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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

October 19, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 1st Floor Board Room
Davenport, Iowa 52801

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Coiner, Chair of the Scott County Board of Health.

Members Present: Mrs. Coiner, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Squire, Dr. Sandeman

Members Absent: Dr. Hanson

Staff Present: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Denny Coon, Roma Taylor, Tiffany Tjepkes, Lashon Moore, Teri Arnold, Lenore Alonso, Brooke Barnes, Anna Copp, Mary Costello, Katie DeLaRosa, Tim Dougherty, Pam Gealy, Jackie Hall, Heath Johnson, Leah Kroeger, Christina McDonough, Jessica Redden, Susan Van DeWalle, Tia Weigandt

Others Present: Ken Beck, Carol Earnhardt, Diane Holst, Tony Knobbe, Mahesh Sharma, Mary Thee, David Farmer, Dr. Michael Reisner, Diane Martens, Kelley Bowles, Caitlin Merritt, Ann Vang, Jacob Wagner

Dr. O'Donnell moved to accept the agenda. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner introduced and welcomed members of the Board of Supervisors. Carol Earnhardt, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, expressed appreciation for the Board of Health and the Health Department for all of their hard work and commitment to the project for prevention of childhood lead poisoning with Augustana. They are very grateful that the department does such a great job promoting the health, safety, and wellbeing of the citizens of Scott County. Mrs. Coiner thanked the Board of Supervisors for all of the support they provide to the Board and the Department. Mrs. Coiner also welcomed Mahesh Sharma, Scott County Administrator, Mary Thee, Assistant County Administrator, and David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director.

Edward Rivers recognized the following employees for their years of service with the department.

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| • Katie DeLaRosa, Medical Assistant | 1 year | October 3 |
| • Melissa Passno, Per Diem Nurse | 1 year | October 27 |
| • Leah Kroeger, I-Smile™ Coordinator | 1 year | October 31 |

- Carole Ferch, I-Smile™ Silver Coordinator 1 year October 31
- Michelle Dierickx, Resource Assistant 4 years October 28
- Brenda Schwarz, Resource Specialist 9 years October 27
- Delores Green, Per Diem Nurse 12 years October 12
- Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist 27 years October 10
- Karen Payne, Environmental Health Specialist 31 years October 31

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director’s Report

Mr. Rivers shared that staff continues to work on programs related to the Community Transformation Initiative. The Walking and Bicycling Suitability Assessment (WABSA) was conducted for the City of Walcott. The WABSA indicated a need for some upgrades. Staff helped develop a community action plan which will increase the number of crosswalks throughout the city and provide safe and accessible areas for people of all ages and abilities.

Mr. Rivers informed the Board that members of the Quality Improvement Council facilitated a quality improvement (QI) project for the Food Inspection Program to assure consistent enforcement and the best possible service.

Edward Rivers reported that staff has been working with Augustana students to advance the lead hazard remediation program. Over the next six months, an intern will be working to develop a tool kit which will assist in holding community educational sessions for families with children testing under the current Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) response value of 10µg/dl. Students and staff have also been working to refine our message to promote the dangers of lead exposure and lead poisoning.

Edward Rivers shared that staff will be participating in a well sampling project with the State Hygienic Lab (SHL). In addition to sampling for bacteria, nitrates, and arsenic, staff will take additional samples which will be tested for neonics. Neonics are a class of neuro-active insecticides which have been found to be harmful to bees. Bees that have been exposed to neonics have been known to have difficulty reproducing and fewer colonies have survived through winter. The plan is to sample through December.

Mr. Rivers also reported that staff members from our Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Care for Kids Programs are partnering on outreach to increase awareness and the information given to parents of children with elevated blood lead levels.

Edward Rivers shared that staff attended the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition Summit on the opioid and associated hepatitis C (HCV) epidemic. The Coalition took this item to legislators last session and is planning to take it to them again this next session to allow a syringe exchange program in Iowa. Staff is also collaborating with Illinois regarding testing for hepatitis C as the incidence is increasing in Iowa and as well as nationwide.

Mr. Rivers complimented Tara Marriott, the new Environmental Health Specialist. She has completed all of the required courses to allow her to go out and independently inspect facilities.

B. Public Health Activity Report for the month of September 2017

C. Budget Report for the month of September 2017

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the claims. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Scott County Kids Report

Diane Martens reported they continue to work on a project for behavioral health with young children. The Child Abuse Council, Vera French, Area Education Agency (AEA), and Scott County Health Department are some of the service providers that they are partnering with on this project. They are planning a resource fair to be held at the end of January and professional development training for staff in childcare centers, childcare homes, and school districts regarding Conscious Discipline.

E. Title V, Local Public Health Services, Tobacco Use Prevention Program and WIC Report for the month of September 2017

Tiffany Tjepkes informed the Board that this will be the last month that we will be reporting on the Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Community Health Care, Inc. was awarded the contract for the WIC Program with the Iowa Department of Public Health. They will be applying for the Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program contract that will start in November since they were not awarded the contract that started in October. Very few agencies in the state were awarded the contract that started in October.

Ms. Tjepkes requested permission to add a .4 to .5 FTE per diem Maternal Health Nurse to our Table of Organization. This position would be funded by the grant or by Medicaid revenue. It is a requirement of our Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health contract that we offer some direct care services. A needs assessment was completed last summer with the assistance of an intern. Some of the gap-filling direct services that this individual may provide to pregnant women include: dental screenings, fluoride varnish, oral hygiene instruction, presumptive eligibility, breastfeeding classes, listening visits, and more. Staff has met with Community Health Care, Inc. and is in the process of arranging meetings with other outside agencies to determine if there is a way to partner to provide direct gap-filling services to their clients by co-locating with organizations.

F. Public Health Preparedness Program Report for the month of September 2017

Denny Coon had nothing to add to his report this month.

G. Public Health Modernization Report for the month of September 2017

Amy Thoreson had nothing to report this month.

H. Health Department Strategic Plan Report for the month of September 2017

Edward Rivers reported that staff continues to work on the Accreditation process. The team completed its extended work session to review all of the Domains. The status of the documentation was at 51% green/completed. Documentation to meet many of the yellow and red measurers has been identified and is being collected.

The Quality Improvement Council is working to build a toolbox of resources that all staff can access that explains the various QI tools. He also mentioned the QI Project regarding the Food Program was completed in September.

Workforce Development, Social Media, and Health Promotion are required elements of the Accreditation process. These elements are tools to help share messages throughout the community. Work continues in all of these areas.

The Organizational Culture and Workplace Environment celebrated the Public Health Preparedness team in October. A celebration for the Correctional Health staff is being planned for November.

I. Board of Health Program Orientation

Dr. Michael Reisner provided the Board with an overview of the overarching goals of the Live Lead Free partnership. The Sustainable Working Landscapes Initiative (SWLI) has helped create a year-long partnership between Augustana students and city/county partners. This partnership matches an interdisciplinary set of courses with collection of community-identified and driven real-world projects. The SWLI is designed to help community partners advance their initiatives.

Dr. Reisner shared that thousands of children have been poisoned by lead in Scott County. The age of many homes, as well as the lack of funding to eliminate lead contamination in homes, contribute to the problem. He explained the progress the students have made and the relevant preliminary findings which help determine the direction they are headed. Scott County Health Department is interested in a more proactive, preventative strategy versus reactive. Highest risk housing needs to be targeted in order to address areas where the most vulnerable populations live, and where there is the highest risk of exposure occurring. The goal is to address contamination of homes before children in our community are poisoned from lead.

Following the presentation, members from both the Board of Health and the Board of Supervisors shared comments and/or questions. The following are some items that were addressed. What are the risks of being in the home in general? What are the long-term goals? What is the availability of professionals to do the remediation work? Is the City of Davenport willing to tighten laws to support these efforts? How involved are some of the community partners?

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the reports. Motions seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Public Comment

There was no comment.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business

Following discussion, Dr. Sandeman moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Sandeman moved to approve and authorize the Staff Education Requests. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2017.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary