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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

November 17, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 6th Floor Room 605
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, Dr. Schermer

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Nicole Miller, Tiffany Peterson, Lori Steiner, Andrew Swartz, Lenore Alonso, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Carole Ferch, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Krishna Marmé, Lashon Moore, Brittany Sandlin, Brenda Schwarz, Stuart Scott

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

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 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.

- Tracy Zeimet, Public Health Nurse 1 year November 8
- Stuart Scott, Community Health Interventionist 1 year November 8
- Danielle Freund, Per Diem Nurse (Jail) 3 years November 4
- Anna Copp, Community Health Consultant 8 years November 10
- LaNae Ramos, Per Diem Nurse (Clinical) 9 years November 14
- Christina McDonough, Community Transformation Consultant 9 years November 25

Mrs. Thoreson introduced new employee, Krishna Marmé, who has been hired as the new Community Tobacco Consultant. Ms. Marmé joined the department on October 31st.

Mrs. Thoreson introduced new employee, Brittany Sandlin, who has been hired as the new Office Assistant. Ms. Sandlin joined the department on November 7th.

Mrs. Thoreson reported Tia Siegwarth has transferred from a Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Consultant to an Informing Specialist, effective October 24th.

Mrs. Thoreson reported Jennifer Stout has transferred from a Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Nurse to a Per Diem Nurse (Jail), effective November 7th.

Mrs. Thoreson congratulated Christina McDonough for being selected as a 2022 Quad Cities Business Journal Forty Under 40 Honoree.

Mrs. Thoreson reported, that as of the meeting, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS) reported 53,518 positive COVID-19 tests in Scott County; averaging 100 cases being reported weekly. The number of positive cases remain stable. Mrs. Thoreson reminded the board that the numbers reported are undercounted due to home test kit results not being reported.

The department continues to manage the vaccine orders for the community and will continue until the federal government transitions to a more standard purchasing process.

During October, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended adding COVID-19 vaccine information to the 2023 childhood and adult immunization schedules. The updates represent a step towards transitioning out of “emergency” response and assuring that programs such as Vaccine for Children Program (VFC) will cover COVID-19 vaccinations. Mrs. Thoreson explained it is important to note the updates do not reflect any other changes.

Staff have switched to meeting every other week with health care partners Community Health Care, Genesis, UnityPoint and Scott County Emergency Management (EMA), which has allowed the partners to discuss influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in addition to COVID-19.

Mrs. Thoreson shared, that as of the meeting, there have been no additional cases of monkeypox identified in the State of Iowa since the October Board of Health (BOH) meeting. Monkeypox cases across the country are low after peaking in early August. Staff continue to be able to offer the JYNNEOS (monkeypox) vaccine on a walk-in basis.

Mrs. Thoreson explained as part of a Highly Infectious Disease Workgroup across the state, staff have met to discuss Ebola. This workgroup includes designated hospitals that are either an assessment or treatment hospital and designated ambulance agencies which locally includes MEDIC EMS. The state will be forming a local public health subgroup to begin conversations and update recommendations to the current plan.

Mrs. Thoreson noted, as shared at the October BOH meeting, 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 formed a workgroup that includes representatives from Scott County Human Resources, Information Technology (IT), Health Department, Attorney's Office, Facility and Support Services, Scott Emergency Communications Center (SECC) and MEDIC EMS. Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator, will recommend to the BOS that the county hire a business consultant to assist in navigating the planning process. In addition, Mr. Sharma will be recommending both Scott County and MEDIC EMS pursue external counsel and the utilization of a search firm to conduct the recruitment process of the Director position.

At this time, the county does not anticipate pursuing EMS as an essential service under Iowa Code Chapter 422D, but may in the future, which would require a public referendum.

Mrs. Thoreson shared BOS Chairman Ken Beck, will be attending City Council meetings in Bettendorf and Davenport and the Blue Grass, Eldridge and LeClaire City Council meetings, that are supported by the alternate delivery models (ADM), to provide an update.

Staff have met with DHSS staff to discuss the process to participate in the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program. The DHSS staff is supportive and look forward to seeing the plan developed by Scott County.

County Administration will be providing an update of the transition plan to the BOS by March 31, 2023 with an operational start goal of either July 1st or January 1st.

Mrs. Thoreson shared she participated on the vendor selection committee for the IT Technology Assessment and Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Thoreson reported staff participated in the A System Within a System's (ASWAS, Inc.) second annual African-American Male Youth Summit. Mr. Sherwin Robinson is the Director of ASWAS, Inc. Mr. Robinson will be presenting about the organization during a BOH Orientation in 2023.

Staff began providing Child and Adolescent Health Informing Services for the full Collaborative Service Area: Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, and Scott counties. Mrs. Thoreson shared Briana Boswell and she will be attending the November Cedar County BOH meeting, December Clinton County BOH meeting, and will be attending a future Jackson County BOH meeting to begin to establish relationships, promote services, and see how other BOH's operate.

Staff are finalizing the department FY23 budget amendment and initial FY24 department budget which are due to County Administration on November 18th.

Mrs. Thoreson noted the December BOH meeting agenda will include presentations and approval of the FY23 SCHED budget amendment, FY24 SCHED budget, a recommendation for consideration on food inspection frequencies, legislative priorities from Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA), Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA), and Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC).

- B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of October 2022.
- C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of October 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.

Staff from Scott County Kids was unable to attend.

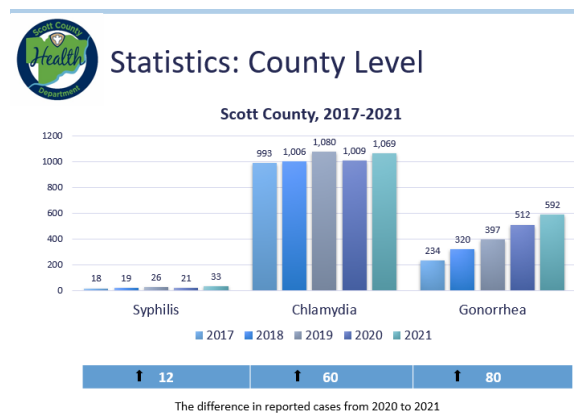
E. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – Sexually Transmitted Infections – A Public Health Challenge, Lashon Moore, Clinical Services Specialist and Lori Steiner, Clinical Services Manager.

Ms. Moore explained rising rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are a public health challenge and require a public health response. Despite being a preventable and treatable health problem, a lack of information, shame, and stigma tend to be associated with STIs.

The CDC estimates, 1 in 5 people in the United States (US) have a STI, totaling nearly 68 million infections in 2018, with 26 million new STIs in 2018; almost half of new STIs were among youth aged 15-24 in the US. The estimated costs associated with new STIs total nearly \$16 billion in direct medical costs.

Data shows groups disproportionately affected, includes adolescents, young adults, transgender and gender diverse persons, gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) populations.

Ms. Moore shared the county level data, noting the 2021 data is preliminary data. Ms. Moore explained there is no human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) county level data available to share, but the State of Iowa from 2020 to 2021 is reporting a 25% increase in HIV diagnosis.



Ms. Moore explained that there is the ability to prevent new STIs and reduce the number of adverse health outcomes by implementing interventions by raising awareness and its impact on health, reducing STI related stigma, and providing the tools and knowledge to prevent STIs.

The SCHD sexual health program offers STI services to Scott County residents through scheduled clinic days. As part of the clinic, the program is able to provide testing and treatment of gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, bacterial vaginosis, trichomoniasis, mycoplasma genitalium, crabs/scabies and testing only of candidiasis, genital herpes, and HIV. The program

provides expedited partner therapy, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) support services, condom distribution, receives reportable STIs for Scott County, verifies treatment for positive cases reported (except HIV), provides partner notification/contact tracing, and provides outreach, education, and testing for HIV and Hepatitis C.

Lori Steiner provided an overview of the 2022 monkeypox outbreak. Mrs. Steiner shared that the SCHED was chosen as 1 of 5 sites in Iowa to be a monkeypox vaccine depot. In July, the vaccine was initially limited to those that had been exposed to someone who had tested positive for monkeypox. The eligibility expanded in August to include MSM, people with recent new or multiple sex partners, and those that were at close contact with others at a venue where suspected, probable, or confirmed monkeypox was identified. Monkeypox was primarily being spread through close, intimate contact.

The SCHED provided monkeypox outreach and in-house clinics, completing 346 vaccinations.

Dr. O'Donnell asked Ms. Moore to explain the 25% increase in HIV diagnosis noting the SCHED monthly statistics reported to the BOH do not reflect large numbers or notable increases. Ms. Moore shared the 25% increase is across the state of Iowa; 99 diagnosed cases in 2020 and 124 diagnosed cases in 2021.

Dr. O'Donnell noted with human papillomavirus (HPV) not being a reportable disease, it becomes difficult to know the actual incidence and prevalence figures.

Dr. Franzman asked if there was a hesitancy to share partner information. Ms. Moore shared there can be hesitancy while others are forthcoming, but staff receive specific interview training to help guide them through those situations.

Dr. Hanson asked if the hesitancy has changed from pre-pandemic to post pandemic as there was a part of the public that was not receptive to the contact tracing efforts. Ms. Moore shared through her experiences in clinic she has not seen a shift.

Dr. Schermer asked how asymptomatic carriers are found. Ms. Moore explained by educating the public and providing testing.

Dr. Hanson asked how receptive schools are to having educational STI information in their facilities. Stuart Scott shared he is used as a resource to the schools to provide health and wellness information and is able to tailor the conversations depending on the environment.

Dr. Schermer asked if a caregiver is notified if a minor test positive. Ms. Moore responded that according to the law, it is protected information and they are not notified.

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 2023 – 1st Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Barnes highlighted the following:

- The correctional health staff have been able to review and respond within 48 hours to 100% of the medical requests received.
- The Healthy Child Care Iowa nurse consultant received 110 technical assistance requests from centers and child care homes.
- The Maternal Health Program provided 128 direct care services.
- Environmental staff will begin performing the tattoo and pools/spas inspections for Muscatine County.

Following discussion, Dr. Franzman moved to approve and authorize the signature of the DIS and Partner Services for Sexually Transmitted Infections contract and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on continuing to have the Scott County Kids Report as a standing agenda item on the BOH agenda. The board decided to remove the Scott County Kids Report as a standing agenda items. A presentation on Scott County Kids will be requested as a BOH orientation in 2023.

The next meeting will be held on December 15, 2022, in the Boardroom on the 1st floor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary