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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

September 17, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Via Web-Ex at the Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th 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

Member Absent: Dr. Sandeman

Staff Present: In Person: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Roma Taylor,
Tiffany Tjepkes, Teri Arnold
Via Web-Ex: Brooke Barnes, Tara Marriott, Sue VanDeWalle

Others Present: Via Web-Ex: Diane Martens, Briley Koberkin, Marissa Kronfeld

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

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 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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| • Sheri Saskowski, Environmental Health Specialist | 2 years | August 6 |
| • Tia Siegwarth, Child Health Consultant | 3 years | August 22 |
| • Susan VanDeWalle, Public Health Nurse | 3 years | August 7 |
| • Jessica Redden, Child Care Nurse Consultant | 8 years | August 27 |
| • Edward Rivers, Director | 10 years | August 30 |
| • Brooke Barnes, Community Health Consultant | 12 years | August 29 |
| • Ann Jepson, Public Health Nurse | 15 years | August 2 |
| • Jack Hoskins, Environmental Health Specialist | 20 years | August 7 |
| • Pam Gealy, Office Assistant | 30 years | August 14 |
| • Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist | 7 years | September 17 |

- Teri Arnold, Grant Accounting Specialist 17 years September 22
- Roma Taylor, Clinical Services Manager 41 years September 10

Mr. Rivers welcomed three new per diem correctional health nurses that started working at the jail in July. Leah Mariblanca started on July 13, Melissa Thomas started on July 14, and Joel Donnelly started July 17.

Mr. Rivers shared the Scott County Administrative building closed for three days following the derecho due to a power outage. During that time, Health Department staff was able to relocate to the Scott County Emergency Operations Center and assist the Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) with assessing and documenting damage to personal, business, and public properties as well as complete COVID-19 investigation and contact tracing.

Edward Rivers reported COVID-19 vaccine planning is underway. Scott County EMA and staff met to begin the planning process for the distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccine. Health Department staff and staff from local medical facilities including Genesis, Unity Point, Community Health Care, Inc., and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center met to discuss vaccine storage. Plans to receive, store, allocate, and distribute the vaccine were all discussed.

Mr. Rivers informed the board that Dave Donovan, Scott County EMA Director, established a steering committee to discuss COVID-19 recovery efforts. It is being discussed whether the 2021 Community Health Assessment could include measures gauging the community’s recover from COVID-19.

Mr. Rivers reported staff participated in the webinar, Communicating in a Nuclear Disaster: Observations from COVID-19 sponsored by NACCHO, CDC, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He shared that we are prepared if this is our next disaster.

Mr. Rivers shared staff have been participating in numerous calls with Iowa Department of Public Health and many other groups in the community. Some of the groups include long-term care providers, schools, and organizations that are planning mass gatherings. The purpose of these calls is to share guidance and recommendations, as well as provide current information regarding the status of the pandemic. Mr. Rivers shared that the Quad City Symphony worked closely with the department regarding the Riverfront Pops Concert, and did a great job protecting the community.

Amy Thoreson shared the department continues to receive notification of positive COVID-19 results, so staff have been following up on these cases seven days a week. She shared that many businesses, schools, and various others have been very cooperative as staff reach out to them with possible exposure to positive cases.

- B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the months of July/August 2020.
- C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the months of July/August 2020.

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 shared they have completed training with all of the school districts on the social emotional screening process for this year. A process for screening youth who are 100% remote learning is included. She also shared that the CARES Act federal funding offered to assist childcare businesses during the pandemic will be ending at the end of this month. This causes concerns for the childcare businesses as they try to sustain and continue to provide care to families once that funding has ended. Mrs. Martens expressed her appreciation to Jessica Redden and the Health Department for the assistance provided to the daycare providers following the derecho as several centers were affected by the storm.

Dr. Hanson inquired about other avenues of funding opening up to assist the daycare providers since the CARES Act funding would be ending. Mrs. Martens shared there is none that she is aware of but there are groups that are trying to advocate with the legislature federally in an attempt to secure additional funding. She is not sure how successful they have been. Dr. Hanson expressed concerns as to how people can return to work and advance the economy if childcare is not available.

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

Tiffany Peterson shared that Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health staff continue to provide services via phone and mail, as well as virtual sessions. Online lactation classes have been working very well. The department received approval from the state to continue utilizing Title V funding for staff to help with contact tracing. Staff is gearing up for the start of the new grant year. Determining locations to deliver in person services continues to be a challenge; WIC is operating virtually at this time.

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

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Amy Thoreson reviewed the Fiscal Year 2020-4th Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). She explained that the department was not able to meet several of the performance measures this year, especially in the environmental areas. This was in part due to many of the facilities being closed for a significant amount of time, or operating at a much-reduced capacity, which did not allow staff to inspect the facilities. State partners who issue the contracts also asked that inspections be suspended. Staff is currently conducting inspections, but not at a pre-pandemic level.

One bright spot for the year was the Maternal Health Program. At the beginning of the year, staff had projected that 125 services would be provided throughout the year and 456 services were provided despite being removed from WIC in mid-March. Many telehealth visits were provided. This program continues to grow.

In looking at the impact that COVID has had, in fiscal year 19, 185 communicable diseases were investigated; in fiscal year 20, the number was 800.

The correctional health numbers were down as far as services provided because the inmate population was down. This resulted in cost savings in medications and services.

The community continues to struggle with dental providers who will accept Medicaid. This was a trend prior to COVID and continues to be even more so now with the retirement of some providers, which has caused a backlog so, they are less likely to have room on their schedules to take kids.

Mrs. Coiner shared she read fines are being issued if people are not 6 feet apart in restaurants. She asked how they are getting the information. Eric Bradley explained that Department of Inspection and Appeal (DIA) has an online complaint form. Scott County Health Department (SCHD) also has a link to it on the department's website. Complainants are asked to upload any photos or videos as evidence. If the business has a liquor license, the Alcohol Beverage Division (ABD) is conducting the main investigation. ABD will fine a first time verified violator \$1,000.00. For those without a liquor license, DIA or SCHD, as the local contractor, would be give the first time offender a verbal warning. A second verified offense will be a seven day suspension of their license, both liquor and food. A third verified violation would bring cause to revoke the licenses. There have only been two or three in the state that have been fined \$1,000.00, and only two or three have received a verbal warning from DIA. ABD shared that investigations require a lot of time when they have no evidence. The Governor shut down bars in several communities because of increased cases.

Dr. Hanson asked if we are able to implement the I-Smile™ Silver program. Amy Thoreson shared that staff has provided quite a bit of care coordination for adults. When an adult calls, staff is able to help them navigate the system. Carole Ferch has assisted with getting medical clearance for adults when dental services are required. Weekly training is being delivered at Genesis to new patient care techs and nurses regarding oral health. Staff has not been going into the nursing home to do any screenings.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the I-Smile™ Silver 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 signature of the Healthy Child Care Iowa/Community Action of Eastern Iowa Agreement 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 St. Ambrose University Influenza Vaccine Support and Education Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the Integrated HIV and Viral Hepatitis Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CRT) 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 signature of the Physical Activity Access application, contract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hanson asked if it would be possible, later this fall, to have a presentation regarding the COVID-19 vaccine process. Amy Thoreson shared that the information recently presented is very basic. Some guidance from the federal government was recently released. The state health department continues to provide weekly updates.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary