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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

December 20, 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 12:05 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Denny Coon, Vicki Doner, Roma Taylor, Tiffany Tjepkes, Teri Arnold, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Michelle Dierickx, Jackie Hall, Christina McDonough, Kim Mills, Monica Nickels, Debbie Olesen, Chris Varnes

Others Present: Diane Martens, Roger Kean

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the agenda. Dr. Sandeman moved to accept the agenda. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner noted that Scott County Health Department (SCHD) had been awarded national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board since the last meeting. Congratulations were offered. Dr. Squire inquired regarding the timeframe for reaccreditation. It was explained that it is a five-year accreditation that requires annual reports. No site visit will be required as part of the reaccreditation process. Dr. Hanson asked how many local health departments in Iowa are accredited. Linn, Cerro Gordo, and Scott Counties are currently accredited. Ms. Thoreson announced that a 50th anniversary / PHAB accreditation celebration will be held April 2, 2019.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director's Report

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

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| • Lenore Alonso, Resource Specialist | 13 years | December 19 |
| • Debbie Olesen, Resource Assistant | 14 years | December 27 |
| • Tiffany Tjepkes, Community Health Coordinator | 14 years | December 6 |

Mr. Rivers introduced Monica Nickels, new Medical Laboratory Technician and Vicki Doner, new Correctional Health Coordinator.

Mr. Rivers asked staff to comment on items of interest in the report. Brooke Barnes addressed the board on a life expectancy mapping project. Eric Bradley updated the board on a cockroach complaint in LeClaire on which the Board heard an appeal at its November 2018 meeting, and informed the board on pending legal action on a complaint of a bat infestation in a rental property in Bettendorf.

Mr. Bradley also commented on the proceedings of a lead program regional meeting. Six Health Department staff members attended and heard about the requirements of this year's contract with the Iowa Department of Public Health. Roma Taylor informed the board about a contribution of automated external defibrillators to non-public schools by the Scott County Decategorization Board. The Board of Health acknowledged the contribution with gratitude, as this continues to be an interest of the members.

B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report. There were no questions.

C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of November 2018.

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

D. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Scott County Kids Report.

Diane Martens updated the board on the activities of Scott County Kids. The schools have completed the Social and Emotional Screening project for this school year.

E. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Title V, Local Public Health Services and Tobacco Use Prevention Program Report for the month of November 2018.

Tiffany Tjepkes noted that Scott County Health Department is working with Community Health Care, Inc. in the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health program, providing services there twice a week. Deadlines for maternal and dental services were discussed. Dr. Squire inquired about vaping. Kim Mills indicated that she is working with local schools to provide education on the effects of vaping, and to offer support in strengthening tobacco policies to include vaping. The Iowa Department of Public Health is providing supporting materials. It was noted that the Scott County Conservation Board is participating in the tobacco-free parks program. Roger Kean, who was present for another agenda item, acknowledged the Conservation Board's support. Vaping is also prohibited in public areas of the park.

F. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Preparedness Program Report for the month of November 2018.

Denny Coon noted that there was nothing to add to the submitted report.

G. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Modernization Report for the month of November 2018.

Amy Thoreson noted that the Public Health Advisory Committee next meets in January.

H. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Health Department Strategic Plan Report for the month of November 2018.

Mr. Rivers stated the award of accredited status to Scott County Health Department completed a significant component of the strategic plan, and reports in that regard would shift to information pertinent to the annual reports required by PHAB. Work to begin documenting requirements to be reaccredited has begun. Dr. Hanson inquired whether accreditation is being required by any funding sources. Although CDC inquires about accredited status, no restrictions are currently in place. There is some private funding available only to accredited departments.

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the reports. Motions seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Public Comment. There were no comments.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Unfinished Business.

The request by Kim Brown, Quad Cities Harm Reduction, for a resolution, or letter of support, from the Board which she addressed in the November meeting, to support their effort in the Iowa Legislature to allow a syringe services program was considered. It was noted that Drs. Squire and Hanson were not present for that meeting. Information was sent to the board after the meeting. Dr. O'Donnell noted that the presentation did not include data that supports the assertion that changing the law effects an increase in wellness, and decrease in HIV infection.

Dr. O'Donnell noted that Drs. Hanson and Squire should have an opportunity to review the issue before board action. Mrs. Coiner inquired whether action should be postponed until the January meeting. Roma Taylor noted that QC Harm Reduction's Day on the Hill with the legislature is after the January board meeting. Dr. Hanson noted that the data does not have to be Iowa specific. Dr. O'Donnell reiterated that though the project may be worthwhile, the board should first review the data. Dr. Squire suggested that the issue be delayed until the January meeting. Dr. Hanson noted that action should take place before the start of the session.

Dr. O'Donnell stated that the data submitted to the board must support that such programs do not increase illegal drug use or crime, and reduce HIV and hepatitis risk. She noted that her concern was that dollars would be diverted from other programs to support this effort, and the case must be made to support this reduction to other programs. Dr. Hanson noted that syringe services programs have existed worldwide for many years, and that data from those programs should be available. Dr. O'Donnell noted that if the data is submitted that supports the assertions in the suggested resolution provided to the board, she would support its approval.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved that action to support the syringe program be delayed until the January meeting to allow for the review of additional documentation. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Roger Kean, Scott County Conservation Director, discussed with the board a request to support an effort in the legislature to fund the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. He provided a presentation informing the board about the Fund, and its importance to public health and population health concerns. He provided an overview of the fund, and how it was created by the legislature. He noted that the primary opposition to appropriating funds is Farm Bureau. He noted that such funding is in place in Missouri and Minnesota.

Dr. Sandeman asked how the program had affected Farm Bureaus in those states. Kean noted that those states realize that recreation is a primary focus, and they balance those programs with agricultural interests. He observed that Iowa has always been agriculture-centric. He noted that the Iowa Farm Bureau supported the creation of the fund, as it was not supported by property taxes. Dr. O'Donnell asked, since the fund has languished for 8 years, if other methods of funding were being explored. Dr. Sandeman followed her question by inquiring if it was being discussed whether to abandon efforts. Kean noted that opponents hoped that it would be abandoned, but there was no such possibility at present. He stated that no other initiative has, or will, do the work supported by the fund. Dr. O'Donnell noted that she had no objection to supporting natural resources, but questioned the "endowment" nature of the fund. Kean noted that the fund is similar to trust funds supporting other issues of interest in Iowa. He is concerned that natural resources are not seen as a priority by the legislature. He reasoned that if a trust fund is not in place, no action will support natural resources in Iowa.

Dr. Hanson stated that the issue was formidable, and that Farm Bureau was a strong opponent. Kean noted that the board's resolution would add to the support in the legislature. He noted that the support of public health boards would clarify that in addition to being a recreational and environmental issue, it is a public health issue as well. Dr. Hanson stated that clean water is clearly a public health issue and is the board's issue on which to comment. She noted that Farm Bureau had framed the clean water issue as an urban versus rural issue. Kean noted that the public health perspective was missing from the issue and could answer such objections. He noted that the legislature needed to hear from all concerned parties.

Dr. Hanson asked if Kean was requesting a letter of support or a resolution. Eric Bradley noted that Cerro Gordo County Board of Health had already passed a resolution, along with others, and had provided a template informed by data from Nebraska that shows for every dollar invested in trail infrastructure, three dollars of return on investment in health care savings were realized. Kean noted that outdoor recreation by children increases immune systems. Dr. Sandeman noted that he was in support. Dr. Squire noted the issue was important, and was wondering if other sources of income were important. He indicated that a use tax on items like currently is in place on boat motors may be possible. Kean noted that it had been considered, and implemented for other programs such as rivers access. Dr. Squire asked what funded the West Lake rehabilitation. Kean noted that the lake restoration funding did, and it was also appropriated on a yearly basis and could be eliminated. Kean noted that the fund was the primary method for funding such concerns. Kean noted that two years of study had proceeded the development and approval of the fund, and that it should continue.

Following discussion, Dr. Squire moved to provide a resolution supporting the fund. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Dr. O'Donnell noted that her father was on the Conservation Board and declared a possible conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Thoreson informed the board of changes in revenue and expenses included in the FY19 Health Department budget amendment. The approved budget contains estimates of revenue and expenses that change according to funding appropriated by the state, changes in Medicaid billing, federal/state splits, and other developments. Details of the amendment were provided. Dr. Hanson inquired about Medicaid revenue changes. Ms. Thoreson noted that those numbers were fluid, and the maternal and child health program was the primary driver of the changes. Ms. Thoreson also noted that it was an issue affected by utilization, not availability of funding.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the FY19 Health Department budget amendment. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Thoreson provided an overview of the FY20 Health Department budget. She noted that personnel expenses were not included, as that is provided by the county later. She noted that revenues were up slightly, and referred the board to the packet for details. The passage of a food fee increase was the primary reason for the increase. A program-by-program explanation of revenue and expenses was provided.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the FY20 Health Department budget. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rivers explained that Scott County Health Department is required to have an agreement with another county to ensure that food inspections are performed promptly should circumstances in either county prevent such prompt completion, and the proposed Johnson County agreement fulfills that requirement.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding with Johnson County for the food program. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rivers explained that a requirement also exists that requires Scott County Health Department have an information sharing agreement in place with the Food and Drug Administration and the proposed agreement fulfills that requirement.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Information Sharing Agreement with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Roma Taylor explained the pre-exposure (PrEP) and prophylaxis care coordination program and the activities required by the agreement.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the PrEP Testing and Care Coordination Agreement with the University of Iowa Hospital and the Iowa Department of Public Health. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rivers explained that statewide radio communication is migrating to another platform, requiring an agreement with the Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Agreement with the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board to access the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System. Motion seconded by Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Edward Rivers explained the request to approve an agreement with Capella University to provide a doctoral candidate with a practicum experience by working with Live Lead Free Quad Cities. Although the agreement is not in hand due to amendments required by legal counsel, any final form will be agreed upon by both entities before signature. Dr. O'Donnell inquired as to whether there was an associated cost. There is none. Dr. Hanson inquired whether the candidate was local and was informed that she is.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the SoNHS Practice Access Agreement with Capella University for a doctoral candidate practicum experience, provided that the final form is approved by both entities' legal counsel. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Roma Taylor explained an agreement that supports the department's STD clinic with testing and medications.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Family Planning Council of Iowa, and the Scott County Health Department for Community Based Screening Services Project. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Coiner directed the board to note and review the Public Health Connection and Annual Report documents included in their books.

The next meeting will be on January 17, 2019, in Conference Room 605.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary