



Mid-Illinois Medical District

Biennial Report of Operations to

The Illinois General Assembly

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

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Introduction

The following narrative discusses the evolution, activities and accomplishments of the Mid-Illinois Medical District (MIMD) Commission during 2015 and 2016, identifies challenges and opportunities facing the District and the Commission, and sets forth plans for 2017 to 2018 and beyond.

Commission Members

A roster of Commission members, current as of December 31, 2016, is below.

Dr. Charlotte Warren, President
Jack Mazzotti, Vice-President
Mitch Johnson, Secretary
Rex Brown
Rob Cross
Joe Hurwitz
Jennifer Lee
Dr. Charles Lucore
Sheila Stocks-Smith
Guerry Suggs
Dr. Elvin Zook

There is one current gubernatorial opening since Sheila Stocks-Smith's term ended in June of 2016 and has resigned as of December 31, 2016 and Rex Brown is still serving and is awaiting confirmation by the Senate.

The following is an accounting of reported volunteer hours expended by Commissioners during 2015 to 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Michael Boer	30
Rex Brown	24
Mitch Johnson	100
Jennifer Lee	20
Jack Mazzotti	12
Ramona Metzger	21
Charlotte Warren	100
Elvin Zook	10
Roland Cross	40
Joe Hurwitz	10
Guerry Suggs	30
Total	397

In addition, the staff of The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce contributed 210 hours of assistance under annual affiliation agreements with the Commission.

Major Accomplishments and Activities, 2015-2016

- Completed an arduous Compliance Examination by the Illinois Auditor General in 2015.
- All Commissioners completed state-required Statements of Economic Interest and ethics training.
- Commission bylaws were reviewed. Continued support of the Springfield rail improvements project to consolidate the Third and Tenth street corridors.
- A series of presentations were made to the commission including Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder, Executive Director of the Springfield Housing Authority Jackie Newman, Springfield developer Ralph Hurwitz and Executive Director of the Springfield & Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission Norm Sims. Created a new website for the District.
- Submitted Administrative Rules to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
- Began discussions regarding a long term project that will enhance health and wellness activities both within and around the District.
- Surveyed our medical institutions about their activities in the District including capital investment, workforce, research, etc.

The Future

The ability of the Commission to fulfill its mission will depend primarily on the ability to obtain funding for operational staff. Despite the lack of funding from the State the Commission plans on completing the following items during 2017 & 2018.

- Seek sources of funds for staff
- Update the Commission strategic plan
- Report on economic activities within the District since its creation
- Work with partner organizations on identifying targeted medical related industries and begin implementing outreach and communication to targeted businesses and location decision makers.

**Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission
Income & Expense Statement, 2015-2016**

Checking Account

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2015	\$145.72
Income (donations & transfer from savings)	\$5,038.81
Expenses	\$5,000
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2016	\$184.53

Savings Account

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2015	\$5,033.81
Income (donations and interest)	0
Withdrawals or transfers	\$5,033.81
Balance on Hand, December 31, 2016	\$0*

* The savings account was closed after the commission repaid a grant to the Capital Area Labor-Management Council in January of 2015. The grant was intended to help pay for entry-way signs into the Medical District but other sources of funds were not found and the money was owed back to the Council. The savings account was closed after the repayment of the grant with remaining funds, which were earned through interest, transferred to the checking account.