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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

November 15, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 6th Floor Room 605
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Mrs. Coiner, Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Coiner, Dr. Sandeman, Dr. O'Donnell (Dr. O'Donnell left the meeting at 1:16 pm)

Members Absent: Dr. Hanson and Dr. Squire

Staff Present: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Denny Coon, Roma Taylor, Tiffany Tjepkes, Lashon Moore, Teri Arnold, Lenore Alonso, Brooke Barnes, Katie DeLaRosa, Michelle Dierickx, Jackie Hall, Heath Johnson, Leah Kroeger, Christina McDonough, Kim Mills, Jane Morehouse, Monica Nickels, Debbie Olesen, Sheri Saskowski, Tia Siegwarth, Chris Varnes

Others Present: Tony Knobbe, Ken Beck, Carol Earnhardt, Diane Holst, Mahesh Sharma, Mary Thee, David Farmer, Rob Cusack, Diane Martens, Kim Brown, Dennis Platt, Cindy Winckler, Janet Hill, Matt Rokes

Mrs. Coiner welcomed and introduced Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator; Mary Thee, Assistant County Administrator; David Farmer, Director of Budget and Administrative Services; and Scott County Board of Supervisors Members Tony Knobbe, Ken Beck, Carol Earnhardt, and Diane Holst. Supervisor Brinson Kinzer sent his regrets.

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

Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2018 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

At 12:05 p.m. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Appeal of Notice and Order requested by Judy Vasquez.

Mr. Rivers provided the Board with the background regarding this appeal. The initial complaint regarding cockroaches came to the department's attention on September 4, 2018. Mr. Rivers displayed photos of the property and the buildings on the property. Staff conducted an investigation of the LeClaire property and confirmed the presence of cockroaches in the neighborhood. The complaint property was treated professionally on September 13, and the

homeowner, Ms. Vasquez, was advised to repeat recommended treatments, as the infestation was significant.

On September 18, Scott County Health Department sent a letter encouraging the homeowner to continue with the prescribed treatment in order to eliminate the cockroach infestation. It stated that failure to comply with the pest control company's recommendations could result in an Official Notice and Order to abate the presence of cockroaches and other vermin on the property.

On October 4, the pest control company notified the department that the homeowner had cancelled the service scheduled for October 8, to treat the property both indoors and outdoors. Health Department staff had a phone conversation with Ms. Vasquez regarding this cancellation. The homeowner stated she hired another pest control firm to treat the property on October 5. That company notified the Health Department that upon arriving at the property, they found the infestation was so severe that they considered it "untreatable" and would not be providing the service. Health Department staff then spoke with the homeowner and was informed that she intended to purchase pest control materials over the counter and treat the problem herself. Health Department staff advised that this would not be acceptable, and that the severity of the infestation required professional treatment.

It was the opinion of the Scott County Health Department that the homeowner was in violation of Scott County Code, Chapter 25, Public Health Nuisance Sec. 25-2. On October 11, 2018, Scott County Health Department issued a Notice and Order. The homeowner was ordered to abate said nuisance within ten days of receipt of the Notice and Order by hiring a professional pest control service to abate the cockroach infestation and remove any accumulation of refuse, junk, debris, and garbage at said property.

A letter of appeal, from Ms. Vasquez, was received requesting permission to continue to treat the property herself rather than hire a professional due to financial issues. Staff worked with Scott County Community Services to make certain resources available to her to assist with the cleanup of the house and property. The property owner still insisted that she did not have the resources to hire a professional to treat the property. She has since moved to Illinois and stated she will have the funds after December 1, and will have the property treated professionally at that time. She would like to list and sell the property but was told it could not be listed until the infestation was properly taken care of.

Matt Rokes, a neighbor to this property, asked if he could address the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the situation. He explained the situation that he and his neighbors had been experiencing regarding the cockroaches in the neighborhood and the steps that had been taken by the neighbors to address the situation. Mr. Rokes urged the Board to require her to move forward with the process sooner rather than later.

Dr. O'Donnell asked if there was any documentation from the professional service stating that the property was beyond treatment. Dr. Sandeman pointed out that there was a letter in the information provided to the Board stating such.

Dr. Sandeman asked what the procedure is to gain entry into the home. Scott County Attorney, Rob Cusack discussed the legal process and challenges that would need to be investigated to gain entry.

Dr. Sandeman stated that he was convinced that this is a significant issue. He and Mrs. Coiner inquired as to what options the Board has in resolving this issue. Mr. Rivers explained three options:

1. Allow homeowner more time to comply as she has requested. Allowing her to treat the property after December 1, 2018.
2. Begin the legal citation process by moving forward with the Municipal Infraction and penalized the homeowner as set forth in Chapter 29 of the County Code of Scott County, Iowa. Each day the municipal infraction occurs, constitutes a separate offense. Each is punishable by a fine of \$250 for the first offense and \$375 for any subsequent offense.
3. The Health Department to abate the nuisance and lien the property.

Mr. Rivers stated that options two and three would require additional assistance from the County Attorney's office. Mr. Rivers reminded the Board the appeal the homeowner has made is to allow additional time to treat the property herself.

Dr. Sandeman stated that option one did not seem like an effective option. He would like to proceed with the most aggressive option. Dr. O'Donnell agreed.

Mahesh Sharma questioned if the property was within the city limits and if there had been any correspondence with the city as to what their roles and responsibilities were in this situation. Mr. Rivers shared that there was a meeting with the County Attorney and Ed Choate, City of LeClaire Administrator. Mr. Choate stated they would take care of the yard issue outside but suggested that the Health Department handle the interior issues and the public health nuisance aspect. Mrs. Coiner asked if the city had done anything with the lot.

Mr. Rivers informed the Board that the true decision to be made was to either uphold or deny the appeal. If the appeal is denied, the department will work with the County Attorney's office to move forward on a legal solution. Dr. O'Donnell made a motion to deny the appeal and move forward with legal action. Dr. Sandeman seconded the motion.

Supervisor Beck questioned if the city has the power to condemn the property. If so, what basis would they use to condemn it. Mr. Rivers stated they probably do. The Health Department would also have the ability to post it as uninhabitable if sufficient evidence is available to make that determination.

Mrs. Thoreson summarized a letter be drafted stating that the appeal was denied and the property owner is required to follow the recommendation of a professional pest control company to address the nuisance. Mr. Rivers added they would also be required to provide a statement from the pest control firm stating the property was properly abated. Attorney Rob Cusack shared that from the receipt of the letter the property owner would have 10 days to address the issue. If not addressed, the citation and fines would begin. Mrs. Coiner called for a vote to deny the appeal. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Agenda 7C.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the Staff Education Request. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director's Report

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

• Chris Varnes, Community Health Consultant	3 years	November 16
• Anna Copp, Child Health Consultant	4 years	November 10
• LaNae Ramos, Per Diem Nurse	5 years	November 14
• Christina McDonough, Community Transformation Consultant	5 years	November 25
• Kevin Barker, Per Diem Nurse	7 years	November 30
• Kim Mills, Community Tobacco Consultant	7 years	November 7
• Marybeth Wood, Correctional Health Coordinator	7 years	November 7
• Seema Antony, Public Health Nurse	10 years	November 3

Edward Rivers asked if the Board had any questions regarding the report. He did not provide additional comments due to the length of the Notice and Order Appeal discussion.

B. Public Health Activity Report for the month of October 2018

C. Budget Report for the month of October 2018

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

D. Scott County Kids Report

Diane Martens shared that the social and emotional screenings in the schools are going well. Most of the schools are participating.

E. Title V, Local Public Health Services and Tobacco Use Prevention Program Report for the month of October 2018

Tiffany Tjepkes reported that there were some changes in this year Title V, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Contract. We are required to provide 100 Maternal Health direct services and 855 Oral Health direct services. We have received approval to provide direct services at both WIC locations. Monday and Thursday services are offered at the Community Health Care, Inc. (CHC) River Drive location. Services will continue to be offered on Tuesdays at the CHC Edgerton site.

We are determining the amount of additional Medicaid revenue based on anticipated number of direct services. More staff time/positions may be needed to support the program.

There was a newspaper article featuring a recent meeting with Davenport Park Board to discuss the opportunity to create a resolution or ordinance banning tobacco products from Davenport City Parks. Staff will work with the Davenport Park Board to draft a resolution or ordinance.

F. Public Health Preparedness Program Report for the month of October 2018

Denny Coon shared information regarding current exercises in the area. The department is in the second year of working with Emergency Management Agencies (EMA) in both Illinois and Iowa and Rock Island County Health Department to help the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) facilities, to achieve their requirements for exercises and planning.

Staff is also working on special population planning with the Illinois partners. It is important to have similar plans since both sides of the river have some of the same resources.

Staff participated in a nuclear power plant exercise. The non-evaluated training exercise occurred in October and an evaluated one is scheduled for December 4.

G. Public Health Modernization Report for the month of October 2018

Amy Thoreson shared that Iowa Department of Public Health is on the same Public Health Accreditation Board agenda as the department.

H. Health Department Strategic Plan Report for the month of October 2018

Mr. Rivers expressed appreciation to staff for all of the hard work that went into the Accreditation process. The great report reflects these efforts.

I. Board of Health Program Orientation

Brooke Barnes presented the Community Health Assessment to the Board. She gave an overview of the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process that was utilized for the assessment. She discussed the partners that had been involved in the process and the roles that they played in completing the four MAPP assessments. Ms. Barnes gave an overview of the areas of opportunity identified by Professional Research Consultants (PRC) and confirmed by community partners. Ms. Barnes highlighted the top three community priorities: Mental Health; Nutrition, Physical Activity and Weight, and Health Access. Lastly, she discussed the next steps, which include developing a Community Health Improvement Plan.

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

Mrs. Coiner moved to Public Comment

Tony Knobbe expressed appreciation to both the Scott County Board of Health and staff for all of the hard work to benefit the health of the community.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Unfinished Business

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Kim Brown with the Quad City Harm Reduction provided the Board with an overview of a Syringe Services Program. She requested support from the Scott County Board of Health and Scott County Board of Supervisors in establishing syringe services in Iowa with a Resolution.

Mrs. Coiner asked that we move this agenda item to Unfinished Business for next month when all board members would be present to discuss.

Mrs. Thoreson reviewed the Fiscal Year 2019 – 1st Quarter Performance Measures Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). She highlighted the following:

- Administration-new measures to track the department's quality improvement and workforce development efforts have been added;
- Child Health-continuing to see an increase in the percentage of children in our agency home with an identified medical home;
- Employee Health-number of new hires in departments supported by hepatitis B vaccine/titers has increased; there is an impact on the department's budget;
- Public Health Nuisance-the percentage of complains resolved is low for the first quarter because nine of the eleven were received in September;
- Public Health Preparedness-the numbers of staff receiving National Incident Management System (NIMS) training has changed; all staff are receiving the training, previously it was only full-time staff.

The next meeting will be on December 20, 2018, in Conference Room 605.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary