



## Scott County Health Department

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### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

February 18, 2021

### 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. Sandeman,  
Dr. Squire

Staff Present: Via Web-Ex: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Tiffany Peterson,  
Roma Taylor, Teri Arnold, Brooke Barnes, Lorna Bimm, Shiobhan Burkhead,  
Logan Hildebrandt, Kimberly Hochstein, Heath Johnson, Christina  
McDonough, Ray Miller, Kim Mills, Lashon Moore, Brenda Schwarz

Others Present: Via Web-Ex: Nicole Mann, Tom Barton, Mark Ridolfi

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

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the  
minutes of the December 17, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion  
carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Election of Officers. Dr. Sandeman moved to retain the current officers for  
the coming year. Mrs. Coiner as Chair, Dr. O'Donnell, Vice Chair, and Dr. Hanson, Secretary.  
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.

- Logan Hildebrant, Environmental Health Specialist 5 years January 11
- Jane Morehouse, Per Diem Nurse 19 years January 2
- Heath Johnson, Community Health Interventionist 4 years February 20
- Lashon Moore, Clinical Services Specialist 18 years February 24
- Amy Thoreson, Deputy Director 22 years February 22

Mr. Rivers introduced three new employees: Ray Miller, Environmental Health Specialist, Shiobhan Burkhead, Public Health Nurse, and Kimberly Hochstein, Office Assistant. All started in February.

Mr. Rivers acknowledged the retirement of Pam Gealy, Office Assistant, on January 29, after 30 years with the Health Department. He also expressed appreciation to Roma Taylor, Clinical Services Manager, for once again delaying her retirement plans until May of this year after 42 years of service to Scott County.

Mr. Rivers provided an overview of COVID-19 cases for Scott County. As of the meeting, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported a total of 16,823 cases in Scott County and one hundred and ninety-seven deaths. Scott County's 14-day positivity rate was 8.6% and the 7-day positivity rate was 6.9%. This is a great improvement from the past several months.

Mr. Rivers explained that IDPH publishes vaccine administration data two ways. The first is the number of residents in the county that have received the vaccine. The second is the number of vaccines provided in a county. The difference being the county or state of residency. Since this is a federally funded vaccine, individuals are not required to reside in the county or state where the vaccine was administered. As of the meeting, IDPH reports 12,457 Scott County residents had received one dose of a vaccine and 4,800 individuals had received two doses. Overall, Scott County providers had administered 14,159 doses with 5,686 having received both doses. Administration at the Sears Building continues with the focus on Phase 1B, Tier 1 population. Feedback from individuals going through the clinic experience has been very positive.

Mr. Rivers reported the vaccine allocation remained steady for the month of February; 2,250 doses per week with a combination of Pfizer and Moderna being received. The majority of the vaccine has been distributed to Genesis, UnityPoint Health-Trinity, and Community Health Care for administration to those 65 and older. The Center for Active Seniors has assisted with individuals that do not have primary care provider (PCP) or whose PCP is not part of one of the larger health systems. Mr. Rivers also shared that some local pharmacies are receiving vaccine as part of the federal partnership with pharmacies program.

Mr. Rivers stated that it had been reported that 600 million doses will be available by the end of July. When questioned if the sudden influx of vaccine would challenge the department and others in the community to get the doses administered, he stated the department has the ability to administer at least 1,000 doses a day. He believed the infrastructure in the community would be able to absorb this influx. Mr. Rivers stated the Board of Supervisors made an inquiry through the state about Scott County becoming a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) site. They were informed that a FEMA site did not provide additional vaccine. As a result, a formal request for this support was not submitted.

Mr. Rivers informed the Board the Iowa Infectious Disease Advisory Council's Phase 1C eligibility recommendations have been approved by IDPH. Phase 1C will be persons 64 years of age and younger with medical conditions that are known to or may increase the risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Dr. Hanson inquired if any local Hy-Vee's are administering the vaccine. Amy Thoreson stated that the National Pharmacy Partnership started the second week of February; Hy-Vee is receiving direct allocations of vaccine through this initiative. According to initial information received from the state, three Hy-Vee's in Scott County have received vaccine as well as the Clinton and Muscatine Hy-Vee's. Dr. Hanson inquired about the status of the Genesis patient list. Amy Thoreson recently spoke with their Clinic Manager. He shared that they currently have 13,000 orders for vaccine outstanding.

Dr. Sandeman asked about whether there was an estimate on when Phase 1B would be completed. Amy Thoreson stated this timeline was unknown; highly dependent upon vaccine supply in the community and the number of individuals that choose to be vaccinated.

Mrs. Coiner asked if the Pharmacy Partnership was coordinated with the federal government or the state. Mrs. Thoreson explained that the National Pharmacy Partnership is a federal program with the CDC. Each state was asked to identify two pharmacy networks within the state for initial participation. The state of Iowa chose Hy-Vee and Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network, of which Main at Locust is part. These two pharmacy networks receive vaccine directly from the federal government. These doses are above what is allocated by IDPH through local public health.

Dr. Sandeman inquired if the county is only giving second vaccinations at the Sears location now that vaccine has been distributed to Genesis. Amy Thoreson explained that both first and second doses are being provided at the Sears location. While there had only been one publicly announced clinic, multiple clinics for individuals in Phase 1A and Phase 1B-Tier 1 had been held. These clinics were filled by reaching out directly to qualifying organizations.

Mrs. Hanson inquired about the number of 65 and older that might have received vaccinations because they are in assisted living facilities or nursing home sites. Mrs. Thoreson shared that the department did not have the numbers since that effort was being coordinated at the state and federal level. All skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities either participated in the federal program or received vaccine through local public health allocation and a partnership with Main Healthcare Extended Care Pharmacy.

Mrs. Coiner asked if the 500 individuals that signed up and just went through the Sears clinic are going to be able to get their second doses at that same location and if they received the Pfizer vaccine. Mrs. Thoreson informed her that the Moderna vaccine was administered and assured her that we have been in communication with them and all of those individuals have already been scheduled for their second dose. That clinic is schedule for the first week in March.

Dr. Hanson inquired when we might see the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in our county. Mrs. Thoreson shared the FDA has the Emergency Use Authorization meeting on February 26. Then the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will meet to discussion how it will be used. Local public health has not received information from the federal or state level on how the vaccine will be allocated once it has been approved.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that staff continue to manage vaccine communication and messaging, emphasizing the differences in eligible individuals between the two states.

Mrs. Coiner shared that she had asked that the Board receive more information on vaccine efforts going forward. She respects how inundated staff has been, but commented that as members of the Board of Health they also have citizens asking them questions and she would like to be able to answer questions with confidence. Mr. Rivers shared that it is difficult as information may be shared in the morning and it will change by the afternoon. Mrs. Coiner offered her assistance with whatever is needed.

Dr. Hanson expressed excitement to see some routine departmental activities taking place.

B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the months of December 2020 and January 2021.

C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the months of December 2020 and January 2021.

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

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

Nicole Mann shared they are preparing for site visits. They will meet with their contractors virtually. Ms. Mann stated they are also reviewing funding for the upcoming year and will not have to cut any of programs.

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

Tiffany Peterson reported most grants are being extended for the next year. The state is not requiring contractors to complete an application for the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health grant or the Local Public Health Services grant. Contractors will be required to submit the planned activities and an updated budget for both. The Tobacco grant application has been submitted; the notice of intent to award is anticipated on February 25, 2021.

Mrs. Coiner commended Kim Mills for her efforts in working with the City of Davenport as they consider prohibiting tobacco use in the parks.

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. Squire 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.

Amy Thoreson provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). The performance measures highlighted were:

- A decrease in routine communicable diseases.

- The impact on correctional health appraisals completed within 14 days due to the need to quarantine or isolate inmates reporting symptoms upon booking.
- Environmental health inspections continuing to be below where would anticipate mid-way through the year based upon the pandemic.
- Continued decline in dentists accepting Medicaid patients and the associated program and community impact.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Family Planning Council of Iowa, and Scott County Health Department for Community Based Screening Services Project. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Joint Mass Clinic Agreements with City of Bettendorf, Community Health Care, Inc., Genesis Health System, Main at Locust Pharmacy & Medical Supplies, Main Healthcare Extended Care Pharmacy, MEDIC EMS, and UnityPoint Health Trinity. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hanson expressed pride and gratitude that Scott County prioritized the vaccination of teachers.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold  
Recording Secretary