

**Minutes of the Chicago Board of Health**  
**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**  
**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**  
**Washington Building**  
**111 W. Washington St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor (Conference Room 1212)**

**I. Roll Call**

**Quorum was established based upon the following:**

**Present In-Person:**

Horace E. Smith, MD  
Janet Lin, MD, MPH, MBA  
Carmen Vergara, MPH, RN-BSN  
Steven Rothschild, MD  
Joel Johnson, Med

**On-line**

Óscar Iván Zambrano, MPH, MBA, CDM  
Debra Wesley, MSW

**Absent:**

Rosa Martínez Colón, MS

**For the Department:** Fikirte Wagaw, First Deputy Commissioner  
Chicago Department of Public Health

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Janet Lin, MD

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

The board members approved the August and September minutes.

**III. Commissioner's Update**

Fikirte Wagaw, First Deputy Commissioner

- Presented on the reasons why CDPH job offers are declined.

Stephanie Black, MD

a. Marburg Virus

Provided a summary of Marburg Outbreak in Rwanda as of 10/29/2024.

Questions:

- Dr. Lin suggested a proposal to implement a for system of care at Chicago airports.
- Dr. Rothschild asked for a high-level timeline for a passenger arriving from Rwanda.
- Dr. Rothschild asked the number of passengers arriving at ORD and its' approximately 90 people.
- Carmen asked about the course of treatment for Marburg and the treatment is experimental vaccine.
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- b. Disease Control Conference
  - Provided a short summary of this event.
  
- c. SENTRII Data System
  - Peter Ruestow provided a review of the system for Surveillance for Emerging and Novel Treats and reportable Illness and Injuries to detect the rapid detection of and response to threats using SENTRII Data System. Questions:
    - Dr. Rothschild commented this is a fundamental system and question when the funding is no longer available will this system be in place? Funds are set to expire in 2026, and these have been reviewed and processes have been designed when funds are limited.
    - Carmen if you have the funded you need – Peter we are much better funded.
    - Dr. Lin – data security is very important and the dependency on these systems.

**IV. Departmental Updates**

- a. Budgetary Updates

Mary Emmanuel provided a summary and update of the 2025 Chicago budget process and current budget restrictions.
  
- b. Staffing Updates

Mary Emmanuel provided the number of current filled and vacant positions.

**V. Board President’s Comments**

Janet Lin, MD - None

**VI. Presentation and Discussion**

Raed Mansour - Air Monitoring Sensor Readiness Plan Presentation

**VII. Public Comments – None**

**VIII. Adjourn at 10:45 am**