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## Scott County Health Department

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### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

September 15, 2022

### MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

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

Dr. Hanson, Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Hanson, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Franzman, Mr. Robinson

Members Absent: Dr. Schermer

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Tiffany Peterson, Lori Steiner, Andrew Swartz, Lenore Alonso, Mariah Bryner, Carole Ferch, Ellen Gackle, Jackie Hall, Christina McDonough, Lashon Moore, Brenda Schwarz, Heather VanHoosier

Others Present: Ken Beck, Brinson Kinzer, Tony Knobbe, Mahesh Sharma, Mary Thee, David Farmer, Dave Dauphin, Annette Holst, Angela McGonegle

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

Dr. Hanson noted that the meeting was the annual joint meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) and Board of Supervisors (BOS) and thanked the supervisors for their continued support.

Mrs. Thoreson recognized BOS Chairman Ken Beck. Chairman Ken Beck thanked the BOH and staff for their dedication and passion for public health.

Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged Brinson Kinzer, BOS member; Tony Knobbe, BOS member; Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator; Mary Thee, Assistant County Administrator/Human Resources Director; and David Farmer, Budget and Administrative Services Director in attendance.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. 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.

- Staci Nielsen, Public Health Nurse 1 year August 23
- Heather Van Hoosier, Office Assistant 1 year September 13
- Tia Siegwarth, Maternal and Child Health Consultant 5 years August 22
- Sue VanDeWalle, Per Diem Nurse 5 years August 7
- Tara Marriott, Environmental Health Specialist 9 years September 17
- Jessica Redden, Child Care Nurse Consultant 10 years August 27
- Brooke Barnes, Deputy Director 14 years August 29
- Jack Hoskins, Environmental Health Specialist 22 years August 7

Mrs. Thoreson shared the resignation of Leah Kroeger, Community Dental Consultant/I-Smile™ Coordinator, effective August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged Brenda Schwarz has been promoted to the Senior Administrative Assistant position. Mrs. Schwarz started her new role on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson reported, that as of the meeting, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported 52,380 positive COVID-19 tests in Scott County; the county continues to see an average of 40 cases per day. Mrs. Thoreson reminded the board that the numbers reported are undercounted due to home test kit results not being reported.

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington recently released new models through January 1, 2023. The IHME predicts falling rates into October followed by a rise, with death rates and severe illness probably stable. The recent prediction is with wide confidence intervals and assuming no new variant.

Mrs. Thoreson reported staff continues to meet with Community Health Care, Genesis, UnityPoint, and Scott County EMA weekly.

The Scott County Health Department (SCHD) continues to provide COVID-19 vaccine. With the approval of the bivalent vaccine, only those individuals twelve and older who have not received or completed their primary series can receive the monovalent vaccine. Individuals requesting a booster (initial or subsequent) needs to receive the booster with bivalent vaccine.

The amount of bivalent vaccine allocated to the states for further allocation was less than the amount allocated through the pharmacy network. Staff are continuing to encourage those searching for vaccine and boosters to utilize Vaccines.gov as a resource.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the department did not keep any of the initial bivalent allocation (total of 2,000 doses). The department chose to provide the initial vaccine to health care providers

as well as Main at Locust knowing they serve many of the at-risk patients and long-term care facilities.

The department had the opportunity the week of September 12<sup>th</sup> to expand the order of the bivalent Pfizer type and will be receiving part of that order to support the department clinic, the jail, and an independent pediatric clinic.

The current recommendation is that anyone 12 and older for whom it has been at least two months since receiving a booster receive the bivalent booster.

Mrs. Thoreson reported there have been 22 cases of monkeypox in the state; four in the eastern region. Staff have been working with health care and community partners locally to reach eligible populations and are collaborating with Linn, Johnson, and Blackhawk counties on targeted marketing through social media using a screening survey to indicate interest in receiving the monkeypox vaccine.

The eligibility and vaccine delivery method have changed since it began. Currently, the vaccine is delivered intradermally and those eligible are:

- gay, bisexual, or other men who have sex with men (MSM), or transgender people and their partners;
- people living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV);
- people who report being at a venue in which a suspected, probable, or confirmed case of monkeypox was identified;
- people who report having close contact with someone suspected, probable, or confirmed as having monkeypox.

Mrs. Thoreson reported as of 12:45 p.m. on September 14<sup>th</sup>, staff have given 232 doses of the monkeypox vaccine. The doses have been administered in both community and clinic settings. The department is able to offer first and second doses.

Staff continues to meet with the state and vaccine providers weekly to discuss monkeypox and efforts to increase vaccination among eligible populations.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the department received notification the Maternal Health and Child and Adolescent Health grant applications were successful. As been previously shared, both grants require a regional approach to service delivery (Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, and Scott counties). The grants were competitive applications and several long-term service providers across the state were not awarded the contract.

Staff are working closely with Scott County Human Resources and Budget staff regarding staffing changes to the department's table of organization to support the program delivery. Mrs. Thoreson reported she anticipates having a revision of the department table of organization to review at the October BOH meeting.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that I-Smile@School is a new addition to the Child and Adolescent Health package of programs and that the department is required to provide preventative services in schools with 40% or higher population in the free-reduced lunch program. In addition, Bethany for Children and Families is working to restart its program to serve dental needs of Iowa and Illinois schools in the region. The program has not operated in two and a half years.

Mrs. Thoreson reported Brooke Barnes has connected representatives from Black Hawk, Cerro Gordo, Linn, Johnson, and Woodbury Counties to develop a public health collaborative roundtable to share best practices around public health improvement work (quality improvement, performance management, health equity, workforce development). The first meeting took place in August.

Mrs. Thoreson noted the United Way 2022 Day of Caring theme is, "Together, we can make caring famous.". United Way reported that nearly 75,000 Quad Citizens have been positively impacted by services they have funded to nonprofits and agencies in the community. Staff are participating in Day of Caring projects.

- B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the months of July and August 2022.
- C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the months of July and August 2022.

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

- D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Scott County Kids Report.

No representative from Scott County Kids was present to report.

- E. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – I-Smile™ Silver, Genesis Hospital, and Prevention of Hospital Acquired Infections, Annette Holst & Angela McGonegle, Genesis Health System and Carole Ferch, I-Smile™ Silver Coordinator

Annette Holst shared hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP) is the onset of pneumonia at least 48 hours after a patient is admitted. HAP accounts for nearly 15% of all hospital-acquired infections with a mortality rate of 20% to 33%.

Recent literature shows that non-ventilator hospital acquired pneumonia (NV-HAP), although not reportable, is now the most common hospital acquired infection with the highest cost and mortality. NV-HAP is a significant patient safety and quality of care concern and occurs on every unit with an estimate that one in every one hundred hospitalized patients will be affected.

Ms. Holst explained Genesis Hospital received grant funds from Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation to conduct a study in an effort to reduce the number of NV-HAP occurrences by improving oral healthcare in the hospital.

Angela McGonegle shared Genesis Hospital initiated a NV-HAP assessment, mimicking their assessment after the Sutter Health System and Sparrow Health System studies. Staff completed a basic oral care practice assessment of 112 patient rooms at the Genesis Hospital, East Campus in 2019. The results showed that 38% of patients did not have a toothbrush in their room, 11% of patients had a toothbrush in their room but did not use/still in package, 67% of patients did not have oral rinse in their room, and the quality of the oral care kit provided to patients was found to be of poor quality.

Carole Ferch has collaborated with Genesis Hospital in their effort to prevent NV-HAP by assisting in educating new staff during orientation. Mrs. Ferch provides a hands-on skills lab educating new staff that oral care is the number one modifiable factor to reduce the risks of NV-HAP by 30% to 50%.

Working together they educated leadership on the importance of oral care in the prevention of NV-HAP, educated and tested staff oral care competencies, formed an Oral Care Advisory Team (OCATS), and advocated the importance of enhanced patient oral care kits.

Ms. Holst shared the efforts of Genesis Hospital and Scott County Health Department working together, has shown positive outcomes by decreasing their NV-HAP rates by 30% to 50%. The project strategies and findings are being shared with other colleagues.

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

Dr. Hanson moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Dr. Hanson moved to Unfinished Business.

There were no items for Unfinished Business.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

Brooke Barnes shared the Fiscal Year 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Barnes highlighted the following:

- The number of exposures that required rabies risk assessment are at 397 compared to 217 last fiscal year, with one bat that has tested positive.
- Critical violation reinspections that are completed 10 days of the date of inspection are at 95%.
- Scott County practicing dentists who are accepting Medicaid enrolled children into their practice are at 6% or five dentists. This remains a concern of the department.
- The number of Maternal Health Direct Care Services provided are at 487 compared to 231 last fiscal year.

Following discussion, Dr. Franzman moved to approve and authorize the signature of the

I-Smile™ Silver application, contract, and subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the St. Ambrose University Influenza Vaccine Support and Education Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Integrated HIV and Viral Hepatitis Testing Services application, contract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Scott County Kids Flexible Funding Agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on October 20, 2022, at the Scott County Emergency Operations Center, 1100 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz  
Recording Secretary