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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 19, 2020

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: Mrs. Coiner, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Sandeman, Dr. Hanson

Member Absent: Dr. Squire

Staff Present: Edward Rivers, Eric Bradley, Roma Taylor, Tiffany Tjepkes, Teri Arnold, Jackie Hall

Others Present: Dr. Louis Katz, Kathy Morris, Mark Ridolfi, Barb Ickes

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

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director's Report

Edward Rivers provided an overview of events that had taken place over the past week regarding the coronavirus. Scott County Health Department and Emergency Management Agency opened the County Emergency Operations Center. A task force of community partners was formed to allow for coordination of messaging. Staff continue to participate in numerous meetings and conference calls to stay abreast of the situation. Mr. Rivers shared there have been two positive cases reported in Scott County. Both of these individuals had been tested in Scott County but are not Scott County residents.

Dr. Hanson questioned if the positive case is currently in Scott County and if so, who is officially responsible for the follow-up of the contacts. Mr. Rivers informed her that Health Department employees are following up on the case.

Dr. Katz updated the board on the COVID-19 situation in Scott County. He first noted that he suspected that recognized cases were a small percentage of the total cases, as it had been

reported that many cases are mild and some asymptomatic. He thought that there were unrecognized cases already in Scott County.

At the time of his report, one of the first cases had been reported in Scott County. He reported on that case, with respect to public health implications. He also commended the medical facility for its competent response.

His discussion included comments on:

- The R_0 of the illness, which is a mathematical expression of to how many others an infected person may transmit the illness.
- Cooperation with recommendations instituted to that time. He also commended the local school systems for acting responsibly.
- Reports that children are reported to often be asymptomatic, thus being a means by which the disease can spread easily.
- The difference between capacity for testing and readiness to test. He noted that there were a sufficient number of laboratories and testing machines, but a shortage of reagents to facilitate the tests.
- The need for communication. He recommended outreach by the public health community, local, state, and federal, to raise public awareness.
- The difficulty in predicting how long the pandemic will continue. Mitigation efforts will affect the course, but 18 months may be possible.
- Praise for actions by local health departments and the cooperation by those in the community in canceling events that presented risk of transmission.

Questions from the board were answered on:

- The lag from time of test to result.
- The role of physicians in recognizing presumptive cases and providing testing.
- The number of tests being administered.
- Comparisons to seasonal influenza.
- The course of development for vaccines and therapeutics. He indicated that the timeline for these agents may be extended.
- Survival of the virus on surfaces and objects.

Mrs. Coiner expressed her appreciation to Dr. Katz for sharing his expertise and his guidance to the Health Department. She also expressed appreciation toward the hard working Health Department staff.

- B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of February 2020.
- C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of February 2020.

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

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

Scott County Kids staff are working remotely so there was no one present to report. The minutes were included in the monthly board packet.

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

Tiffany Tjepkes shared all grants are on schedule to meet deadlines. Staff is currently working on five grant applications. All dental screenings have been put on hold for now. Staff are not allowed to provide these services.

Maternal Health services are still being provided at the WIC Clinic as they are deemed essential. Community Health Care, Inc. is conducting a screening process prior to entry as a precautionary measure.

Mrs. Coiner asked if any services are being provided since the Administrative Center has been closed. Mr. Rivers shared staff has been working to develop a method to make services available and stay within the restriction placed on us.

Dr. Hanson expressed concerns of abuse for families that are restricted in close environments and wanted to be sure the abuse hotline was still open. Mr. Rivers shared that he had just heard that the hotline was still open.

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

Mrs. Coiner moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Unfinished Business.

Mr. Rivers shared no action was needed for the FY'20 Scott County Health Department Budget Amendment. This item stays on the agenda until Board of Supervisors' approval.

Mr. Rivers explained that the deadline for the FY'21 Scott County Budget has been extended to April 30. The County is planning to submit on the original March 31 deadline.

Mr. Rivers reviewed the Scott County Health Department 2020-2022 Strategic Plan with the Board. He shared activities, goals, and strategies. Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the plan as written. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Mr. Rivers reviewed details of the current Scott County Code, Chapter 32, Solid Waste Haulers and why it was developed. Kathy Morris shared there has been a consolidation of powers and there are not as many small haulers today. Those still in the hauling business are doing so in a very professional manner. The Health Department and the Waste Commission have a great working relationship and are able to communicate if problems are identified. This makes the organization question if the ordinance remains necessary and is still a good use of time and

resources. Mr. Rivers shared that similar wording used in the Waste Hauler Ordinance is currently included in the Litter Ordinance.

Dr. Hanson asked if we do not license the trucks, how do we know who is hauling waste. Kathy Morris shared the landfill has a very good database that tracks the vehicles that come in by license plate, name of the hauler, type of debris they are bringing in, and the origin of the debris. They also have a camera system in the landfill. The technology is much better than it was when the Waste Hauler Ordinance was put in place. She also shared that a coalition has been formed which Health Department staff are the primary contact.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to repeal the Scott County Code Chapter 32, Solid Waste Hauler Ordinance. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Morris shared they currently have 72 employees and it is reassuring to see the COVID-19 Coalition that has been formed. She is comforted knowing that Scott County Health Department, Ed Rivers, and Dr. Katz will be a reliable resource and will provide well-founded advice. She expressed her appreciation for all of the work the Health Department does.

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

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

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

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize signature of the Immunization Services 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 signature of the Care for Yourself application, contract, subcontract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2020.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary