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**State Board of Health**

**February 27, 2020**

**1:00PM**

**Minutes**

Locations

Illinois Department of Public Health  
69 W. Washington Street  
35<sup>th</sup> Floor, Director's Conference room  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Illinois Department of Public Health  
535 W. Jefferson St.  
5th Floor Conference Room  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Minutes

1. Call to Order – 1:02pm
  - a. SBOH Members Present:
    - i. Damon Arnold, Patricia Canessa, Rashmi Chugh, John Herrmann, Karen Phelan, Janice Phillips, Julie Pryde, Esther Sciammarella, Melissa Storck, Susan Swider
    - ii. By Audio: David Banaszynski, Vince Bufalino
  - b. SBOH Members Absent: Sameer Vohra
  - c. IDPH Staff:
    - i. Stacy Carreon, Erin Conley, Director Ngozi Ezike, Gretchen Johnson, George Logan, Jessica McNally, Allison Nickrent, Assistant Director Evonda Thomas-Smith
2. Unfinished Business
  - a. Review of minutes
    - i. Minutes from December 5, 2019 are approved.
  - b. Introductions
    - i. New members and all present introduced themselves and their background work.
  - c. Department Updates

Director Ezike began by expressing her gratitude to SBOH members for their willingness to serve on the board.

    - i. Coronavirus (COVID- 19) response: 6 out of 7 continents have the virus. In the US, there are 15 cases that have been travel associated. Two confirmed cases, whom were spouses, in Illinois and they have since been released and cleared by the CDC. Currently, IDPH and the State of Illinois are taking the containment approach. O'Hare Airport is identifying people coming from Wuhan, China. IDPH on phone with CDC multiple hours per day. If a case is identified, the individual is tracked and contained for 14 days as we are trying to avoid community transmission. IDPH Office of Preparedness and Response (OPR) is working diligently to prepare for any level of the virus that the state could be hit with. Important to share that IDPH is the first public health lab to do its own testing which has helped identify more quickly if any of the people that were under investigation were

infected. The lab has overall been a great success and an example of strong coordination in Public Health and multiple levels of government.

ii. Legislative updates by Allison Nickrent:

IDPH Spring 2020 Legislative Initiative

- Legionella control: HB4851, SB3390
  - Proposing the Water Quality Assurance Act
  - Establishment of a statewide cooling tower registry and requirements for operation and maintenance of cooling towers at healthcare facilities. The proposed legislation would establish minimum requirements for healthcare facilities to develop and adhere to water management programs which include environmental legionella testing at least every six months and remediation for Legionella and other opportunistic pathogens as appropriate.
- Dairy License Fees: SB2754
  - Moves the \$100 annual license fee from statute to administrative rule so IDPH can set it as needed without going through statutory changes.
- Immunizations: SB3668
  - 4 parts (a.) Elimination of religious exemption (b.) Strengthen medical objection (c.) Mandate immunization registry by mandating all providers who administer vaccines in the state of Illinois to become a certified I-CARE user and enter specific data about their patients who receive the vaccines and (d.) reduce age for consent by allowing minors 14 and over to seek out immunizations
- Home Health Fees: SB3549
  - This will seek to address the delays within the Home Health, Home Services, and Home Nursing (HH/HS/HN) Licensure processes by lengthening the provisional licensure time period from 120 to 240 days and moving the \$25 fee from statute to administrative rule so IDPH can set it as needed without going through statutory changes.
- EMS Background Checks: HB5085
  - Would require a live scan fingerprint based criminal history records check of every initial licensure applicant and every renewal/reinstatement licensure applicant
- Court Reporters: HB4894
  - The proposal would amend specified acts to state that the Department will make a record of all administrative hearings, and that any person may decide to arrange for a copy of the recording, rather than require a court reporter to be present.

3. Review of Admin. Rules

a. 77 IAC 955 Health Care Worker Background Check Code- Board recommends filling with Secretary of State for First Notice.

b. 77 IAC 775 Grade A Pasteurized Milk and Milk Products- Board recommends filling with Secretary of State for First Notice.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Introduction to the State Board of Health

- i. Rulemaking process- The SBOH is the internal review for rulemaking. For questions regarding rule making process please contact Erin Conley at Erin.Conley@illinois.gov.
- ii. Open Meetings Act (OMA) - Emails that you send or respond to IDPH staff are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
- iii. State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)- Helpful in gauging community response. Usually an 18-month process. There is a lobbyist group who is working on language changes. Suggested new timeline is December 2022. More to come.

##### b. Election of a chair

- i. Motion to pass Karen Phelan as Chair- Approved
- ii. Motion to pass John Hermann as Co-Chair- Approved

##### c. Appointing members to rules and policy subcommittees

###### i. Policy subcommittee

- Damon Arnold (Chair), Rashmi Chugh, Esther Sciammarella, Janice Phyllips, Julie Pryde, Susan Swider, Sameer Vohra

###### ii. Rules subcommittee

- Damon Arnold, David Banaszynski (Chair), Patricia Canessa, Rashmi Chugh, John Herrmann, Karen Phelan, Julie Pryde

##### d. Bylaws review- postponed until March meeting.

#### 5. Public Comment- N/A

#### 6. Determination of next meetings:

##### a. **State Board of Health - 11:00 - 1:00 PM**

- i. Thursday, March 12, 2020
- ii. Thursday, June 4, 2020
- iii. Thursday, September 10, 2020
- iv. Thursday, December 3, 2020

##### b. **State Board of Health - Policy – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

- i. Thursday, May 7, 2020
- ii. Thursday, August 6, 2020
- iii. Thursday, November 12, 2020

##### c. **State Board of Health – Rules – 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

- i. Thursday, May 7, 2020
- ii. Thursday, August 6, 2020
- iii. Thursday, November 12, 2020

#### 7. Adjournment- 3:00 pm