



**Iroquois County Public Health Department
Board of Health Meeting Special Meeting
1001 East Grant Street
Watseka, IL 60970
July 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Aravind Reddy, Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Eric Ceci, ICPHD Administrator
Mr. Tyler Robinson, ICPHD
Ms. Rachel Nelson, ICPHD
Mr. John Shure, Iroquois Co. Chairman
Ms. Kate Mueller, ICPHD
Mr. Cody Fredrick
Mrs. Danielle Walls, ICPHD
Mr. Daniel Walls
Mr. Scott Anderson, ICPHD, EMA
Mrs. Judy McCann, ICPHD
Mr. Paul Ducat, Iroquois Co. Vice Chairman
Mr. Derick Carlson
Mrs. Tina Crider-Honeycutt, ICPHD
Mr. Roger Bard
Ms. Hester J. Hursh, MD, FACOEM
Mrs. Carla Prizy
Mr. Joe Prizy
Ms. Carla Waters, Times Republic
Mrs. Chelsea McCray, ICPHD
Mr. Neil Stevens
Mrs. Alissa Stevens, ICPHD
Ms. Rachel Nelson, ICPHD
Ms. Gina Greene
Mrs. Beth Keller, ICPHD
Mr. Doug Geiger

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, July 22, 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 Dr. Rodney Yergler and was approved by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ICPHD Director of Nursing, Rachel Nelson, spoke about her experience at the Iroquois County Public Health Department. She explained her concerns about staff leaving as a direct result of the administrator. Rachel concluded by sharing her experience regarding a lead case that was not properly handled.

ICPHD Vision and Hearing Technician, Alissa Stevens, spoke about her inability to work under the current administrator. She explained her concerns have dated back to November of 2022 and that previous staff have raised similar concerns in their respective exit letters. Alissa concluded by stating that there are staff qualified to be interim administrator and asked the board to consider all options in making their decision.

Roger Bard spoke briefly as an introduction to Dr. Hester J. Hursh, MD, FACOEM. Roger listed many of Dr. Hursh's credentials and experiences as a licensed physician, hand surgeon, and medical professional for over 60 years. Roger concluded by submitting her resume to the board of health.

Dr. Hester J. Hursh, MD, FACOEM, explained that she submitted her resume when the administrator position was open but ultimately did not receive any reply. Hester concluded by adamantly offering her support to the Iroquois County Public Health Department as a professional resource.

Iroquois County Board Vice Chairman, Paul Ducat, thanked the board of health for supporting ICPHD staff. He concluded by offering his continued support and urged the board of health to move on towards a better future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/2(c): THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: At 6:11 PM, Lyle Behrends made a motion to enter into executive session. Motion seconded by LuAnn Armantrout and was approved by voice vote.

At 7:30pm, Lyle Behrends made a motion to exit executive session and resume normal session. Motion seconded by Jolene Foster. Roll call was taken.

POTENTIAL ACTION TO TERMINATE THE ADMINISTRATORS CONTRACT: Lyle Behrends made a motion pursuant to article 3 paragraph E of the employment agreement dated May 6, 2024. A certified letter will be sent to Mr. Eric Ceci notifying him that his employment will be terminated in 90 days without fault or any specific cause. Motion seconded by Dr. Rodney Yergler and was approved by roll call vote: Aye - Dr. Phillip Zumwalt, Lyle Behrends, Dr. Rodney Yergler and LuAnn Armantrout. Nay - Jolene Foster and Brenda Burnett

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:32 PM, Dr. Rodney Yergler made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by LuAnn Armantrout and was approved by voice vote.

LuAnn Armantrout, Secretary

Date

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