Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Ms. Harant.

Public Comments
There were no public comments.

Approval of 07/02/2020 Minutes
A motion was made by Dr. Trachtenbarg to approve the minutes from March 6, 2020 and June 22, 2020. Motion was seconded by Dr. Armmer. Motion carried (4,0).

Old Business
2020 Performance Management
Ms. Hendrickson stated some updates were done the Performance Management goals. Some areas are moving at a faster pace and some were delayed due to COVID. This is usually a one-year project, but this has been extended through the next year.

Dr. Na’allah entered the meeting at 5:42 pm.

COVID
The Board had requested COVID as a standing agenda item. Ms. Hendrickson updated the Board on COVID, stating that in one week alone, Peoria County added an additional 300 cases to their workload, Tazewell County was 125, and Woodford County was 42. The average is about 60 new cases each day, but this number has gone up. The large amount of cases are in 20-29-year olds. Many times, this age group does not want to tell on each other, and they can be difficult to do contact tracing on. Locally, most of the cases are happening due to large, private gatherings. Ms. Hendrickson stated that there is a point where contact tracing will become obsolete. She also shared that no one is completely living in a bubble, the more vulnerable population can still contract the virus from the younger generations, even if taking all the precautions. Ms. Hendrickson stated that fatigue and headaches are the biggest symptoms reported, especially in the 20-29 age group. She also noted that Peoria Public School is the only one in the area that is doing a blended model of an A/B schedule. There is also a big gap with childcare. Currently, the majority of the schools are going five days a week, where you either go five days a week or you do all remotely. School boards can shut down their own districts, but PCCHD cannot close them unless there is a documented outbreak that is uncontrolled. If a child gets sick at school and they have not been tested, the school needs to
follow their policy handbook. Ms. Hendrickson said the largest burden right now is contact tracing, followed by information that is being pushed out by Diana Scott with the Public Information Officers – any press is done through her. They are answering Facebook questions and scheduling media calls, as well as getting out a shared message. The other part that PCCHD is doing is policy decisions, with many questions about how to re-open safely, and lastly Emergency Preparedness Director, Jason Marks, helping out with PPE and resources. The role for Board Members would be to advocate that this is not political, and it is a science with facts and data. If you hear misinformation, try to address it, but give the individual a way to connect to PCCHD. PCCHD is very supported by the State’s Attorney and the Peoria County Sheriff, however, we cannot send the Sheriff to every complaint issue we receive as they do not have the staff. There will be a large campaign coming in the next few months to push getting your flu vaccine. There was discussion around the possible long-term effects from having COVID. Ms. Hendrickson added that public health will not get back to normal until after the vaccine campaign. Ms. Hendrickson and the Board of Health’s role will be working through workman’s comp claims. For essential services and first responders, the default setting is that your COVID is workman’s comp, based on expose at work, no matter what. You would have to prove that it happened outside of work through contact tracing for it to not be worker’s comp, which would be nearly impossible to prove. Ms. Hendrickson said that public health in general will be called into litigation for many of these, where there is no way that that assessment could have been made. Ms. Hendrickson also stated that there is going to be a large push for mental health, for PTSD for public health professionals. There is an ongoing report with the Sheriff regarding all of the negative comments that have come in to PCCHD. There will be a discussion later on, as County goes into the budget cycle, because of loss revenue they cannot support increases in staffing pay. Ms. Hendrickson will be advocating and asking Board Members to advocate to the County Board that public health should be exempt from this because it’s budgeted by grants and the staff’s response has been so great during COVID.

2020-2022 Strategic Plan
Ms. Hendrickson recognized that the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan goals will need to be updated, especially Goal 1, everything will be delayed and pushed back a year for the building modernization. Goal 2 and 3 have stayed on target and there have not been any changes made to those. There might be new tasks added as things come up later, but Goal 1 needs to be looked at as to how much needs to be reassessed.

Administrator Comments
Ms. Hendrickson noted that Racism: A Public Health Crisis Position Statement is being looked at by a health care and public health group that is headed by Dr. Aiyer, a UICOMP Dean, and has tagged in public health as the second co-chair. Groups involved are UICOMP, Heartland, PCCHD, Unity Health, and OSF. This will be looking at the Community Health Improvement Plan and focusing on the black and brown population (brown meaning Latino). Equity will still be used as a measure but need to focus on the zip code approach. They will be looking at different data ways to compare and bias conversations. The Board’s approved position statement was featured in the Illinois Public Health Association as a leading example of a public health department. Ms. Hendrickson thanked the Board for their work on the position statement and will share the article with the Board.

Adjournment
Being no further business, Dr. Na’allah made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Trachtenbarg seconded. Motion carried (5,0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.