

Clinton County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022

Board of Health Members:

Brian Klostermann, MD, Chairperson, Present
Terry Linton, SLP., Secretary, Present
Paulette Evans, RN, Vice Chairperson, Present via Zoom
Robert Hyten, III, DMD, Treasurer, Present
Cynthia Kues, NP Absent
Kimberly Hugo, RN, Absent
Stacy Albers, RN
Deanna Ducomb, MD Present
James White, Voting County Board Member, Present
Deb Wesselmann, Ex Officio, Present
Mike Strieker, Ex Officio, Absent
Bob Netemeyer, Ex Officio, Present

Also Attending

Chris Leidel, CCHD
Kim Mitroka and Linda Quillman, Representatives of Christopher Rural Health
Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal, via ZOOM
Larry Johnson, Clinton County Board
Marian Voss, CCHD
Ken Knolhoff, Clinton County Board
Gary Karasek, Consultant
Todd Marver, Union Banner

Call to Order

The June 7th, 2022, meeting of the Clinton County Health Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at the County Board Room. This meeting was also available via ZOOM.

Hearing from the Public

There was no one who wished to address the board this evening.

Minutes from the May 3rd, 2022, Board of Health meeting:

James White made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Terry Linton. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative and Financial Report

Chris Leidel reported that in April we had a revenue of \$80,982.55 and expenditures of \$115,218.29. Much of the losses this month were due to finishing the Contact Tracing Grant, but a check is expected within the next few months from this grant. Chris reported there are two grants left to write for CRI and the Smoke-Free Illinois Grant. All other grants have been written and approved for the next grant year. All current grant monies must be spent by the end of June. All grants will be fully expended except for the Breastfeeding Grant, due to the loss of the counselor for this program. The Health Department is

seeking a new counselor for this grant. Chris Leidel discussed the qualification requirements for this employee restricts the applicant pool – must have breastfed within 5 years, and not a certified nurse. Covid case rates is 28.8 per 100,000 people. This number is rising, as last month's numbers were 8 per 100,000 people. ICU availability is good at 35%.

James White made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Rob Hyten, motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Christopher Rural Health:

Linda Quillman and Kim Mitroka presented information regarding services that are provided through Christopher Rural Health.

Representatives provided brochures describing their services. They are a federally qualified community health center. They are not owned by anyone, but are led by a board of directors representing the communities they serve scattered among 10 counties in southern Illinois. They were asked to reach out to us by Representative Charlie Meier. They provide primary care, behavioral care, limited dental care. They have 13 current locations. Behavioral health appears to be the most needed service and is growing rapidly. Telehealth services are available, which decreases travel concerns for the patients. They own some of their buildings and lease others, and are interested in leasing space in the new building. Their space needs are based on the local numbers and needs of the population. They feel it would be a mutually beneficial relationship between the Health Department and Christopher. The governing Board, which are all volunteers, direct financial concerns for Christopher. They do not provide the same services as hospitals, but do provide on call services after hours for primary care. 9% of their budget comes from Federal Grants. 91% comes from billed services. They currently have 68 providers (Doctors, Dentists, Behavioral Health Specialists, Nurse Practitioners.)

They typically sign a 5-10 year lease. Their Board of Directors must approve a placement for service, but the Federal Government must also approve it, and then the lease is written up in a contract. This is determined by the local community.

Their board is made up of a variety of professionals, including a retired physician, teachers and business leaders. They have a mix of male / female members who are patients in their service areas. Mental Health services are highly used for children with ADD, but there are other needs as well. Patients can self- refer, or doctors can refer as well. Counselors are available, who do face to face counseling (LCSW, LCPC) and the medical management of prescriptions in managed separately. The timeline for Federal approval is approximately 4-6 weeks after approval by the board. They work closely with the local Health Departments. They stated most of their clients view them as a 'group practice' or doctor's office. They are a 340B pharmacy which is only available through their services, and the drugs can be received at a discount for the patient. Immunizations that Christopher Rural Health gives, and the local Health Department gets credit for them. They do not typically provide the same services as the local Health Department. They get CHIP, State, and Private immunization inventories, but if the local health department does these as well, they will not do it. (Our department bills Medicaid, Medicare and private.) All the numbers go into the ICare System. They do not duplicate the services of the health department. They get paid a flat rate for every 'encounter' or visit from each patient, whether they give an immunization or not. Their fees are cheaper than most doctor's offices, and they take most insurances. They could either use our lab, or have quest pick theirs up and courier them out daily. They will provide to Chris a price per square foot lease rate.

Old Business

Building Committee Report

A written report was presented by the building committee. Gary Karasek then addressed the board. Design for the new building is ongoing. He stated that with the opportunity of Christian Rural Health as a tenant, he recommends a roof and attic truss. The truss can be designed so that there will be a usable space that may be available under the roof. He feels this may help both parties in that he can add an additional 3000 feet under the roof to accommodate it. The one issue for natural light could be addressed with high windows for natural light and a sun tunnel to bring diffused light through the roof. This would enable Christopher to have their own suite. He presented a drawing to demonstrate this idea. This area would need to be on it's own HVAC zone, and can be metered separately. Mr. Karasek will submit the plan to a contractor for cost.

There was no need for executive session.

James White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Terry Linton. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.