resident, Mr. Joe Prizy, began by stating his comments would be in regard to Eric Ceci being terminated without cause of fault. He said the decision was odd, unreasonable, and that it didn't make sense. Mr. Prizy claimed that Eric should have been afforded the right to hear the complaints levied against him and to face his accusers. Furthermore, he asked who in the county was representing Eric during this process and accused the board of trying to get rid of Eric Ceci and not solve any problems. Mr. Prizy concluded by saying the decision was unfair and not right.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 1, 2024 BOH MEETING: A copy of the July 1, 2024 BOH meeting minutes was reviewed for approval. Mr. Lyle Behrends made a motion to approve the July 1, 2024 BOH meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Jolene Foster and was approved by voice vote.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2024 BOH SPECIAL MEETING: A copy of the July 22, 2024 BOH special meeting minutes was reviewed for approval. Mr. Lyle Behrends made a motion to approve the July 22, 2024 BOH Special meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Jolene Foster and was approved by voice vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR JULY 2024: A claims listing for July 2024 was distributed for review and approval. Discussion was held. LuAnn Armantrout made a motion to approve the July 2024 claims. Motion seconded by Brenda Burnett and was approved by roll call vote. Aye – Dr. Zumwalt, Lyle Behrends, Jolene Foster, Brenda Burnett, and LuAnn Armantrout

ICPHD ADMINISTRATOR ERIC CECI:

A. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS UPDATE: A copy of the ICPHD grants and contracts list for FY 2025 was distributed for review. Eric Ceci explained that state grants started on July 1st but the grant application for the Comprehensive Health Protection grant was delayed until early august. Furthermore, Eric spoke about the state's decision to reduce the funds from the Local Health Protection sub-grant. LuAnn Armantrout requested clarification regarding a new Emergency Senior Services grant for 90,000 dollars. Eric responded saying that the grant will stretch over 3 years which equates to 30,000 dollars per year to provide assistance to homeless residents or those at risk of homelessness. Brenda Burnett noted the reduction in money in regard to the ESS grant from previous years and questioned what ways ICPHD utilized that grant best. Eric listed many examples of incontinence supplies, wheel chair ramps, and walkers that went to Iroquois Residents using the ESS grant. Eric concluded by giving an overview of the remaining grants, such as the Opioid Response grant, Tobacco Free Communities grant, and the ICPHD Iroquois West School Nurse contract.

B. ICPHD PROGRAM UPDATE: A copy of the July 2024 program summary report was distributed for review and discussion.

C. 2025-2030 IPLAN UPDATE: Dr. Zumwalt asked ICPHD Executive Assistant, Tyler Robinson, to share an update on the 2025-2030 IPLAN. Tyler provided a full overview of the IPLAN process and its current status. Tyler stated that he quietly and diligently worked on the project for over five months above and beyond his other assigned tasks. However, he requested clarification on who was responsible for finishing the IPLAN. Tyler went on to proclaim he would not accept full authority without additional compensation. Lyle Behrends inquired about outsourcing the responsibilities again as done in previous years. Eric Ceci explained that it would cost the county additional finances to do so and that he believed Tyler Robinson was in the best position to finish it accurately and on time.

D. ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: Eric Ceci stated that he will be available to answer any questions the board of health may have for the remainder of his time at the health department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/2(c): THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: At 6:38pm, Lyle Behrends made a motion to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by Jolene Foster and was approved by roll call vote. Aye – Dr. Zumwalt, Lyle Behrends, Jolene Foster, Brenda Burnett, and LuAnn Armantrout

At 9:11pm, Lyle Behrends made a motion to exit executive session and resume normal session. Motion seconded by Brenda Burnett and was approved by roll call vote. Aye – Dr. Zumwalt, Lyle Behrends, Jolene Foster, Brenda Burnett, and LuAnn Armantrout

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FY2025 BUDGET: A copy of the proposed FY2025 budget was distributed for review and approval. Lyle Behrends made a motion to approve the budget as presented with three additional changes. These changes include an additional \$31,000 dollars for contingency planning as well as an increase to the tax levy for an additional \$46,000 dollars. The final change being \$100,000 dollars for the public health administrator salary. Motion seconded by Brenda Burnett and was approved by roll call vote. Aye – Dr. Zumwalt, Mr. Lyle Behrends, Jolene Foster, Brenda Burnett, and LuAnn Armantrout.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:16PM, Mr. Lyle Behrends made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by LuAnn Armantrout and was approved by voice vote.

LuAnn Armantrout

LuAnn Armantrout, Secretary

Iroquois County Public Health Department

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