

State of Illinois
Counties of St. Clair
East Side Health District
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Proceedings of the Board of Health

A regular meeting of the Board of the East Side Health District in the City of East St. Louis, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present: Mark Kern - Absent; – Norman Miller -Absent – Ricky Eastern, Sr –Present via phone– Vanessa Chapman –Present; Clinton Lovett – Present. Quorum present. Meeting chaired by Vanessa Chapman.

Also Present:

Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside, Administrator; Phil Rice, Attorney

1. Approval of Minutes from Monday, September 13, 2021

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- absent; Norman Miller -absent; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – yes; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Clinton Lovett – yes. The Motion carried.

2. Administrators Report

a. SBHC Update

- Vivian Adams; East Side & Cahokia were under audit. Passed
- New Test to Stay Program to start by Oct. 25th – met with CDC, Dist. 189 and IDPH to implement this new plan under CDC guidance to help keep more kids in school. ESHD nominated Dist. 189 for this program instead of Cahokia School District due to 189 on the IDPH outbreak list and the number of positive cases that has caused disruption of the school year. ESHD will supply Favorite Nurses and a CT team to assist with this endeavor.
- Parent Complaint – Discussed in detail regarding information requested. ESHD will attend the upcoming District 189 School Board Mtg

b. Grant update – Contact Tracing, COVID and Mass Vaccination – extensions forthcoming for the 2022

c. COVID Update

- Monoclonal Antibiotic Therapy – new. Approved by Dr. Ross, Medical Director. To be done at the Washington Park clinic under the supervision of Kenecia Dones, NP. Requesting additional funding from IDPH to do this project. If no funding received, we will not do the project.
- Vaccination Clinic Plans – Weekly at Clyde Jordan on Thursday and M,T,W, F at ESHD clinic for boosters and 3rd shot. Boosters/3rd Dose – ESHD currently administering to the immunocompromised. Awaiting guidance from IDPH when to start the regular population.
- United Healthcare Insurance Increase – not finalized but looks like an employee increase of ~\$2.00 more per paycheck. Trying to keep as low as possible with the benefits that we currently have.
- IDPH tour – Dr. Amaal Tokars, Deputy Director IDPH and possibly Dr. Ezike will tour our clinics today at 1:30 pm.
- Fiscal Audit in progress

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Norman Miller -absent; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – yes; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Clinton
Lovett – yes. The Motion carried.

3. Finance Committee Report

- Disbursements for September 2021

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- absent;
Norman Miller -absent; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – yes; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Clinton
Lovett – yes. The Motion carried.

4. Attorneys Report – none

5. Board Comments – Ms. Chapman complimented ESHD for its CT program assistance with family members during their COVID containment.

Motion to adjourn until Monday, November 8, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Motion: Motion to approve and seconded. Upon Roll Call - Mark Kern- absent;
Norman Miller -absent; Ricky Eastern, Sr. – yes; Vanessa Chapman –yes; - Clinton
Lovett – yes. The Motion carried.