



## Scott County Health Department

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### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

June 18, 2020

### MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Via Web-Ex at the Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street – 4th Floor Conference 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: Via Web-Ex: Mrs. Coiner, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Squire,  
Dr. Sandeman

Staff Present: In Person: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Roma Taylor,  
Tiffany Tjepkes, Teri Arnold  
Via Web-Ex: Lenore Alonso, Brooke Barnes, Carole Ferch, Christina  
McDonough, Mendell Smith

Others Present: Via Web-Ex: Becky Nowachek, Diane Martens

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. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. 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.

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| • Mendell Smith, Environmental Health Specialist | 1 year   | June 25 |
| • Brittany Wall, Public Health Nurse             | 5 years  | June 10 |
| • Jana Foran, Per Diem Nurse                     | 5 years  | June 24 |
| • Leslie Ronnebeck, Correctional Health Nurse    | 14 years | June 12 |

Mr. Rivers shared statistics found on the Coronavirus.iowa.gov website. The current number of positive cases reported on the site is 417. This compared to 321 cases when we last met for our May 21 meeting. That is less than 100 cases over the past month. We are thankful our numbers have been moderating. The Governor's Proclamation has opened up some establishments and activities that have caused some concern. With it being the summer season, the outdoor activities are underway.

We have been receiving requests for consultation from several entities wanting to have gatherings of various sizes. The two largest events being planned are the Mississippi Valley Fair and the Quad City Symphony's Riverfront Pops. The Quad City Symphony had 7,000 attend the event last year and are planning for approximately 3,000 this year. The challenge in working with the organizers is that there has not been clear guidance in the Governor's Proclamation on how to manage these situations. One requirement is the promoters must ensure that 6 feet of separation is maintained between groups and individuals attending alone. It is not clear how this can be done. It is going to be a challenge with that many people. Enforcement is undefined other than law enforcement is responsible for enforcement. Dr. Katz has worked with staff to create some guidance and protocols to assist with this process.

Baseball and softball are the only two sports that have been allowed. There has been some confusion regarding this as well. There have been many challenges.

Mr. Rivers shared that staff began expanded contact tracing in May. The contact tracing activities are:

- They identify all persons meeting the contact definition, which is less than six feet away from someone for more than fifteen minutes.
- They call each contact and ask whether they have been ill, and instruct them that they have been exposed to COVID-19 and provide guidance accordingly.
- They advise all contacts that it is recommended they be tested for COVID-19 infection.
- They record and document information in the Iowa Disease Surveillance System.

Mr. Rivers shared the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) is restricting local contracts to virtual inspections for pre-openings and complaint investigations. DIA does not intend to conduct physical inspections until the governor lifts all restrictions. The Food Program staff viewed a recording from DIA illustrating a virtual pre-opening inspection process and discussed guidelines that would be required to perform inspections in this fashion.

Eric Bradley informed the board that they have not performed any of these inspections, as they did not have any pre-openings that came up. The Food Service Team did not feel this type of inspection would be beneficial with a new proprietor. He stated they were just informed that they would be allowed to perform routine inspections on the medium high and very high facilities starting July 6<sup>th</sup>. The team will be performing these inspections wearing facemasks and gloves and will not require any signatures. They will write up the report and leave it at the facility.

Dr. O'Donnell asked if the emergency declaration is going to be lifted on June 27. Mr. Rivers shared that is the date it is set to expire. He stated the department is rarely given any indication from the governor's office as to what is next prior to the press releases. He suspects to see more loosening as the numbers are not going up in Iowa like you see in other states such as North Carolina, Texas, and Florida. He assured her that we would keep them informed.

B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of May 2020.

Dr. Hanson inquired about routine immunizations. Mr. Rivers shared there was a press availability that dealt with the effects of COVID-19 on immunizations. Roma Taylor stated

there was a report received from Iowa Department of Public Health about the decrease in the number of immunizations given across the state as compared to last year. This was addressed during a press briefing with a physician from Community Health Care, Inc., Unity Point Health Trinity, and Genesis Health Systems. They discussed the importance of childhood immunizations and the precautions taken to prevent exposure to other sick children during this time. Mrs. Taylor shared that the Scott County Health Department has continued to offer immunizations to children two years of age and younger. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> we will be going back to our routine immunization clinic hours. She shared that with school starting back in August, the state has announced that they will not be giving an extension this year so we want to make sure that the children are vaccinated.

Dr. Hanson indicated concern with it getting closer to the start of school and decreased amount of time to get children immunized whether parents are thinking about routine vaccinations. She questioned if we should be doing more to let the parent know that they need to be planning ahead for this since there will be no exceptions. Roma shared that staff is planning to use social media starting in July to get the word out about the importance of getting kids back in for vaccinations for school. Reminder postcards are sent out annually and will be going out in July. Amy Thoreson shared that the schools are aware of this and send information out to the parents as well.

- C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of May 2020.

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

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

Diane Martens shared Decategorization is preparing for the school year and plans to do the universal social-emotional screener again. Mrs. Martens conveyed that COVID-19 has hit the childcare centers. She expressed her gratitude to the Childcare Nurse Consultant and Health Department staff for all of the guidance and resources that they provide.

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

Tiffany Tjepkes shared staff has been very busy preparing to provide direct care services once this is allowed. The state has provided guidance regarding the needed materials so staff has been securing these items. Staff is allowed to provide dental services in person as soon as all of the personal protective equipment (PPE) has been acquired. We have been advised that WIC is going to be virtual through the end of July so we are looking at other options to reach those moms and children. We are currently conducting breastfeeding classes online which has been popular. We have also seen an increase in the presumptive eligibility applications. These applications have been completed over the phone and has been working well. Staff will continue to provide services as allowed.

Ms. Tjepkes informed the board that the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health grant application has been completed and submitted to the state. We received two-month funding

for the Tobacco Grant. Once Legislature passes their budget, we will receive an amendment for the remaining 10-month balance.

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. O'Donnell 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 items for Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Amy Thoreson reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020-3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Thoreson shared that COVID is evident in many areas. The impact will be fully seen in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter numbers. Projections decreased in inspection and direct service areas but increases were seen in the communicable disease area.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that tanning inspections were an area impacted. The new Scott County ordinance was approved in February; facilities were then closed in March.

Information regarding the FY'21 Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. Authorized Agency Agreement with Scott County Board of Supervisors for substance abuse services was provided to the board for informational purposes only. No action was needed.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the FY'21 Durant Volunteer Ambulanced Authorized Agency Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize signature of the FY'21 Scott County Humane Society Agreement for Animal Shelter/Control Program and Animal Bite Follow-up and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize signature of the FY'21 Health Department Medical Director Agreement 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 FY'21 Chief Medical Officer for Scott County Correctional Health Services Agreement 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 FY'21 EMS Physician's Advisory Board Medical Director Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the FY'21 Waste Commission of Scott County Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rivers shared that the repeal of Scott County Code of Ordinance, Chapter 32, Solid Waste Hauler that was approved in May has moved forward to the Board of Supervisors agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Mrs. Coiner expressed her appreciation for all of the hard work that department has been doing as we continue to fight the coronavirus.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2020.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold  
Recording Secretary