

Christian County Board of Health

August 20, 2025, 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** Dr. Leslie DeVore, Board Chair at 6:02 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
- III. **Roll Call:** Dr. Leslie DeVore, Dan Held, Dr. Ben Sowle, Lindsay Fox, Dr. Gill, and Vicki McMahon, Absent: Dr. Yociss and Janet DeClerck. Quorum noted. Others present include: Dr. Chad Anderson, Leroy Kleimola, WTIM Radio, Jennifer Archer, Tina Blazier, Charles Bone, Carl Blazier, Mandy Dugan, Joe Torres, and Alexandra Evrley.
- IV. **Public Comments:** (Reminded that each person has three minutes, and this is not a Question/Answer session). No public comments noted.
- V. **Notification and Approval of Claims:**
 - a. Purchase and Contract of Public Health Vending Machine
 - i. Motion was made to table this item until the September meeting by Vicki McMahon. 2nd by Dr. Gill. All in favor. Motion carries.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. *Whit's End 48 Permit Suspension*
 - i. *Motion was made to move this topic to the top of the agenda by Vicki McMahon. 2nd by Dan Held. All in favor. Motion passes.*
 - ii. *Dr. Leslie DeVore started with explaining the rules of this format. Dr. DeVore let each side (Health Department and Whit's End 48) know they each would have 15 minutes to present their cases. This would be a hard 15 minutes where Dr. DeVore would cut them off if they went over the 15 minute mark. Dr. DeVore said that she would give a 3 minute and a final 1 minute warning to ensure they had enough time to wrap up. She also stressed that all public views, board members, and representatives from both sides could please keep quiet and be respectful as each side presents its case. After each side presents the board would be allowed to ask follow up questions before the board went into Executive Session to determine if they would reinstate or revoke the permit.*
 - iii. *Health Department started with their case. Joe Torres, Environmental Director introduced himself and his Lead and Vector Inspector, Alexandra Evrley. Alexandra presented her findings in the previous inspections, plus a timeline of events leading up to the suspension of the food license. She highlighted several violations have been out of compliance and repeated 7 times. She also highlighted the health department has had 3 Administrative Meetings to meet with staff to address these violations, educating them on the importance of these violations, and how these violations can lead to food borne illnesses. Alexandra also address that there have been complaints from the public as well that had inspectors go and look at. In conclusion, Whit's End had been given several chances, and has had no change in reducing potential foodborne illnesses to the public. This ultimately ended with Dr. Anderson suspending the permit and why we are here tonight.*
 - iv. *Board questions health department as follows. Dr. Leslie DeVore. "What is in the folder you have presented to us?" Answer by Alexandra: "The folder has all of the inspection reports, all pictures from the inspections, Admin Hearing notes, policies and procedures Whit's End provided but didn't follow, and a copy of the slides from our presentation." Dan Held asks: "Looking at this plumbing picture,*

Christian County Board of Health

August 20, 2025, 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

it looks like an immediate health risk, what was done by the health department?" Answer from Alexandra: "We called the state plumber to come out and address it for Whit's End to correct." Board had no further questions for the health department staff.

- v. *Whit's End started their case. Charles Bone introduces himself. Introduces the owners of Whit's End, Carl and Tina Blazier, as well as his new manager Jennifer Archer. Charles starts the presentation by saying Whit's End is training staff on all the new policy updates right now. They are prioritizing non-compliance measures from the health department with their corrective action measures. Charles then went through each violation that the health department has given Whit's End over the year and what they are currently doing to address it and fix it. Charles stated that they are currently working on replacing equipment and flooring while they are closed right now. He concluded his presentation early to say that he and his staff are happy to work with the health department and look forward to continue that relationship.*
- vi. *Board questions Whit's End 48 as follows. Dr. Leslie DeVore asks: "Why were the continued problems not fixed, why only now are they addressing it?" Charles Bone answers: "It is my fault, I just go busy and forgot about it." Lindsay Fox asks: "I hear you saying you will clean between down time in your presentation, but what about during the busy times when things get dirty fast and could cause bigger problems. How will you fix this?" Charles Bone answers: "We will just do our best." Dr. Pavi Gill asks: "I am concerned about the violations not being addressed over the past 2 years. What are you personally going to do Charles?" Charles Bone answers: "I have hired new management to help me." Dr. Leslie DeVore follows up: "But what are you going to do Charles?" Charles Bone answers: "I am going to be more involved at this location not just the Decatur location." Vicki McMahon asks: "What training has been done while you have been closed by the health department?" Charles answers: "Staff have been cleaning the building." Dr. Leslie DeVore asks "You mentioned you have new management to help you, how much experience does the new management have?" Jennifer Archer answers: "I have about 3 years in food management." Dr. Ben Sowle asks: "I am mostly concerned about the 7 repeat violations and nothing being done about that. I own a business and if I got dinged once I would fix that let alone two, three, four etc. I just need to understand how are you going to ensure it doesn't happen an 8th time or ever again?" Charles Bone answers: "We just going to make sure it happens." Lindsay Fox asks: "But what proof do you have to make sure it won't happen I think is the question, right?" Charles Bone answers: "We just have to get it done." Lindsay Fox asks a follow up question: "Why wait so long to fix simple violations though? Why are we seeing a duct taped lid. You have to know that is a potential hazard." Charles Bone answers: "Not sure why it was in building but discarded it when he found it." Vicki McMahon asks: "Did you understand the repercussions of those Administrative meetings with Dr. Anderson and his staff? That it could end in your closure?" Charles Bone answers "Yes." Dr. Gill asks "But why is there*

Christian County Board of Health

August 20, 2025, 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

expired food that is beyond recognition of what it is? Jennifer Archers answers "I just came in that day and had not made the rounds yet to discard it." Dr. Ben Sowle asked a follow up. "But it was there past something like 15 days. Again I own a business and fix things right away. So where were you those previous 15 days or so this moldy bad food was there? Charles Bone answers: "I was in Decatur. Jennifer Archers answers: "It was only my third day." Vicki McMahon asks "Were the owners of the building aware of all these violations and everything that was going on?" Charles answers "No, we didn't tell them because we take care of items as they come in." Board has no further questions.

b. *FY26 Budget*

- i. *Dr. Anderson presented the salary adjustments for FY26 as well as the FY26 revenue and expense line items for TB, 708, and Public Health Grants. Dr. Anderson said for 708 and TB revenue he is using last year's numbers but it is based to change once the money gets in, but will stay within that range for expense. He hope to see if 708 might increase their amount given. When discussing salary Dr. Anderson explained he would like to ensure that everyone who works in the TB grant is billing their time accurately so that would include himself and Lynn Zuber. Dr. Anderson asked that in the salary section that Alexandra Evrley be increased by 4% instead of the proposed on the paper. Dr. Pavi Gill agreed. Motion was made to accept FY26 Salary adjustments with the addition to Alexandra Evrley salary to go up by 4% by Vicki McMahon, 2nd by Dr Pavi Gill. Roll Call: Lindsay Fox, Y, Dan Held, Y, Dr. Ben Sowle, Y, Dr. Leslie DeVore, Y, Dr. Pavi Gill, Y, Vicki McMahon, Y. Motion passes*
- ii. *Dr. Anderson explained all of the revenue line items presented to the board. He explained that this new format shows red if it goes up or green if its lower than the previous years. Dr. Anderson explained the salary line item went up because of the new Breastfeeding Peer Councilor grant that we hired for already would be why that increased. Everything else stayed about the same and the budget is balanced. Dr. Anderson said he is still waiting on a few other grants that might come later. Motion to accept the FY26 revenue and expense for TB, 708, and Public Health budgets as presented by Vicki McMahon, 2nd by Dr. Gill. Roll Call Lindsay Fox, Y, Dan Held, Y, Dr. Sowle, Y, Dr. Leslie DeVore, Y, Dr. Pavi Gill, Y, Vicki McMahon, Y. Motion passes.*

VII. **Executive Session:**

- a. I would like to entertain a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (4) to discuss evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where specifically authorized by law, to quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in this Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning and all subject matters relating thereto and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such executive session namely, Dr. Leslie DeVore, Dr. Ben Sowle, Dan Held, Lindsay Fox, Dr. Pavi Gill, Vicki McMahon, and Dr. Chad Anderson and such other person or persons as the Chairperson or Committee may decide during this meeting and/or during such closed session. Motion made by Dan Held, 2nd by Vicki McMahon. Roll Call: Dr. Ben

Christian County Board of Health

August 20, 2025, 6:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Sowle, Y; Dan Held, Y; Dr. Lindsay Fox, Y; Dr. Leslie DeVore, Y; Vicki McMahon, Y. Dr. Gill, Y entered session at 7:00 pm.

- b. The CCHD BOH meeting of August 20, 2025 is reopened at 7:35 PM. Roll call: Lindsay Fox, Y; Dr. Pavi Gill, Y; Dr. Ben Sowle, Y; Vicki McMahon, Y; Dr. Leslie DeVore, Y; and Dan Held, Y. We may continue with Agenda.
- c. Dr. Leslie DeVore asks if there is a motion to reopen or permanently close Whit's End 48. Lindsay Fox entered a motion to permanently revoke Whit's End 48 at 1800 Lincoln Trail in Taylorville, IL. 2nd by Dr. Pavi Gill. Roll Call: Dr. Pavi Gill, Y, Dr. Leslie DeVore, Y, Dan Held, Y, Dr. Sowle, Y, Lindsay Fox, Y, Vicki McMahon, Y. Motion passes.

VIII. **Adjournment** at 7:48 : Motion to adjourn by Lindsay Fox; 2nd by Dan Held. All in favor. Motion carries.