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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 21, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 1st Floor Board Room
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. O'Donnell, Dr. Sandeman, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Squire

Staff Present: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Denny Coon, Roma Taylor, Tiffany Tjepkes, Teri Arnold, Lenore Alonso, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Christina McDonough, Kim Mills, Chris Varnes

Others Present: Diane Marten, Linda Frederiksen

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

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

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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| • Megan Hawley, Per Diem Nurse | 1 year | April 2 |
| • Briana Boswell, Community Health Consultant | 11 years | April 9 |
| • Jackie Hall, Environmental Health Specialist | 43 years | April 5 |

Mr. Rivers shared he received a letter from the IRS this week stating the Live Lead Free Quad Cities Coalition is now officially 501(c)(3) approved. This allows the coalition to apply for grants.

Mr. Rivers reported the Health Improvement Plan (HIP) development process continues. This is a companion to the Community Needs Assessment. A draft of the plan is anticipated soon.

Mr. Rivers informed the Board that staff attended Scott County's Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government Planning Committee meeting. The County is issuing a request for proposal for assistance in the development of this plan. The goal is to identify

critical infrastructure and activities within each county department that must be maintained in the event an incident impacts county operations.

Mr. Rivers shared that a brief survey was promoted via Facebook for National Condom Week asking respondents to identify their favorite brands and styles of condoms, as well as indicate any community locations that would serve well as a condom distribution site. The data will be used for future planning.

Mr. Rivers reported staff attended Weather Event Conference Calls. Staff has also been participating in additional conference calls and meetings to discuss and prepare for projected spring flooding issues for the area. Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) purchased a sandbagging machine this year. This should reduce the number of volunteers needed.

- B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report.

There were no questions or comments.

- C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of February 2019.

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

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

Diane Martens reported that Jessica Redden and Roma Taylor attended the March Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board meeting. They provided a presentation on the Childcare Nurse Consultant Program as well as the Immunization Program. Immunizations for ages birth through two years is one of the community indicators. The Board found the information very helpful and noted that Scott County is doing a great job assuring the vaccinations of this age group.

- E. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Title V, Local Public Health Services and Tobacco Use Prevention Program Report.

Tiffany Tjepkes reported that the mid-year goals for the Maternal and Oral Health Programs have been met so there will not be a disincentive. Staff continues working hard to meet the year-end goals. Ms. Tjepkes shared that she attended the Board of Supervisors Committee of the Whole meeting to request a .8 FTE nurse position be added for the Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Program. The Board will be voting on this at its next meeting.

- F. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Preparedness Program Report.

Denny Coon noted the final preparations are being made for the Disaster Preparedness Conference, scheduled for April 2.

Mr. Coon also noted that staff has been engaged in several meeting in preparation for the spring flooding. Staff met with EMA staff and Iowa American Water staff to review and discuss flood plans. Iowa American has not yet had a good test of its new floodwall systems since it was installed.

Mr. Coon reported that staff met with staff at Riverview Manor Nursing Home in the Pleasant Valley area. They have not had flooding since 1993 when water come up to their driveway. Anything higher than that would shut them down; cause a possible evacuation, and the need to relocate the 43 residents. They reviewed and discussed evacuation plans. An advantage to the flooding is that the Mississippi River tends to come up slowly giving time to evacuate.

Mr. Coon also shared that he received a request for resources for hip boots from the City of Buffalo. In 1993, Service Rubber was still in business and local agencies were able to get seconds from them. This was one of the benefits of having them as a community partner.

Dr. Squire inquired where he could donate his hip boots. Mr. Coon suggested he get in touch with the City of Buffalo.

Mrs. Coiner asked where the bridge was that washed out. Mr. Coon explained there were several bridges impacted by the flooding.

G. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Modernization Report.

Amy Thoreson stated there were no minutes. The March meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Ms. Thoreson informed the Board that House File 726 proposed the elimination of the Public Health Advisory Council along with several other councils. The bill would not eliminate the Modernization Fund.

Dr. Hanson asked if the bill related to school nursing is still alive. Ms. Thoreson stated that she was not sure, but knew that they had changed some of the wording. Mrs. Coiner asked what the school nursing file number is. She was informed that it is Senate File 438. Amy Thoreson stated she would send a link to a newsletter that the Iowa Department of Public Health distributes during the legislative session.

H. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Health Department Strategic Plan Report.

Mr. Rivers reported accreditation efforts continue, anticipating the new and improved 2.0 version of the standards. The department continues to try to improve the quality of services delivered and develop the department's workforce. The department continues to educate, promote, and market services. The Organizational Culture and Workplace Environment team brainstormed activity ideas for staff.

I. Mrs. Coiner moved to Board of Health Orientation.

Linda Frederiksen presented an overview of the history of MEDIC EMS. She also discussed current operations and local governance. Ms. Frederiksen mentioned MEDIC achieving accreditation as an ambulance service and a dispatch center. She reviewed data from the past year following the 2018 implementation of the Priority Dispatch with Determinates Program. Community providers continue to review and revise the response levels to events in order to deliver strong EMS services while maintaining safety.

The following was discussed after the presentation.

Dr. O'Donnell asked if there were national response averages for rural and metro areas as a comparison. Ms. Frederiksen stated that they try to maintain 7.59 minutes compared to a 10-minute national average. She stated that they always try to get to the patient quickly, but safely as well. Traffic and terrain may influence overall response times.

Dr. Squire asked if MedForce was under MEDIC. Ms. Frederiksen shared that they are their own entity. They do respond to Scott County and surrounding areas when requested.

Dr. Hanson asked if any of the governing entities that are responsible for the road planning and maintenance/infrastructure review MEDIC data regarding response. Ms. Frederiksen stated they do not currently. MEDIC works well with Scott County Secondary Roads and small town resources when necessary.

Dr. Hanson asked about the dispatch screening process to determine priority. Ms. Frederiksen explained that they make sure they have good caller and location information. The need of the patient drives the priority. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) processes are in place to review appropriateness when situations do arise.

Dr. Hanson inquired about the stress level of the dispatchers. Ms. Frederiksen stated the stress level is very high. They have a stress management team that works with the dispatchers after incidents.

Dr. Hanson asked about recruitment. Ms. Frederiksen shared that healthcare provider recruitment in general is difficult. Rural operations provide EMT courses for individuals that are willing to provide time back after receiving their EMT Certificate. This program started in 1999. MEDIC continues to do this in all of their rural stations. Some of these individuals have become paramedics and continue with them to date. Providing classes at no charge and targeting high schools to educate for a career path helps with the recruitment process.

Mrs. Coiner asked about turnover. Ms. Frederiksen stated that it is approximately 7 – 9%. They currently offer a 403B defined contribution plan, which is very costly, but IPERS would make this much more attractive. Employees are looking for a defined benefit program.

Mrs. Coiner asked where MEDIC takes chest pain and heart attack patients. Ms. Frederiksen stated that it would depend on the patient and the availability of the cardiac catheterization lab. There is good communication between the Scott Emergency Communications Center and the hospitals regarding the availability of catheterization labs.

Dr. Sandeman asked who decides where the patient goes. Ms. Frederiksen shared that the patient decides, or it may be dictated by the hospital designation level by the state.

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. There were no comments.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

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

Following discussion, Dr. Squire moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Local Public Health Services Agreement application, contract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (including Hawki Outreach and I-Smile™) application, contract, subcontract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Grant application, contract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The next meeting will be on April 18, 2019, in the Boardroom on 1st floor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary