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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

July 22, 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 12:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Eric Bradley, Tiffany Peterson, Teri Arnold, Brenda Schwarz, Briana Boswell, Anna Copp, Jackie Hall, Christina McDonough, LaBridgette Tensley, Chris Varnes

Others Present: Ellie Kenney, Community Health Care, Inc., Nicole Mann, Scott County Kids, Kathryn Kvamme, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Brittany McMamara, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences

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

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 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

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

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| • Leah Mariblan, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse | 1 year | July 13 |
| • Melissa Dangelser, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse | 1 year | July 14 |
| • Barb Smith, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse | 2 years | July 22 |
| • Cindi Levetzow, Office Assistant | 13 years | July 30 |
| • Trish Beckman, Medical Assistant | 16 years | July 18 |

Mrs. Thoreson introduced new employee, LaBridgette Tensley who has been hired as a Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Consultant with an advance degree in social work

(MSW). Ms. Tensley shared she has worked for Genesis VNA in the Bright Beginnings Program and as the Scott County Kids Nest Coordinator.

Mrs. Thoreson reported Shiobhan Burkhead has transferred from a Public Health Nurse to a Per Diem Nurse and the department is currently in the process of recruiting for the Public Health Nurse position.

Mrs. Thoreson shared Teri Arnold, Grant Accounting Specialist, will be retiring on August 2, 2021 with nearly 20 years of service. Mrs. Arnold shared she has enjoyed working with staff and the Board of Health and has taken great pride in her position. Mrs. Coiner thanked Mrs. Arnold for her work and giving of herself to the County and citizens of Scott County. Mrs. Thoreson reported she has been in discussion with County Administration on how to structure the position moving forward as the position has grown in responsibilities.

Mrs. Thoreson provided an overview of COVID-19 cases for Scott County. As of this meeting, IDPH reported a total of 21,877 positive tests in Scott County. That number represents 20,426 individuals. To date, there have been 117 cases in July, compared to a total of 88 in June and 590 cases in May. Scott County's seven-day positivity rate is 3.2% and the fourteen-day positivity rate is 3.7%. Scott County is beginning to see increases in cases, positivity rate, and hospitalizations.

Mrs. Thoreson shared Test Iowa closed Friday, July 16, 2021. Beginning the week of July 19, 2021, the department became a Test Iowa at-home test kit pick-up location with twenty kits being handed out as of 9 a.m. on July 22, 2021. The kit is complete with instructions on collecting a saliva sample and a pre-labeled, prepaid return box to the State Hygienic Laboratory. The public has been asked to call when they arrive at the Administrative Center and to stay in their vehicles to eliminate potential exposures in the building. Individuals may also request a kit be mailed to them by visiting www.testiowa.com.

Mrs. Thoreson reported IDPH made some updates to protocols effective July 1, 2021:

- All positive/negative test results continue to be required to be reported.
- Quarantine and isolation recommendations remain the same.
- Individual case investigation and contact tracing has ceased with the exception of clusters and outbreaks, typically in congregate settings.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the department continues to share information with partners and will be meeting with the schools in early August. The CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) are still recommending a layered approach including masking, distancing, etc. The CDC is recommending masks be worn by unvaccinated individuals while the AAP is recommending everyone masks during the school year. The State is currently working on COVID school guidance.

Mrs. Thoreson reported there have been 169,105 doses of COVID-19 vaccine given by Scott County vaccine providers. A breakdown of vaccine status of Scott County residents was reported.

	At Least One Dose		Fully Vaccinated	
	Scott County	US	Scott County	US
% of Population	52.6%	56.3%	47.4%	48.8%
% Population greater than 12	62.2%	65.8%	56.1%	57.1%
% Population greater than 18	64.9%	68.4%	58.8%	59.6%
% Population greater than 65	89.6%	89.2%	85%	79.5%

Mrs. Thoreson reported IDPH did an assessment of the departments' COVID-19 vaccine efforts on July 16, 2021. Roma Taylor participated in the assessment. The review went very well and reflected all of the work staff at all levels did to handle the vaccines appropriately.

The SCHD continues to be the organization that orders COVID vaccine from the Iowa Department of Public Health and distributes it to area health care providers and pharmacies. The ordering process has changed to bi-weekly.

Mrs. Thoreson shared Johnson & Johnson vaccine continues to be offered in a walk-in format at the Health Department. The department has completed onsite clinics at St. Anthony's, First Presbyterian, and Modern Woodmen Park. IDPH is unable to order additional Johnson & Johnson vaccine at this time with the anticipation they will not have access until the Baltimore Production Plant is approved. With the department supply, dwindling and expiration dates approaching, consideration is being made to use another brand.

Mrs. Thoreson asked Tiffany Peterson to give an update on the Community Health Assessment process. Mrs. Peterson reported staff have participated in the Quad Cities Health Assessment Steering Committee planning meetings. The Steering Committee and Stakeholder Committee members have planned a series of focus groups with various populations in the community as part of the qualitative data gathering process of the assessment. Scott County Health Department staff will be facilitating focus groups for the senior population as well as for the healthcare/public health sector. The quantitative data gathering, through household surveys, will take place through the end of August.

Mrs. Thoreson asked Anna Copp to give an update on the discussion with the new UnityPoint Oncology Community Outreach Coordinator, Teresa Pangan. Mrs. Copp shared staff met with Ms. Pangan to explore collaboration on various strategies. Ms. Pangan was given information about the virtual Quitline Iowa classes with the ultimate goal of increasing referrals of UnityPoint patients to the program. The plan is to reach out to key groups and agencies that serve people in Scott County to offer connections and supportive services, especially to individuals that the tobacco industry has traditionally targeted and could feel the impact of the Food and Drug administration's menthol ban.

Mrs. Thoreson shared staff provided education and HIV testing at the Pride Celebration and Juneteenth during the month of June.

Mrs. Thoreson asked Chris Varnes to speak about the demobilization of the former Sears Mass Vaccination site. Mr. Varnes reported the site has been completely demobilized. As part of

the process, staff reached out to the local response agencies and health systems in regards to extra personal protective equipment and supplies from the mass clinic. The goal of this effort was to identify agencies that could make use of the medical supplies that have a lower frequency of use at the Health Department. The majority of the supplies either came as part of the ancillary supply kits or were allocated to the clinic from the Scott County Emergency Management agency (SCEMA). A large amount of the remaining supplies were shared with community partners and the remaining were housed at the department's storage facility. As part of the demobilization, supplies and equipment were inventoried and added to SCEMA's Salamander Inventory System. This allows EMA to know the supplies the department owns and could be put into use during future emergency response situations.

Mrs. Coiner asked where the supplies are stored. Mr. Varnes shared at the Scott County storage facility on Tremont Avenue.

Mrs. Coiner asked about the NACCHO 360 Conference session stating, "Since 2008, there has been a twenty percent decrease in the governmental public health workforce, which severely impacts staffing capacity and hinders the ability of health departments to address community needs and protect and promote health in the communities they serve." Mrs. Peterson responded nationwide there is a shortage of public health professionals. An initiative of the Public Health National Center for Innovations and the de Beaumont Foundation brought together public health experts, including the Black Hawk County health director, to create a tool for governmental public health systems to use to calculate how many full-time equivalents are needed to sufficiently staff a health department. Mrs. Hanson added traditionally a nursing career in public health was a desirable field, but the pandemic has unfortunately changed that mindset.

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

Following discussion, Kathy 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.

Nicole Mann, Eastern Iowa Decategorization Director reported the Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force continues to meet monthly and will be partnering with the Zero Suicide Initiative that is taking place within Scott County. Scott County Kids continues to facilitate the Universal Social and Emotional Screenings occurring in the schools. In addition, all four school districts and private schools are supported with Health Flex funding which provides \$2,000 to aid students with a one-time fee for eyeglasses or medications.

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

Tiffany Peterson reported on efforts to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Care, Inc (CHC). The state gave feedback that clarifying statements should be added indicating what CHC as a federally qualified health center can do versus the Health

Department and to outline billing expectations. The clarifying statements have been added and are awaiting final review.

- F. Board of Health Orientation – Population Health Team at Community Health Care, Ellie Kenney, Community Health Coordinator.

Ellie Kenney explained “Community Health Workers (CHWs) are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of and/or have an unusually close understanding of the community they serve. This trusting relationship enables CHWs to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. CHWs also build individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.” (American Public Health Association, 2008) Ms. Kenney shared that CHC currently has six CHWs on their team including herself. The team members come from a wide range of backgrounds, and speak multiple languages including Spanish, Arabic, Korean, French, Swahili, Burmese, Kinyarwanda amongst others.

Ms. Kenney shared the community health worker may assist in promoting and encouraging effective engagement with clients; be an advocate for client needs; provide education regarding primary care providers, dentists, COVID, etc.; schedule telehealth appointments for clients and teach them how to use the software; help clients sign up for various food assistance programs; and connect clients to resources for rental and utility assistance. As the CHWs assist the client, they ensure the client is engaged in the process so they may build self-sustainability.

Their target populations to be served are minorities, foreign-born individuals with limited English proficiency, undocumented immigrants, people living close or below the federal poverty line, people experiencing homelessness, older adults with limited income, disconnected youth and LGBTQ+ populations, people living in rural areas, and people with disabilities. The client identification methods are internal referrals, community referrals, community outreach, and positive COVID tests (Illinois). The CHWs focus on meeting people where they are and connecting with the community.

Ms. Kenney shared an additional position coming soon to CHC is an enrollment specialist. The enrollment specialist will be able to educate eligible patients and community members on the availability of affordable health insurance, assist in the enrollment process, and act as a resource on Health Insurance Marketplaces, Medicare, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Dr. O’Donnell inquired where the funding for the program comes from. Ms. Kenney shared through the Illinois Department of Public Health and Community Health Care through their federal funds.

Dr. O’Donnell asked where they are located. Ms. Kenney shared her office is at the Community Health Care River Drive location, and the CHWs are dispersed in CHC’s various clinics.

Dr. O'Donnell inquired if the client ultimately ends up with a Community Healthcare primary care provider (PCP). Ms. Kenney shared typically the clients are below the poverty line and they are connected with a Community Health care PCP, but they are not restricted to do so, and if a client requests a different PCP they will connect them.

Dr. O'Donnell inquired if there was a certification requirement to be a CHWs. Ms. Kenney shared they do not have a certification requirement.

Dr. O'Donnell inquired what the education requirement was when hiring their CHWs. Ms. Kenney explained they did not have an education requirement when they were filling the positions. The focus was looking for individuals that were well-established in the community, have influence/trust with the various population groups, and are relatable to the individuals they are trying to connect with.

Dr. O'Donnell asked when the program started. Ms. Kenney shared the CHWs started June 1, 2021.

Mrs. Hanson commented that she is excited about the program. It follows the basic concept of public health, meet the people where they are.

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

Mrs. Coiner moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Coiner asked the Board members to share any recommendations they may have in regards to filling Dr. Sandeman's vacant Board of Health position with Ken Beck, Amy Thoreson or herself.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Following discussion, Kathy Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Internship Agreement with Mississippi Valley State University. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Chamberlain University. Motion seconded by Kathy Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Thoreson offered the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) membership to the Board members. Mrs. Coiner shared the membership annual dues is \$300 per Board of Health member. The NALBOH six functions of public health governance include: policy development, resources stewardship, legal authority, partner engagement, continuous improvement and oversight. Mrs. Hanson commented that some issues of local Boards of Health are hot topics. Involvement in a national group should be done with caution and any

discussions should be done in a nonpolitical way. Mrs. Thoreson explained NALBOH is a resource to support governments of public health and if any member would like more information on NABOLH to let her know and she would seek more information.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Grants to Counties Water Well Program Contract and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Kathy Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Kathy Hanson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) and Partner Services for Sexually Transmitted Infection Contract and Proposed Change to Department of Organization. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2021 in the Boardroom on 1st floor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary