

State of Illinois  
Counties of St. Clair  
East Side Health District  
January 19, 2010

### **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 Tuesday, January 19, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M. The following members answered roll call: Mark Kern-PRESENT – Curtis McCall-PRESENT- Willie McIntosh-PRESENT – Robert Eastern-ABSENT – Vanessa Chapman- PRESENT. The Chairman declared a quorum present. Curtis McCall entered at Unions presentation. Dean Salvatore and Hardy Ware enter at Auditors Report.

#### **Also Present:**

Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside, Charlotte D'Abreu, Juanita Jefferson, Michelle Jones, Estella Middlebrook (Laid off employee), Barbara Brumfield (AFSCME 31 Representatives) , Carla Gillespie (AFSCME 31 Representatives), Hardy Ware, Dean Salvatore (Auditor)

#### **1. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2009.**

Motion: Motion to approve minutes from December 14, 2009 by Willie McIntosh  
Seconded by Vanessa Chapman. Upon Roll Call Mark Kern – YES – Willie McIntosh – YES – Vanessa Chapman – YES – Curtis McCall - YES. Chairman declared the Motion carried.

#### **December Board Meeting:**

#### **1. Union Representatives**

**Juanita Jefferson and Michele Jones, President and Vice President of AFSCME 31** – Expressed concerns and asked question to the board members about laid off employees and monies lost as a result of hours cut. Questions where asked about the time frame of returning Estella Middlebrook, Viola Gardner, and Terri Boyd back to work. And, possible reimbursements of monies lost by employees during hours cut. The representatives also expressed concerns of fair treatment and presented documentation for board members to review that went along with statements made.

**Mark Kern** stated that hopefully the board would be able to answer their questions after an executive session. If possible in executive session a decision will be made whether the district can afford to bring back the laid off employees.

**2. Estella Middlebrook (Laid Off Employee)**

**Estella Middlebrook** expressed concerns (via reading of letter which outlined her previous job duties) of being on continued laid off status. Ms. Middlebrook requested to be considered by board members and Mrs. Patton-Whiteside to be returned back to work.

**3. Auditor**

**Copies of last years financial statements where given to each Board Member.**

**Dean Salvatore** reviews the end of year financial report before board members. Auditor reports a clean opinion on financial statements meaning that they fairly present the activities of the district for the year ending June 30, 2009.

**Mark Kern** – Tell us because we just had discussion about the finance. The revenue of East Side Health District is headed south.

**Dean Salvatore** – I can not say for the physical year you are in right now but they were down for the year I audited June 30, 2009. The grants where down almost a quarter of a million dollars between federal and state sources. The interest was way down during the year but there is really not much you can do about that. The interest was down roughly from the prior year about \$78,000.00. Hopefully that will be going back up since you do not have any long term debt and that would be beneficial to the district if the interest rates go back up and your deposits will start to make more money.

**Mark Kern** – Are there any further questions for the auditor?

**Mark Kern** – Because the auditor was not on this agenda I would need a motion to amend the agenda to include the auditors report

**Mark Kern** – First I need a motion to change the orders of the day.

Motion: Motion to change the order of the day by Willie McIntosh Seconded by Curtis McCall. Upon Roll Call Mark Kern – YES – Willie McIntosh – YES – Vanessa Chapman – YES – Curtis McCall - YES. Chairman declared the Motion carried.

Motion: Motion to amend the agenda to include the auditors report by Curtis McCall Seconded by Willie McIntosh. Upon Roll Call Mark Kern – YES – Willie McIntosh – YES – Vanessa Chapman – YES – Curtis McCall - YES. Chairman declared the Motion carried

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#### 4. **Administrators Report**

**Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside** – I have some good news and bad news. Let's start with the good news first. I have setup with the union to have regular labor management meetings every second Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. so that it is on the calendar and everybody knows. At the labor management meetings we will discuss issues related to East Side Health District to try to prevent grievances and any issue that they want to resolve.

**Mark Kern** – Who is invited to that meeting?

**Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside** – Two members of the executive committee, union representative Barbara or Carla, myself, one of the assistant administrators, and any board member who would like to attend.

**Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside** – One of our grants health education risk reduction has been decreased from \$68,000.00 to \$27,000.00. Nobody received an increase in funding the money from the federal government was decreased. They had to decrease the number of agencies that get the money and we are the only ones in this area who did continue to receive it but our monies was cut.

**Mark Kern** – Did that mean a cut in personnel?

**Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside** – This particular one we contract because of the nature of the grant. This will not affect any contractual employee.

**Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside** - East Side School Base Health Center is located at East Side Sr. High School. They are doing new construction and the wing that we are in will be demolished. They are not incorporating us within the new renovations for East Side High School anywhere. I was told by Teresa Saunders District 189 Superintendent, that there is no space for us anywhere within that system. My next question was what about one of the new junior high school? It was stated that there is no space for us within any school in the district. I called our funder who is the State of IL who gives us the grant for the school base health centers. I spoke with Vicky Jackson who is the director of that program. According to Vicky she prefers that we stay in a school because that is a school base health center. If we are going to be an off shoot of the school we need to be closer to the school.

Motion: Motion to approve Administrators Report by Curtis McCall Seconded by Willie McIntosh. Upon Roll Call Mark Kern – YES – Willie McIntosh – YES – Vanessa Chapman – YES – Curtis McCall - YES. Chairman declared the Motion carried.

#### 5. **Finance**

## **Finance Disbursements for December 2009**

1. Ms. Chapman stated that disbursements for December are routine

Motion: Motion to approve Disbursements for December by Vanessa Chapman  
Seconded by Curtis McCall. Upon Roll Call Mark Kern – YES – Willie  
McIntosh – YES – Vanessa Chapman – YES – Curtis McCall - YES.  
Chairman declared the Motion carried.

### **6. Attorney's Report**

Attorney Not Present

### **7. Board Comments**

## **Executive Session**

**Board voted to enter into Executive Session.**

Motion: Motion to Adjourn until next board meeting Monday February 8, 2010 by  
Willie McIntosh Seconded by Vanessa Chapman. Upon Roll Call Mark  
Kern – YES – Willie McIntosh – YES – Vanessa Chapman – YES –  
Curtis McCall - YES. Chairman declared the Motion carried.