

**MINUTES OF THE  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
Sixth Floor Conference Room  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maranda – Chair, Acri, Beck, Brunk, Carroll-Duda, Dawson, Deppe, Gallagher, Gradert, Heninger, Jones, Kinzer, Klipsch, Lack, Lawrence, Mendenhall, Moore, O’Boyle, Newton-Butt, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sorensen, Tank, Thoms, Tompkins, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Broderson, Condon, Freeman, Kiser, Knobbe, Mather, Moore, Parker, Stoermer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Colonel Stephen Marr, Sergeant Major Brian Heffernan, Rock Island Arsenal; Nicole Carkner, Quad City Health Initiative

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Moritz

Chair Maranda called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and asked for introductions.

1. Approval of the June 26, 2019 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Carroll-Duda presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending June 30, 2019, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$853,500.69. Mayor Carroll-Duda moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor O’Boyle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$62,868.08, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

RK Dixon, regular and remote maintenance support, license and maintenance renewals	\$ 2,013.97
Illinois Association of Regional Councils, membership dues July 1, 2019 June 30, 2020	\$ 2,000.00
The Doris and Victor Day Foundation, work completed in June 2019 for Census 2020 related activities (cost funded by RDA grant)	3,333.33
The Roosevelt Group LLC, June 2019 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00



4. Quad City Health Initiative. Ms. Carkner noted that the Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI) was formed in 1999 and is celebrating 20 years of cross-community partnerships to create a healthy community. She spoke about engaging a variety of sectors across organizational and geographic boundaries to improve community health. There are 13 health opportunity areas, such as disease, oral health, tobacco use, and injury/violence. Priorities include nutrition, physical activity and weight, mental health, and access to healthcare.

Occurring every 3 years and dating back to 2002, a systematic, data-driven assessment of health status, behaviors, and needs is conducted in Muscatine, Scott, and Rock Island Counties to provide a barometer on residents' health and wellness. The outlook compares the area with the U.S. on a variety of indicators. As an example, 79.9% were identified in the 2018 assessment at overweight (BMI 25+), compared to the U.S. percentage of 67.8%.

Ms. Carkner noted that Be Healthy QC, a working group of QCHI, helps provide opportunities to increase physical activity and healthy eating. Be Healthy QC has supported workplace wellness initiatives, promotion of [www.QCTrails.org](http://www.QCTrails.org), an educational campaign, and information sharing on access to healthy foods. The QCTrails interactive website has expanded to include trails in Henry County, and trails are being added for Muscatine County.

A group of 50 community partners convened in April 2019 to support community behavioral health in Scott and Rock Island Counties. A primary function of the coalition is to promote awareness and to tell the community story related to behavioral health. Other functions include measuring coalition progress, providing a platform for innovation, and increasing resources. The coalition intends to connect with other existing groups, such as the Quad Cities Trauma Informed Consortium, and be involved with QCHI and United Way.

Ms. Carkner noted other QCHI efforts include a partnership with Tobacco-Free QC to address reducing the impact of tobacco in the Quad Cities. Information on tobacco, second-hand smoke, tobacco-free policies, and smoke-free pledges are part of the outreach effort. In collaboration with St. Ambrose's Institute for Person-Centered Care, QCHI is a partner along with area health systems as the Institute provides for continuing education and support and leadership to foster person-centered models of care. Lastly, she noted a partnership with Live Lead Free QC initiative to raise awareness and reduce lead-based paint in area housing.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no further questions or comments.
6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat reminded Commissioners of the upcoming Census training for complete count committees on July 26 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Davenport. Ms. Bulat mentioned the grant with the Day Foundation to help count kids, who can often be undercounted. Mr. Gradert also stressed how important canvassing is in rural areas to get accurate counts on where people actually live. Canvassing begins in August, so Ms. Bulat urged Commissioners to get the word out in their communities about unusual pedestrian/auto traffic in neighborhoods. Ms. Tompkins requested that Bi-State send out information on canvassing efforts to post to community social media outlets.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen  
Secretary