



## Scott County Health Department

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### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

October 20, 2022

### MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Emergency Operations Center  
1100 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, Iowa 52807

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, Dr. Schermer

Members Absent: Mr. Robinson

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Tiffany Peterson, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Carole Ferch, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Lashon Moore, Brenda Schwarz

Others Present: David Donovan, Scott Emergency Communication Center Director/Scott County Emergency Management Agency Director; Nicole Mann, Eastern Iowa Decategorization Director; Brian Payne, Scott County Emergency Management Agency Deputy Director

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 called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. 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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| • Roma Taylor, Per Diem Nurse                     | 1 year  | October 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Jane Morehouse, Per Diem Nurse                  | 2 years | October 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| • Monica Nickels, Laboratory Technician           | 4 years | October 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| • Katie DeLaRosa, Disease Intervention Specialist | 6 years | October 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| • Carole Ferch, I-Smile™ Silver Coordinator       | 6 years | October 31 <sup>st</sup> |

- Michelle Dierickx, Senior Office Assistant 9 years October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Brenda Schwarz, Senior Administrative Assistant 14 years October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist 32 years October 1<sup>st</sup>

Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged Michelle Dierickx has been promoted to the Senior Office Assistant position. Ms. Dierickx started her new role on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson introduced new employee, Jodi Jorgensen, who has been hired as the new I-Smile™ Coordinator. Mrs. Jorgensen joined the department on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson reported, that as of the meeting, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported 53,027 positive COVID-19 tests in Scott County; averaging 20-25 cases being reported daily. The number of both positive cases and hospitalizations are declining. Mrs. Thoreson reminded the board that the numbers reported are undercounted due to home test kit results not being reported.

Mrs. Thoreson reported that UnityPoint will no longer be testing well patients prior to procedures. This had been a measure the department was reviewing because it reflected asymptomatic infection.

The CDC and State have transitioned to monthly vaccine orders with additional orders of the bivalent vaccine occurring at times. The Pfizer bivalent vaccine for the 5-11-year old population is scheduled to arrive the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Scott County Health Department (SCHD) continues to provide COVID-19 vaccine on a walk-in basis. The SCHD is hosting a clinic for City of Davenport and Scott County employees on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The monthly COVID-19 Coalition meetings have paused. This was the larger group that included representatives from government, business, health care, education, non-profit, etc. Staff continues to meet with Community Health Care, Genesis, and UnityPoint weekly which has allowed the partners to discuss Monkeypox and Ebola in addition to COVID-19.

Mrs. Thoreson shared, that as of the meeting, IDPH has reported 27 positive cases of Monkeypox in the state. Monkeypox cases have declined after peaking in early August. The State has discontinued their weekly update scheduled calls. Staff have administered JYNNEOS (Monkeypox ) vaccine in both community and clinic settings and are now only offering the vaccine on a walk-in basis.

Mrs. Thoreson reported staff participated on two Ebola calls. The calls included a general update for local public health and the Highly Infectious Disease Workgroup that was formed after Ebola in 2014 -2015. The workgroup includes designated hospitals that are either an assessment or treatment hospital and designated ambulance agencies which locally includes MEDIC EMS.

As of the meeting, there have been 63 confirmed and probable Ebola cases reported. Any passengers traveling from Uganda will be routed to one of five airports for enhanced

screenings. The SCHED will be notified if there is a traveler coming in the County from the region; follow-up assessments and monitoring will be necessary dependent upon risk level.

Mrs. Thoreson shared staff participated in a virtual candidate forum hosted by the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) educating candidates on public health.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the MEDIC EMS Governing Board has requested Scott County consider receiving its assets as part of a new department of the County. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) have signed a resolution directing county staff to study the development of EMS as a new operating department of the county. As part of the process, Scott County Administration has asked each department to consider how this may affect their department.

Mrs. Thoreson explained with State Legislature's passage of the new Home Food Processing Establishment (HFPE) act, the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) has updated the inspection frequencies of all food establishments. It is anticipated that the time required to review and approve the HFPE licenses will impact the ability to complete inspections at the previous frequency. The local BOH may adopt a different inspection frequency, as long as it is not less strict than the State's frequency. Staff are evaluating the information, talking with other contractors, and will be developing a recommendation for consideration by the BOH.

B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of September 2022.

C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of September 2022.

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

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

Nicole Mann, reported Diane Martens will be releasing a survey to daycares to gather information on whether they are implementing the Ages and Stages Questionnaire®.

Mrs. Mann shared the Scott County Decategorization Board is replacing four automated external defibrillators (AED) at North Scott School District, three AEDs at Pleasant Valley School District, and two AEDs at the Bettendorf School District.

E. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – Public Health and Emergency Management: A Powerful Partnership, Dave Donovan, SECC/EMA Director

Dave Donovan provided the Board with an overview of the relationship between the Scott County Health Department and Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

Mr. Donovan explained the local emergency manager has the responsibility of coordinating all components of the emergency management programs and activities for the community, including: managing resources before, during, and after a major emergency or disaster.

Emergency management is governed by Iowa Code and a local countywide commission. The commission is made up of mayors, one representative of the Board of Supervisors, and the Sheriff.

Mr. Donovan shared emergency management is a coordinated effort, involving local, state, and federal government agencies as well as volunteer organizations and businesses. Within an integrated emergency management framework, the entities assist citizens and their communities to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and eliminate or reduce the effects of natural, man-made, civil, and technological emergencies or disasters. These disasters can be relatively small or very large.

Mr. Donovan shared that Scott County EMA is built on partnerships, and the SCHD is the strongest partnership Scott County EMA has. The planning, exercises, and work the departments participated on together prior to COVID-19, assured much better outcomes during the response.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the reports. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. 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.

Mrs. Thoreson gave an overview of a revision to the department table of organization.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY23 Application and Contract with Cedar/Jones County Early Childhood Iowa for the Provision of I-Smile™ Services in Cedar County. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY23 Application and Contract with Clinton/Jackson County Early Childhood Iowa for the Provision of I-Smile™ Services in Clinton and Jackson Counties. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the FY23 Physician Consultation Agreement with Dr. Niral Tilala to Support the Maternal Health Program. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on November 17, 2022, in the Boardroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz  
Recording Secretary