

COLES COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS CARE & TREATMENT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coles County Tuberculosis (TB) Care & Treatment Board was held on February 4th, 2026 in the Conference Room at the Coles County Health Department 753 Windsor Road, Charleston, IL.

Board Members Present: Jan Baker FNP-BC
Dr. Bernie Ranchero
Dr. Robert Bates

CCHD Staff Members Present: Paul Howarth
Lisa Sorensen

- II. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:17pm by TB Care & Treatment Board Director Dr. Bernie Ranchero.
- III. **Review of Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the November 5th 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made at 5:18pm, to approve the minutes by Robert Bates. Motion seconded by Jan Baker. All in favor, motion passed.

- IV. **Review of Financial Reports / Current Balance:** Mr. Howarth presented the County financial summary report for County Fiscal Year 25 and spoke about the income and expense line item totals for the year. Overall, expenses were well within budget and income for the year was above what was budgeted due to high interest rate returns on funds from CD's and the money market account. The money market account continues to offer the same interest rates as CD's, making the procurement of CD's unnecessary at this time. December CFY26 expenses were also presented to the board with no unexpected expenses incurred during this time period.

A discussion was had among board members and staff regarding the County tax levy funds and how that amount is calculated each year. The board meeting expense line item was also discussed and it was agreed upon by the board to add this to agenda for the next board meeting.

- V. **Patient Report: Current active cases / suspect cases:** Lisa Sorensen, Director of Nursing, RN, presented the patient report for the Coles County TB Care & Treatment Program. Currently three individuals are receiving treatment for latent TB. There are no active cases reported in the County at this time. TB testing will now be conducted on Monday's and Tuesday's to give clients increased access to testing. Previously, testing was only available on Tuesday, which led some clients to seek testing elsewhere. This change should help increase the number of TB skin tests performed.

Lisa shared a story with the board members regarding a client who had requested QuantiFERON (QFT) test due to their fear of needles. After a consultation with the client they chose to have a skin test, saving them the extra steps and additional expense of a QFT test.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Dr. Ranchero reviewed the remaining 2026 board meeting dates:

May 6th, September 2nd, November 4th

VII. New Business:

- a. A discussion was had among the board members concerning the upcoming expiration of Dr. Bates three-year term. Dr. Bates expressed his interest with continuing on as member of the Coles County TB Care & Treatment board. A letter of endorsement was presented to the board and signed by Dr. Ranchero and Jan Baker.

A motion was made by Dr. Ranchero to endorse the continuation of Dr. Robert Bates for an additional three-year term on the Coles County TB Care & Treatment Board. Motion seconded by Jan Baker. All in favor, motion passed at 5:29pm.

VIII. Adjournment:

Upon a motion, it was moved per Jan Baker to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Robert Bates, the TB Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm by unanimous agreement.



Coles County TB Care & Treatment Board President

5/6/26

Date