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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH September 19, 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 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Squire

Staff Present: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Dennis Coon, Tiffany Tjepkes, Lenore Alonso, Briana Boswell, Pam Gealy, Jackie Hall, Christina McDonough, Kim Mills, LaShon Moore, Chris Varnes

Others Present: Matthew Enright, Jami Haberl, Linda Frederiksen, Diane Martens

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dr. O'Donnell moved to accept the amended 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 July 18, 2019 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. 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.

August

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| • Sheri Saskowski, Environmental Health Specialist | 1 year | August 6 |
| • Tia Siegwarth, Child Health Consultant | 2 years | August 22 |
| • Susan VanDeWalle, Public Health Nurse | 2 years | August 7 |
| • Jessica Redden, Child Care Nurse Consultant | 7 years | August 27 |
| • Ed Rivers, Director | 9 years | August 30 |
| • Brooke Barnes, Community Health Consultant | 11 years | August 29 |
| • Ann Jepson, Public Health Nurse | 14 years | August 2 |
| • Jack Hoskins, Environmental Health Specialist | 19 years | August 7 |
| • Pam Gealy, Office Assistant | 29 years | August 14 |

September

- Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist 6 years September 17
- Teri Arnold, Grant Accounting Specialist 16 years September 22
- Roma Taylor, Clinical Services Manager 40 years September 10

Mr. Rivers reported Christina McDonough met with the Park View Homeowners' Association Board during their joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors to discuss community wellness. Ms. McDonough stated she presented the CHANGE Tool recommendations. The Homeowners' Association Board expressed interest in several recommendations, and planned to keep the topic on their meeting agenda. Ms. McDonough highlighted the tobacco free nicotine free policy and comprehensive sidewalk policy and explained that both of those policies would need to go through the Scott County Board of Supervisors for approval. Lastly, Ms. McDonough reported the Homeowners' Association Board was interested in Hands Only CPR training. The training is scheduled in January with support from the Neal Armstrong PTO and will be open to the entire Park View community.

Mr. Rivers shared that food program staff are in the process of developing a quarterly newsletter to send via-email to all Scott County food establishments. Eric Bradley reported the newsletter would provide education on various topics, information on training opportunities and links to resources.

Mr. Rivers reported the Food Rescue Partnership collaborated with the University of Northern Iowa – Iowa Waste Reduction Center to create table tents to promote Members of Food Rescue and food waste reduction strategies to at home consumers. Ms. McDonough shared the table tents have been distributed to Ross' Restaurant and Davenport Elks Lodge.

Mr. Rivers shared staff viewed the webinar "How the Public Charge Ruling Could Affect Students in Your Coverage Area" presented by the Education Writers Association. The public charge rules are scheduled to go into effect on October 15, 2019. Webinar speakers discussed their concerns about the potential impact where people will not apply for new benefit programs and/or may withdraw from current benefit programs, even if they will not be impacted by the new regulations.

Dr. Hanson inquired if there is any indication as to what is happening in locally with the WIC program and Free Lunch Program in schools. Tiffany Tjepkes responded that the local WIC office is offering walk-in appointments which has helped maintain WIC caseload. Dr. Hanson asked the Department to monitor what is happening in the community locally to ensure children are not missing benefits they qualify for or are being misinformed.

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

C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of August 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 they recently had their Early Childhood Iowa State Audit, which went very well.

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

Tiffany Tjepkes shared that the Department received notification from IDPH that performance measure goals in dental screenings and maternal child health services were met. As a result, no funds will be withheld.

Ms. Tjepkes reported that Kim Mills attended the National Conference on Tobacco or Health. Ms. Tjepkes shared the CDC reported vaping-related lung illness has climbed to 530 cases with 7 deaths. The CDC continues to investigate but has found no known source. Two-thirds of the patients are between 18 and 34 years of age and three-quarters of the patients are male.

Kim Mills shared Mayor Klipsch is interested in issuing a tobacco-free/nicotine-free proclamation for the Davenport parks, which is currently being drafted for review.

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

Denny Coon shared that Chris Varnes and he have been participating in regional exercises that will aid with local planning efforts.

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

Mr. Rivers stated the Department would begin the new Strategic Plan process in October with the consultant.

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

Jami Haberl, Executive Director, Healthiest State Initiative, presented an overview of the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and its current activities. Established in 2011, the organization partners with public, private and non-profits with a goal to inspire Iowans and their communities throughout the state to improve their physical, social, and emotional well-being.

Among the organization's initiatives, they have collaborated with over 37 farmers markets and grocery stores to offer "Double Up Food Bucks" to those on food benefits that purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Participants purchase up to \$10 in produce, use their EBT card and then receive up to \$10 in matching dollars to buy more produce. As a result, they are seeing a behavior change in wanting to buy produce.

Another initiative is the 5-2-1-0 Health Choices Count program:

- 5 – servings of fruits and vegetables
- 2 – hours or less of screen time
- 1 – hour or more of physical activity
- 0 – sugary drinks – more water

Ms. Haberl explained this program was launched two years ago with an emphasis on schools and healthcare clinics to help start conversations about healthy behaviors and has since expanded to workplaces.

Ms. Haberl shared the Healthiest State Initiative is promoting the “Make It OK” campaign, which is designed to reduce the stigma of mental illness and to encourage individuals to talk more openly about mental illness. One in five individuals will have some kind of mental illness in their lifetime. The organization recently completed an impact phone survey on mental health in three counties; including Scott County. The preliminary study results are expected in December and at that time, Ms. Haberl will share them with Scott County.

Ms. Haberl reminded the group that the ninth Healthiest State Annual Walk would take place October 2, 2019. The Annual Walk is an opportunity for schools, workplaces, communities, organizations or neighborhood walking clubs to join other Iowans statewide in walking 30 minutes. Ms. Haberl encouraged everyone to register.

Lastly, Ms. Haberl shared October is the Healthiest State month. Each week during the month will focus on one of the healthy habits featured in 5-2-1-0 with a 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count! Summit on October 22, 2019 at the Des Moines University, Olsen Center.

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

Discussion of MEDIC EMS 28 E Intergovernmental Agreement – Linda Fredericksen, MEDIC

Linda Fredericksen, Executive Director, MEDIC EMS shared that MEDIC EMS was founded in 1982 and is a 501(c)(3) not for profit emergency medical services corporation providing emergency and non-emergency ambulance transportation, dispatching, and electronic patient care record services. MEDIC covers approximately 406 of Scott County’s 456 square miles and is CAAS and ACE accredited as well as a Silver Mission Lifeline achiever.

Ms. Fredericksen explained that the 2014 Comprehensive Study of Emergency Medical Services commissioned by Scott County recommended that MEDIC EMS become a 28E entity. A statement at that time was that there were potentially funds being left on the table by not becoming a 28E intergovernmental agency.

In 2018, the MEDIC EMS Board of Directors began a strategic initiative to evaluate the sustainability of both the current, as well as future corporate structure. Following a comprehensive review, the MEDIC EMS Board of Directors unanimously approved the restructuring of the current 501(c)(3) not for profit status to a 28E Agency.

Ms. Fredericksen explained benefits of a 28E Intergovernmental Agreement are many:

- Improved ability to configure to better respond to surge events;
- Enhanced integration with the Scott Emergency Communications Center;
- Capacity to determine and deploy placement of ambulance stations in response to population shifts;
- Ability to maintain, protect, and improve the Scott County EMS infrastructure, allowing for continued effective and efficient out of hospital patient care and treatment;
- Improved response in rural areas, with reduced dependence on out-of-county volunteer organizations for coverage of the northwest section of Scott County;
- Expanded ability to recruit and retain valuable EMS personnel;
- Possibility to enter into agreements with other jurisdictions for mutual aid response and facilitate the future implementation of countywide fire/EMS.

Enhanced revenue opportunities include the Iowa Offset Program participation, which will provide predictable, balancing revenue through recovery from personal income tax returns and casino winnings from those with outstanding debt; potential for Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) funding, which could increase revenue by \$775,000 annually and ET3 Demonstration Project funding: 5-year program geared towards governmental providers.

Expense reduction includes sales tax exemption (5% on vehicle purchases and 7% sales tax), state and federal fuel tax exemption, estimated at \$40,000 savings annually and stabilization, with a goal of ambulance rate reduction for patient transport.

Enrollment in the Iowa Public Employment Retirement System (IPERS) versus the current defined contribution policy would be an employee benefit.

Mrs. Coiner inquired if there were any problems retaining paramedics. Ms. Fredericksen explained that paramedics require many years of coursework and training. Recently, hospitals have created a new paramedic technician position to help fill the shortage in nursing staff. MEDIC EMS has recently lost two long-term full-time paramedics to Genesis Medical Center. Ms. Fredericksen stated that employee benefits are an important factor in the employee employment decision-making process.

Dr. O'Donnell asked what would happen if MEDIC EMS did not become a 28E Agency. Ms. Fredericksen replied they would continue operating at their current level without the advantages of the 28E Agreement. Dr. O'Donnell asked how this would impact current operations with Genesis Ambulance and Advanced Medical Transport. Ms. Fredericksen explained it would not change their current operational model based upon established guidelines and recommendations from the 2013 Scott County Code of Ordinance Chapter 28.

Fiscal Year 2019 – 4th Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs)

Amy Thoreson shared the Department has met or exceeded 82% of its performance measures, 16% were not met and 2% were not applicable.

Overview of the Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Act Agreement

Dennis Coon explained this is a once a year grant opportunity to apply for funding to send medical examiner staff to the Saint Louis University medicolegal death investigator training course. Scott County was awarded funding to send Dr. William Jerome to the week long course.

Overview of Order of Saint Francis (OSF) Aviation, LLC, application for Licensing of Emergency Medical Services

Ed Rivers explained a representative from OSF contacted him in regards to becoming an authorized air medical inter facility transport service under Chapter 28.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the application for licensing of emergency medical services for Order of Saint Francis (OSF) Aviation, LLC. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Administered Retail Program Standards Grant Program application, contract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the I-Smile™ Silver application, contract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Scott County Kids Flexible Funding Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the St. Ambrose University Influenza Vaccine Support and Education Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Disability Inclusive 5210 application, contract, 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 Healthy Child Care Iowa/Community Action of Eastern Iowa Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the WISEWOMAN application, contract, subcontract, 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 St. Ambrose University Cooperating Agency Agreement to provide clinical experience for nursing students. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Integrated HIV and Viral Hepatitis Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CTR) Services 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 signature of the PractiSynergy Billing Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Quad Cities Open Network (QCON-Hub) Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be on October 17, 2019, in the Boardroom on 1st floor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz, Recording Secretary