

**VERMILION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEETING  
August 12, 2013  
6:00 PM**

Present: Jason Asaad, Carla DeAngelis, Bill Wright, Dr. Lori DeYoung,  
Bob Jones

Absent: Dr. Karen Broaders, Connie Ostrander, Dr. Jane Cooney, Ivadale Foster,  
Dr. Holly Maes and Molly Nicholson.

Meeting was called to order by President Lori DeYoung at 6:05 PM.  
There were not enough members present to meet a quorum. Shirley Hicks, PHA  
provided an explanation of how to move forward without a quorum. Asst. States  
Attorney, Bill Donahue has provided previous guidance to Ms. Hicks on this matter.  
In the instance where a quorum is not present a critical item may be passed to the  
County Board (or sub-committee as appropriate) via the Board of Health President.

Ms. Hicks provided a handout explaining the Health Department's role in the  
Affordable Care Act In-Person Counselor Program. The Illinois Association of  
Public Health Administrators (IAPHA) submitted a proposal to IDPH for funds to  
support "In-Person-Assisters" (counselors) under the Affordable Care Act at every  
local health department downstate. The In-Person Counselors will help consumers  
select a health insurance plan that best fits their circumstances among the plans  
available through the Marketplace. Open enrollment begins October 1, 2013  
through December 15, 2013 with insurance coverage becoming effective January 1,  
2014.

Vermilion County Health Department has partnered with Champaign-Urbana Public  
Health District to implement this grant. The proposed budget amendment will not  
add any additional cost to Vermilion County. C-UPHD will assume our grant  
(\$128,389) from IPHA and will pay us (\$86,253) to provide services that can be  
absorbed into our current operations. An MOU outlining what services we will  
provide and what services they will provide serves as our sub-contract agreement.  
VCHD will utilize time from 3 of our existing staff and offsetting administrative time  
from 3 others totaling 1.22 FTE. Two additional staff totaling 1.2 FTE will be hired.  
These 2 staff members will be CUPHD employees working out of the VCHD office.  
The plan currently is to hire 2 bilingual persons working 24 hours per week.

Additional discussion ensued amongst those present regarding the intricacies of rolling out the Affordable Care Act. While there is apprehension about how this will all work and whether the program will be defunded, currently we are charged with how to best implement this Federal Act for our community.

The proposed budget amendment is for \$33,820 for the 5 months in this budget year. (The contract was initiated as of July 24, 2013.) A second budget amendment will be required for the next budget cycle.

Board of Health President, Lori DeYoung stated that she was comfortable deferring the amendment to the Health and Education Committee for consideration. Board of Health members present were in concurrence that President DeYoung pass the amendment on to the Health and Education Committee.

Discussion was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

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Vermilion County Health Department