

**Minutes**  
**Menard County Board of Health**  
**02/01/2023, 6:15 p.m.**  
**In Person at 1 Centre Drive, Petersburg, IL 62675**

**Present:** Donald Hartman, D.D.S.  
Brianne Satorius  
JD Stewart  
Dianne Markley  
Jeff Fore  
Gail O'Neill – Director of Public Health  
Carol Graham – Executive Assistant to the Director

**Excused:** David Bagot, R. PH., President  
Dr. Miller

**Guest:** none

**I. Call to Order:**

Vice-President Brianne Satorius called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting was made by Dr. Hartman, seconded by Dianne Markley, passed unanimously.

**III. Vote on Updated 2023 Meeting Schedule:**

A motion to approve the updated 2023 Board of Health meeting schedule was made by Dianne Markley, seconded by JD Stewart, passed unanimously.

**IV. Billboard and Graphic Update:**

Gail handed out samples of the two billboard ideas. Gail informed the Board the State of IL will pay for the billboard if it has something to do with COVID. The graphic artist was asked to add COVID information to the samples. Brianne has asked if example #2, the word COVID could be one in one of the circles, otherwise it looks as if this is all dealing with COVID, and not Mental Health or Substance Abuse. She also asked on the 1<sup>st</sup> example if the word COVID could be smaller, or off to the side. Gail stated the billboard samples could be used for the newspaper as well. It was decided the billboards in Petersburg and in Athens would be good spots. Gail will get the edits together and send it to the Board. A motion to approve the billboards, with the changes, was made by Dianne Markley, seconded by Jeff Fore, and passed unanimously.

**V. COVID Update:**

Gail reported Menard County has been in the low category for COVID positives for a while now. There has only been one death and no hospitalizations since July of 2022 for Menard County. Currently 2.7% of the ICU beds are being used for COVID patients. Gail also informed the Board that Menard County Department of Public Health will be receiving \$100,000 grant from the State of Illinois for COVID, MPOX (Monkey Pox) and Influenza vaccinations.

**VI. WIC In-person/Snap Benefits:**

Gail announced that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Emergency Funding for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) will expire. This means people that are on SNAP will receive anywhere

from \$95 - \$255 less a month for food. All clients on SNAP need to call their local office and make sure their current information is on file. With this cut, SCDPH has been sending out information to clients reminding them to update their information. SCDPH is expecting more people to apply for WIC since SNAP benefits are being cut.

**VII. Review IPLAN Priorities:**

Gail talked about the IPLAN Priorities:

- Substance Abuse priority - Brianne mentioned there aren't enough providers in the area. She mentioned that Chestnut is trying to get moved in that direction, but to her knowledge nothing has been formalized yet. She also mentioned there are two places in Menard County that hold AA meetings every week and there are AA meetings being held virtually.
- Suicide Prevention priority - Gail asked if there was anyone that is also doing counseling, besides Brianne, and Brianne stated at this time there is not.
- Reducing Cancer priority - Gail inquired if there was anywhere in Menard County that performs Prostate Screenings. The Board replied that there was not, but thought it would be a good idea to have that available in Menard County.

**VIII. Unfinished Business:**

Gail stated now that we are back to in-person meetings she will start to attend more of the Menard County meetings.

**IX. Next meeting:**

Next scheduled meeting will be May 3, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

**X. Public comment:**

None

**XI. Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. was made by Jeff Fore, seconded by Dr. Hartman, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carol Graham  
Executive Assistant to the Director



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## **2023 Meeting Schedule**

### **Menard County Board of Health**

**February 1, 2023**

**May 3, 2023**

**August 2, 2023**

**November 1, 2023**

**All meetings will be held at Menard Department of Public Health**  
**1 Centre Drive**  
**Petersburg, IL 62675**  
**At 6:15 p.m.**

**COPING WITH COVID?**

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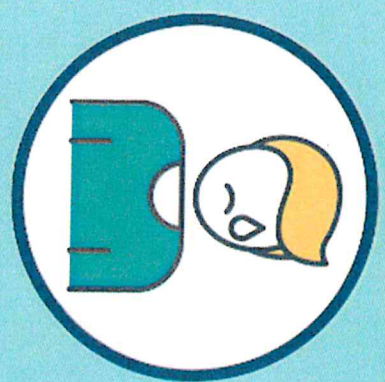


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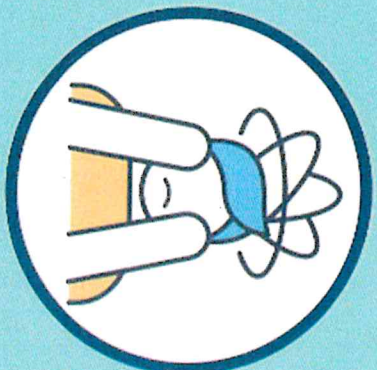


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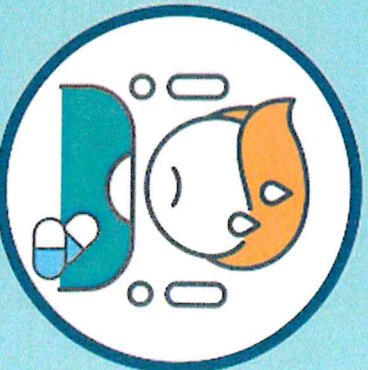
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**SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE**

**COPING WITH COVID? THERE IS HELP**



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