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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

October 15, 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. Sandeman, Dr. Hanson,

Member Absent: Dr. Squire

Staff Present: In Person: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Roma Taylor,
Tiffany Peterson, Brenda Schwarz, Michelle Dierickx
Via Web-Ex: Brooke Barnes, Tara Marriott, Christina McDonough, Kim Mills,
Sheri Saskowski

Others Present: Via Web-Ex: Ken Beck, Tony Knobbe, John Maxwell, Mahesh Sharma, Mary
Thee, Dave Donovan, Renee Johnson, Diane Martens

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. Hanson moved to approve the minutes
of the September 17, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. 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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| • Monica Nickels, Laboratory Technician | 2 years | October 22 |
| • Katie DeLaRosa, Medical Assistant | 4 years | October 3 |
| • Leah Kroeger, I-Smile Coordinator | 4 years | October 31 |
| • Carole Ferch, I-Smile Silver Coordinator | 4 years | October 31 |
| • Michelle Dierickx, Office Assistant | 7 years | October 28 |
| • Brenda Schwarz, Senior Office Assistant | 12 years | October 27 |
| • Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist | 30 years | October 1 |

Mr. Rivers introduced Tara Marriott, the Iowa Environmental Health Association's 2020 Rookie of the Year. This reward goes to a person with no more than three years of experience in Environmental Health, who does not have a prior experience of any previous Environmental Health employment. Ms. Marriott has distinguished herself by meritorious service to her agency and the Environmental Health field.

Edward Rivers provided a COVID Report. A joint press conference was held between Scott and Rock Island County Health Departments, Genesis Health System, and a mayor from each state. UnityPoint Health Trinity also provided a statement to be read. The focus was on asking the public to employ masking and social distancing to protect themselves and thereby others from COVID-19. Both case counts and hospitalizations are increasing. Many of these hospitalized cases require care in the ICU and there is concern regarding space locally as well as regionally.

In review of data, the Scott County peak had previously been in July, when the number of cases in symptomatic individuals was 1037. The total number of cases declined to 695 in August but cases began rising again in September with only two cases less being reported in September compared to July. As of the Board of Health meeting, there had already been 730 cases reported in the month. If the trend continues, the number of cases in the month will exceed 1,500 cases. The Department is seeing an increase in the number of cases being reported on a daily basis. The increase has taxed staff's ability to continue case investigation. The Department is discussing more contact tracers/case investigators.

Amy Thoreson reported that since the beginning of the COVID response, staff have been interviewing all Scott County positive cases. That process has evolved throughout time. Staff interview every case with the goal to make contact or at least attempt to contact the individual within twenty-four hours of report including weekends and holidays. In order to manage the cases, staff were reassigned to case investigation and contact tracing based upon workload and experience in order to supplement Clinical Staff. Currently, nineteen staff are engaged in these effort, some of which are funded by various grants. The current rise has created a situation where the Department feels that it is necessary to request additional staffing support. Many activities that were put on hold must resume. Grant funded staff must complete required activities, and the daily numbers are beginning to be more than the current staff can handle. Scott County Human Resources and Administration is in support of pursuing additional staff.

The Department continues to be engaged in COVID-19 vaccine planning. Staff was able to attend a drive-through mass influenza clinic coordinated by the Rock Island County Health Department. A point of dispensing assessment was completed which included information regarding long term care facilities, assisted living facilities, and medical facilities in the community. In addition, representatives from Genesis, UnityPoint Trinity, Community Health Care, Scott and Rock Island County Emergency Management Agencies, and both Health Departments are meeting regularly to share information and plan.

Dave Donovan, Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director, provided the Board of Health Orientation. Mr. Donovan discussed the partnership between Scott County EMA and the Health Department. He highlighted the various challenges that the community has worked through collaboratively in 2020...train derailment, flooding, civil unrest, the

derecho, COVID-19, and others. He highlighted the Quad City COVID-19 Coalition and the way that it has unified information distribution and planning throughout various sectors on both sides of the river.

Mr. Donovan talked about the planning that has taken place with the long-term care facilities in the area over the last five years and how those efforts have helped build relationships and prepare facilities for outbreaks as well as other disasters...many of which occurred in 2020. The role that EMA has played in personal protective equipment procurement to support community facilities and first responders was discussed. Finally, Mr. Donovan highlighted the challenges and lessons learned that have arisen in the pandemic response through this point.

Supervisor Beck inquired about election planning and Mr. Donovan described the engagement that his office has had with the Auditor's Office, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMS regarding this area. Mrs. Coiner and Mr. Beck acknowledged Mr. Donovan for his efforts.

Dr. Hanson inquired regarding whether vaccine planning has involved discussions with Clinton, Cedar, and Muscatine Counties. Mrs. Thoreson shared that vaccine can be provided to individuals working in counties even if they are not residents of the county. Planning efforts have focused primarily on Rock Island County. Dr. Hanson also inquired regarding vaccine storage. Information regarding the Iowa Department of Public Health's expectations for vaccine shipment and storage were discussed. Mrs. Coiner discussed the letter that she received from the Iowa Department of Public Health and approved regarding Scott County Health Department being the designated public health agency in Scott County for vaccine management. Mrs. Coiner planned to share the letter with the other Board members. Mrs. Coiner inquired regarding the counties in the Region.

Mrs. Coiner inquired about rapid COVID-19 testing. Mr. Rivers gave an overview of discussions that have occurred about rapid testing. He also described reliability concerns with antigen testing. The Board engaged in a discussion regarding testing in general.

Mrs. Coiner commented on the face covering webinar that staff had watched and mentioned how this information is relevant for all since many people do not wear face coverings appropriately.

Mrs. Coiner inquired regarding certified renovators to support the efforts of Live Lead Free QC. Mr. Rivers shared various efforts to recruit and train certified contractors.

Mrs. Coiner commented on the partnership between the Genesis Heart Instituted and the I-Smile™ Silver Program. This partnership has been very valuable as dental care has been difficult to access due to closure of the offices as well as the resulting backlog from when offices reopened.

Denise Coiner asked about COVID-19 testing in the jail. Amy Thoreson shared that while universal testing is not being done, the capacity to complete the testing exists.

- B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of September 2020.
- C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of September 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 that virtual training for Scott County Schools regarding the universal Social Emotional screening process has occurred. Mrs. Martens described the challenges that child care providers are experiencing as the result of COVID-19 and the ways that Scott County Kids is working to assist the providers. She expressed appreciation for the support that staff have been providing to child care providers.

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

Tiffany Peterson highlighted that Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) program. The Iowa Department of Public Health is proposing that there be a regional approach for the delivery of the MCAH and WIC Programs. Each program would have a designated contractor. Scott County's proposed region includes Cedar, Clinton, and Jackson Counties. The decision regarding the agency to provide regional services would be made through a Request for Proposal process. The state is currently evaluating feedback on this service delivery model.

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

Approve and authorize the signature of the COVID-19 Vaccine Agreement

Edward Rivers shared the Department will be the entity in Scott County in charge of ensuring that the COVID vaccine is properly received, stored and administered. Amy Thoreson added that any entity that would like to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccine has to have an approved COVID-19 Vaccine Agreement. The agreement outlines the expectations of how to store the vaccine and data entry in the Iowa Immunization Registry.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize signature of the COVID-19 Vaccine Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Coiner asked if the next meeting would be virtual. Edward Rivers stated the decision regarding the next meeting would be made based upon the COVID-19 status closer to the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2020.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenore Alonso
Recording Secretary