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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May 20, 2021

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 12:02 p.m.

Members Present: Via Web-Ex: Mrs. Coiner, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Sandeman,
Dr. Squire

Staff Present: Via Web-Ex: Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Tiffany Peterson, Lori Steiner,
Roma Taylor, Lashon Moore, Teri Arnold, Lenore Alonso, Briana Boswell,
Shiobhan Burkhead, Anna Copp, Leah Kroeger, Christina McDonough,
Brenda Schwarz, Chris Varnes

Others Present: Via Web-Ex: Diane Martens, Ashley Wandera

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

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director's Report

Amy Thoreson recognized the following employee for his years of service with the department.

- Eric Bradley, Environmental Health Manager 15 years May 8th

Mrs. Thoreson shared Anna Copp has accepted the position of Community Tobacco Consultant. The department is currently recruiting for the Maternal and Child Health Consultant position Mrs. Copp vacated. The job title and description had recently been updated to align with the current Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) contract requirements.

Mrs. Thoreson announced the official retirement of Roma Taylor after 41.5 years of service on May 28th. This being her last Board of Health meeting, Mrs. Taylor thanked the Board for their

support and wisdom over the years. She shared she has enjoyed working at the Health Department and expressed what a blessing this position has been to her, her family, and the community. She hopes to stay involved in public health. Mrs. Thoreson shared that Mrs. Taylor’s nephew interviewed her for a news story for WHBF-TV. There was also an article in the Quad City Times and the North Scott Press is forthcoming.

Mrs. Thoreson provided an overview of COVID-19 cases for Scott County. As of the meeting, IDPH reported a total of 21,564 positive tests in Scott County. That number represents 20,136 individuals. So far there had been 475 cases in May, compared to a total of 1,495 in April which was up from 1,062 in March and 766 in February. Scott County saw rising cases from mid-March through mid-April and remained at that higher level until the end of the month. The case numbers then started going down, but flattened again, but have started to decline again. Scott County’s seven-day positivity rate was 4.2% and the fourteen-day positivity rate was 4.9% but is listed at 6.8% in Domo. Staff are inquiring as to what accounts for the difference. Hospitalization levels have stabilized. The department continues to advocate for individuals to follow CDC guidelines regarding masking and distancing, which are different for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Mrs. Thoreson shared that individuals are at different comfort levels with this new guidance. She reminded everyone to be patient and kind with each other. COVID-19 has affected everyone in different ways.

Mrs. Thoreson reported there have been 145,397 doses of COVID-19 vaccine given by Scott County vaccine providers. There have been 7,892 Scott County residents that have initiated the first dose of a two-dose series, but have not yet completed their second dose. According to CDC, the below chart shows the percent of individuals that have been fully vaccinated as compared to the United States.

Fully Vaccinated	Scott County	US
% of Population	39.5%	37.8%
% Population greater than 12	46.8%	44.8%
% Population greater than 18	51%	47.9%
% Population greater than 65	81.2%	73%

Mrs. Thoreson shared the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for individuals 12 to 15 years of ages for the Pfizer vaccine, and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) approved it as well. The department is still responsible to distribute vaccine to health care providers and pharmacies. The Health Department continues to administer Johnson & Johnson (J & J) vaccine. Clinics were held at both St. Ambrose University and Modern Woodmen Park. A total of 173 doses were administered. J & J vaccine is being offered in a walk-in format at the Health Department and at Humility of Mary shelter per their request. Staff have been gathering information to determine good locations in order to make vaccine more accessible to people. Messaging regarding the VaccineFinder website is being used, because it allows individuals to search by vaccine type and staff are distributing flyers and posters with vaccine locations in an attempt to help individuals navigate through this process.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the Community Health Assessment Group has been meeting routinely to plan the 2021 Quad Cities Community Health Assessment process. The first Stakeholder Committee meeting will take place on Friday. Dr. Hanson has agreed to represent the Scott County Board of Health on this committee.

Amy Thoreson reported information shared at the Region 6 Public Health meeting about an evaluation that is underway regarding a potential merger between Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) and Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). She will keep the Board informed as more details are released.

Mrs. Coiner inquired about a facility providing food and water to dogs and serving them on their patio. Eric Bradley explained that new State of Iowa Administrative Rules went into effect on February 3rd which allow animals on outdoor patios as long as they have an exterior entrance. They are not allowed to enter through the restaurant. A complaint was investigated about an establishment using metal dog dishes which were washed and reused. Establishments are required to use single serving disposable dishware. Dr. Sandeman requested a copy of the Administrative Rule requirements be sent to him.

B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of April 2021.

C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of April 2021.

Following discussion, Dr. Sandeman 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 expressed her appreciation to Jessica Redden for her knowledge and assistance provided to the childcare centers, especially during the pandemic.

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

Tiffany Peterson highlighted a new pilot project in which the department has been invited to participate. The Title V Doula Pilot Project is an effort to reduce maternal health disparities in Iowa. Staff will be working with IDPH to identify and certify African American doulas to participate in this project and work with African American mothers. The doulas will be trained as a CLC Certified Lactation Consultant (CLC) in order to offer support with breastfeeding initiation and during post-partum period. Planning will begin in July.

Mrs. Peterson reported the dental screenings in the schools have been completed and the report was included with the Director's Report. There was a drop in dental screening compliance due to the pandemic this year.

Ashley Wandera, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Coordinator with Community Health Care, Inc. provided the Board with an overview of the Scott County WIC Program. WIC has a role to help connect clients to various assistance programs in the community. She reviewed the income guidelines and the participation rates for the year. Due to the pandemic,

many services were provided virtually which was helpful for clients. Ms. Wandera describe the benefits an eligible client receives.

Dr. O'Donnell inquired about the current utilization of vouchers at the Farmers Market and if the use of these continues to be a challenge. Ms. Wandera explained that this year was a challenge due to the pandemic. In more recent years, utilization was going well. WIC is hopeful there will be more vendors that will partner through the Farmers Market.

Dr. O'Donnell asked about the potential for virtual visits once the emergency proclamation is lifted. Ms. Wandera explained that discussions are underway, but no final decision has been made. Several surveys are being conducted to determine the benefits of this format. Dr. O'Donnell shared that she does not have an opposition to virtual visits, but expressed the importance of clients understanding expectations when receiving these benefits.

Dr. Hanson questioned if there is a specific age group of mothers that receive their services. Ms. Wandera stated they serve a wide age range of moms. She shared they do see a lot of moms in their early twenties but have some moms in their forties. Dr. Hanson also inquired if one of their locations is more heavily used than the other. Ms. Wandera stated the Edgerton clinic sees more clients because of the co-location with obstetrical services at that site.

Ms. Wandera was asked if there is a limit on the number of breast pumps a client could receive. She shared the state policy allows one pump per pregnancy. They provide clients with the Medela pumps which have a one year warranty.

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

Mrs. Coiner moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Commercial Septic Tank Cleaners Contract with Iowa Department of Natural Resources and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Transient Non Community Water Supply Contract with Iowa Department of Natural Resources and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Squire moved to approve the recommendation for Scott County Medical Examiner Autopsy Transportation. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy Thoreson provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021 – 3rd Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). She shared that Covid is still impacting these figures.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary