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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

June 17, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 1st Floor Board Room
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Mrs. Coiner, Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Coiner, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Squire

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Tiffany Peterson, Lori Steiner, Lashon Moore, Brenda Schwarz, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Shiobhan Burkhead, Christina McDonough

Others Present: Francesca Ballantine, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Katie Liebowitz, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences

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 20, 2021 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director's Report

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

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| • Mendell Smith, Environmental Health Specialist | 2 years | May 25 th |
| • Brittany Wall, Per Diem Nurse | 6 years | May 10 th |
| • Jana Foran, Per Diem Nurse | 6 years | May 24 th |
| • Leslie Ronnebeck, Correctional Health Nurse | 15 years | May 12 th |

Mrs. Thoreson shared Joyce Erickson has accepted the position of a per diem nurse. Ms. Erickson has pediatric experience and began employment on May 19th working in the immunization clinic.

Mrs. Thoreson reported Kimberly Hochstein resigned after 3 months of service on June 4th and the department is currently in the process of recruiting for the Clinical Services Office Assistant position.

Mrs. Thoreson noted a shift from referring to the Sexually Transmitted Infection Program to the Sexual Health Program and switching from disease (STDs) to infection (STIs). It was noted that the Sexual Health Clinics held on Fridays were paused during the pandemic. The plan is to start offering these clinics again in July.

Mrs. Thoreson asked Tiffany Peterson to report on the Bettendorf Healthy Hometown Kick-Off. Mrs. Peterson shared Healthy Hometown is sponsored by Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and is designed to facilitate the process to provide expert consultation in areas such as policy, transportation, planning, dietetics, tobacco policy, and community development. Mrs. Peterson explained Christina McDonough and she are participating in the workshops and, together, the group will decide on priority initiatives.

Mrs. Thoreson explained a requirement of the Immunization Services Grant is to report to the Board of Health on immunization benchmarks twice a year. The overall immunization rate has fallen, which is a national trend as individuals did not seek medical care during COVID-19. There are efforts between the Scott County Health Department, Rock Island County Health Department, Quad City Health Initiative, and others to bring messaging of the importance on receiving vaccine and getting caught up.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the State of Iowa is transitioning from weekly meetings to ad hoc meetings regarding COVID-19 vaccine and disease information. The Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition and Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) COVID-19 meetings have transitioned to monthly meetings. In July, the EMA will be deciding if they are going to demobilize the efforts and transition to a more routine operation.

Mrs. Thoreson provided an overview of COVID-19 cases for Scott County. As of this meeting, IDPH reported a total of 21,747 positive tests in Scott County. That number represents 20,302 individuals. To date, there have been 58 cases in June, compared to a total of 590 in May and peaking in April with 1,495. Scott County saw rising cases from mid-March through April and then saw a slow decline in cases. Scott County's seven-day positivity rate is 1.5% and the fourteen-day positivity rate is 1.2%. The CDC continues to have Scott County listed as a County with moderate transmission which is common with a majority of the counties in the State. Hospitalization levels have declined.

Mrs. Thoreson reported there have been 159,932 doses of COVID-19 vaccine given by Scott County vaccine providers. There have been 6,408 Scott County residents that have initiated the first dose of a two-dose series, but have not yet completed their second dose. The CDC reports the percent of individuals that have been fully vaccinated as compared to the United States (See chart below).

Fully Vaccinated	Scott County	US
% of Population	44.3%	44.1%
% Population greater than 12	52.4%	51.6%
% Population greater than 18	55.8%	54.8%
% Population greater than 65	83.5%	76.6%

Mrs. Thoreson shared Johnson & Johnson vaccine continues to be offered in a walk-in format at the Health Department. The Health Department has completed four weeks of clinics at Humility of Mary. The Department will be hosting clinics at the Juneteenth event on June 19th, St. Anthony’s Church on June 20th, Vera French Carol Center on June 22nd, and First Presbyterian Church on June 30th. The Department continues to gather additional information regarding vaccination data by zip code which will allow a more focused marketing target.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the process of developing after action plans has begun which identifies what worked well and any improvements needed.

Mrs. Hanson asked if there has been any word about and what planning needs to take place on COVID-19 boosters in the fall. Mrs. Thoreson responded there has not been any information given on whether boosters will be needed or who will need them as the data is still being tracked.

- B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of May 2021.
- C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of May 2021.

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.

Staff from Scott County Kids was unable to attend.

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

Mrs. Peterson reported the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Care, Inc. (CHC) is being reviewed. The services were discontinued on-site when the pandemic began, and now that WIC is beginning to see clients in person, staff will begin providing services on-site starting July 13th.

Mrs. Peterson shared the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Consultant position has been filled. The consultant will be trained to provide Maternal Health social work services at Community Health Care-Edgerton two days a week which is now a component of the grant.

- F. Board of Health Orientation – Organizational Profiles to Inform MCAH Programs – Partners for Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health.

Mrs. Peterson explained the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued a Request for Information to allow interested parties to provide IDPH with information to assist them in preparation for Request for Proposals for the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH);

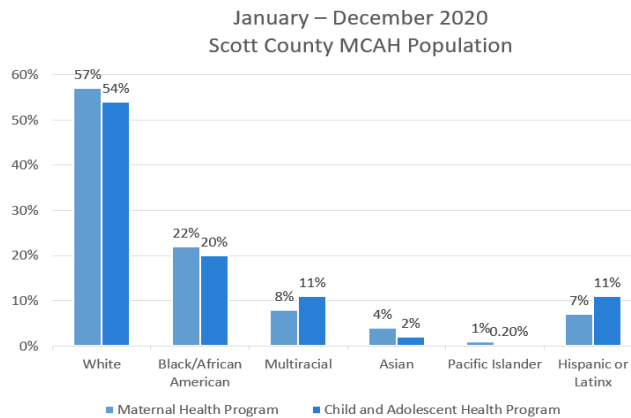
I-Smile™; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); and 1st Five programs. Mrs. Peterson shared staff worked on completing the Request for Information by providing information about the Scott County Health Departments interest and capacity to provider, partner, or outreach for the programs.

Mrs. Peterson shared the Scott County Health Department MCAH program currently serves approximately 2,000 children and over 100 pregnant or post-partum women. Mrs. Peterson shared the below chart of the populations served.



Populations Served by Scott County MCAH Program

Source: [SignifyCommunity](#)



Mrs. Peterson explained the services are provided in languages other than English, including for deaf or hard of hearing. The Maternal Health Services offered are: presumptive eligibility, care coordination, interpretation, Medicaid risk assessment, health education, breastfeeding support, lactation classes, postpartum follow-up, psychosocial services, individualized plan of care, nursing assessment, depression screening, listening visits, domestic violence screening and alcohol/substance abuse screen with brief intervention. Child and Adolescent Health Services offered are: informing (outreach to 200-300 families monthly), care coordination, presumptive eligibility, interpretation, developmental screening and local transportation (seldom used, refer to MCOs). Lastly, Oral Health Services offered include: dental care coordination, oral health education, oral screening – initial and periodic, fluoride varnish, silver diamine fluoride and nutritional counseling.

Mrs. Peterson reviewed the Scott County Health Department’s submissions for their areas of interest:

WIC Services – Interested in assisting with outreach and education. CHC has been a longtime provider of WIC services in Scott County. The department has developed a referral relationship and a strong partnership to offer Maternal Health and I-Smile™ services by co-locating within their clinics. Scott County Health Department (SCHD) is able to refer clients to WIC for services as needed. If SCHD’s service areas expand to include additional counties, the

Department would be open to discussing expansion of MCAH services within additional WIC clinics.

Breastfeeding Peer Counseling – Interested in assisting with outreach & education. If the program was available in the SCHD service area, the department would be interested in establishing a referral relationship between the breastfeeding peer counselors and the SCHD MCAH staff. If the service area expands to include additional counties, the department would be open to expanding their referral relationship between the breastfeeding peer counselors at the WIC agencies and the SCHD MCAH staff.

Maternal Health Services – Interested in and have capacity to provide services (contract or subcontract). The SCHD has been a long time Maternal Health service provider in Scott County. During this time, the department has built significant infrastructure to support services within the county. The SCHD would be very interested in continuing to provide these services. If the service area expands to include additional counties, the department would be open to discussing expansion of Maternal Health services within other counties and would consider subcontracting with other interested agencies.

Child and Adolescent Health Services – Interested in and have capacity to provide services (contract or subcontract). The SCHD has been a long time Child and Adolescent Health services provider in Scott County. During this time, the department has built infrastructure to support services within the county. The SCHD would be very interested in continuing to provide these services. If the service area expands to include additional counties, the department would be open to discussing expansion of Child and Adolescent Health services within other counties and would consider subcontracting with other interested agencies. The SCHD currently refers clients in need of home visiting services to Genesis Visiting Nurses Association. The SCHD does not have the capacity to offer this service in other counties. The direct services are gap filling and do not take the place of primary care visits, such as well child visits.

Oral Health Direct Services – Interested in and have capacity to provide services (contract or subcontract). The SCHD has been a long time Oral Health service provider in Scott County. During this time, the department has built significant infrastructure to support services within our county. The department would be very interested in continuing to provide these services. If the service area expands to include additional counties, the department would be open to discussing expansion of Oral Health Services within other counties and would consider subcontracting with other interested agencies.

I-Smile™ Services – Interested in and have capacity to provide services (contract or subcontract). The SCHD has been a long time I-Smile™ provider in Scott County. During this time, the department has built significant infrastructure to support services within the county. The SCHD would be very interested in continuing to provide these services. If the service area expands to include additional counties, the department would be open to discussing expansion

of I-Smile™ services within other counties and would consider subcontracting with other interested agencies.

1st Five Healthy Mental Development Services – Unsure – would like to discuss further. 1st Five Health Mental Development services have not been offered in Scott County. The SCHED is open to learning more about these services and potential expansion to Scott County. If the service area expands to include additional counties, the department would be open to learning more about these services and potential expansion to other counties. If awarded funding for these services, the department would be considering subcontracting with other interested agencies.

Mrs. Peterson explained the Request for Information responses were due June 15, 2021. The Iowa Department of Public Health will schedule respondent conversations June 21 – July 9, 2021. After that, IDPH will prepare a Request for Proposal.

Dr. O'Donnell asked for clarification on whether the outreach of 200 to 300 families per month were new families or families that have not been previously enrolled for services. Mrs. Peterson shared the outreach number are families that have a new family member such as a child that was born or a family that recently moved to our County.

Dr. O'Donnell inquired, out of the number of people that are eligible to receive the services each month, how many take advantage of the program. Mrs. Peterson shared written communication is sent to the qualifying families but there are 40% to 50% that are unable to be reached by phone.

Dr. O'Donnell asked if the programs were at capacity. Mrs. Peterson responded they are not.

Dr. O'Donnell stated there are times she feels the perception is the services are not available. Dr. O'Donnell shared she felt that if the services are available, they are not at capacity, and the family decides not to take advantage of them it is not the County's responsibility or fault. Dr. O'Donnell added that it is good to know there is capacity in the program for expansion.

Mrs. Hanson commented when a family does not respond to the outreach efforts, it is hard to know why they have not taken advantage of the services.

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 shared she has spoken with Ken Beck, Scott County Board of Supervisor Chair in regards to filling Dr. Sandeman's vacant Board of Health position. Mrs. Coiner asked the Board members to share any recommendations they may have so she may present them to Mr. Beck.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Eric Bradley reported the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) contract for performance of the food and hotel licensing, inspections, and enforcement activities is a three year contract. The first year of the contract has no changes. Beginning in July 2022, DIA will require tracking of various metrics which includes follow up and timelines on routine inspection violations on non-illness or foodborne outbreaks. SCHED tracks these metrics as a part of the department's performance measures.

Mr. Bradley explained beginning July 2022, when DIA determines that an environmental assessment is warranted in response to a foodborne illness outbreak, DIA will conduct the environmental assessment, while the local health department staff will continue to perform the inspection of the facility. DIA will have specifically trained staff that will complete the environmental assessments for all counties in the event of an outbreak.

Lastly, Mr. Bradley shared the DIA database is outdated. DIA is in the beginning stages of building a new database. Beginning July 2022, DIA will retain a percentage of the license fees submitted through the USA Food Safety data system as a software maintenance fee. The processing fee will be used to support a portion of the cost to maintain, support, and host the USA Food Safety data system. It is estimated this will cost Scott County approximately \$5,500.

Once the new database system is in place, it is the intention that DIA will assume all responsibility for processing license applications and issuing licenses, with the exception of temporary food establishment applications/licenses and farmers market application/licenses. Local staff will continue to complete the inspections. The state will be looking to hire two to three additional staff to support the changes with a plan to hold 7% to 10% of all license fees collected. According to 2019 numbers it is projected to cost Scott County \$21,000 to \$35,000/annually.

Mrs. Coiner shared having inspections done by the local Health Departments is important in keeping the community safe and there is value to keeping it local.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY'22 Durant Volunteer Ambulance Authorized Agency Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY'22 Humane Society of Scott County 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 the signature of the FY'22 Health Department Medical Director Agreement and any subsequent amendments – Dr. Katz. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Amendment with MEDIC EMS to extend the Agreement Period and Associated Agreement Amount through June 30, 2022. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY'22 Chief Medical Officer for Scott County Correctional Health Services Agreement and any subsequent amendments – Dr. Posey. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY'22 Scott County Medical Examiner Transportation Services for Autopsies Agreement and any subsequent amendments –Runge. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY'22 EMS Physician's Advisory Board Medical Director Agreement and any subsequent amendments – Dr. Vermeer. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY'22 Waste Commission of Scott County Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Precision Transcription, LLC Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the The Project of the Quad Cities Agreement. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the PrEP Testing and Care Coordination Agreement with the University of Iowa Hospital and the Iowa Department of Public Health. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreement with the Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreement with the Center for Behavioral Health. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreement with Humility Homes and Services, Inc. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreement with Muscatine Center for Social Action. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreement with Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreement with Trinity New Horizons. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Care, Inc. for Maternal and Child Health Direct Services. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the 28E Interagency Agreement with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals to authorize the performance of the food and hotel licensing, inspections, and enforcement activities signature of the. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Amendment with FirstMed Pharmacy. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on July 22, 2021 rather than July 15, 2021, in the Boardroom on 1st floor to assure there is a quorum for the meeting.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary