

**Minutes**  
**Menard County Board of Health**  
**May 3, 2023, 6:15 p.m.**

**Present:** David Bagot, R. PH., President  
Donald Hartman, D.D.S.  
Brienne Satorius  
JD Stewart  
Dianne Markley  
Jeff Fore  
Gail O’Neill – Director of Public Health  
Carol Graham – Executive Assistant to the Director

**Excused:** Dr. Miller

**Guest:** none

**I. Call to Order:**

President David Bagot called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting was made by Dianne Markley, seconded by JD Stewart, passed unanimously.

**III. Billboard and Graphic Update:**

Gail handed out a packet, see attached, that had samples of potential billboards and a picture of one that went up on February 28, 2023. Brienne mentioned that they look too much like it was an advertisement just for COVID-19 help, and would like to see a billboard that was more centered on Mental Health go up, others agreed. Gail stated she would take this information to the graphic artist.

**IV. COVID Update:**

Gail reported COVID-19 positive numbers are down. There is a new booster out for those 65 years of age and older and for those not 65 years of age, but have health conditions that warrant receiving another booster. Dave Bagot asked what is going to happen after May 11<sup>th</sup>, which is the end of the Public Health Emergency. Gail responded she was on a call today with the State of IL and they are encouraging people to order the free test kits from the government site because they will eventually not be free. Brienne stated insurance companies are starting to look at what they will and will not allow now since the Public Health Emergency is over, such as telehealth visits. Dave responded the pharmacy groups are pushing to allow pharmacists to continue to give immunizations without a doctor’s order. Gail also let the Board know IDPH is having press conference at SCDPH to sign a proclamation making May 11<sup>th</sup> Public Health and Health Care Hero Day. The Governor will be there to sign the proclamation.

**V. Unfinished Business:**

None

**VI. New Business:**

Gail announced the Environmental Health programs passed their state review with no issues at all.

Dr. Hartman announced he will not seek another term with the Board of Health, making tonight his last meeting. Brianne stated she will stay on the Board of Health for another term.

Gail stated in the fall there will be an increase in hours that staff will be at Menard County Clinic, since WIC will be going back to clients having to be seen in person instead of via phone.

Gail also mentioned staff is attending Customer Service training this week. An outside speaker has been hired to do the training.

**VII. Next meeting:**

Next scheduled meeting will be August 2, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

**VIII. Public comment:**

None

**IX. Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. was made by Jeff Fore, seconded by Dr. Hartman, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carol Graham  
Executive Assistant to the Director