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**SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

February 16, 2023

**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 Boardroom  
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Dr. Hanson, Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Hanson (virtually), Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Franzman (12:50 departure),  
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, Jodi Jorgensen,  
Erica Lopez, Krishna Marmé, Christina McDonough, Lashon Moore, Brenda  
Schwarz, LaBridgette Tensley

Others Present: Dr. Louis Katz, Scott County Health Department Medical Director (virtually)

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the agenda. Dr. Franzman 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 January 19, 2023 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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| • Andy Swartz, Environmental Health Manager   | 1 year   | February 21 |
| • Ray Miller, Environmental Health Specialist | 2 years  | February 1  |
| • Lashon Moore, Clinical Services Specialist  | 20 years | February 24 |
| • Amy Thoreson, Director                      | 24 years | February 22 |

Mrs. Thoreson shared new employee, Jordan Pape, has been hired as a Public Health Nurse. Ms. Pape joined the department on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged the position change of Lenore Alonso from a Senior Office Assistant to Informing Specialist, effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the resignation of Maggie Wright, Family Health Nurse, effective February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the consultants from Public Consulting Group (PCG) that have been working on the MEDIC EMS transition to a department of Scott County will be providing the Board of Health (BOH) Orientation at the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mrs. Thoreson noted she has transitioned to a more in-depth written Director's Report to allow additional time during the meeting for the BOH Orientation, Unfinished Business, and New Business.

- B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of January 2023.
- C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of January 2023.

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

- D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – Quad Cities Housing Council, Leslie Kilgannon.

Mrs. Thoreson shared Ms. Kilgannon was unable to present at the meeting due to an unexpected circumstance.

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

Dr. Hanson moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Dr. Hanson moved to Unfinished Business.

- A. FY23 Scott County Budget Amendment

Mrs. Thoreson shared there are no updates to the FY23 Scott County Budget Amendment. The Amendment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) at their March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- B. FY24 Scott County Health Department Budget

Mrs. Thoreson explained the FY24 Budget will be impacted by a recent bill that has been passed

by the Iowa House of Representatives and Senate. The bill that has gone to the Governor to sign, modifies the calculation of assessment limitations for residential property by excluding multi-residential property from the calculation of the assessment limitation for residential property, retroactive for assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2022. The bill results in a reduction in the taxable evaluation of residential and multi-residential property for FY24. Mrs. Thoreson shared as the County awaits further details, there is a belief that this will equate to \$1.3 million that will need to be adjusted in the FY24 County budget. The bill does give local governments an additional 30 days to certify their budgets, which moves the deadline from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### C. Legislative Priorities

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Position Statement on Water Fluoridation as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. Motion carried.

After discussion, the board came to the consensus to table the Position Statement on School and Child Care Vaccinations Requirements, asking the Legislative Committee to make revisions to the statement for the March meeting.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Maternal and Child Health Direct Services at Community Health Care contract 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 FY23 HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreement with Goodwill of the Heartland (Muscatine) 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 Provider Services Agreement with Molina Healthcare of Iowa, Inc. and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the Staff Education Requests. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Brooke Barnes presented the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

The Quad Cities Community Health Assessment (CHA) Steering Committee is made up of staff representatives from Community Health Care, Inc., Genesis Health System, Muscatine County Public Health, Quad City Health Initiative, Rock Island County Health Department, Scott County Health Department, and UnityPoint Health-Trinity.

Mrs. Barnes explained the CHA provides information so that communities may identify issues of greatest concern and decide to commit resources to those areas, thereby making the greatest

possible impact on the community health status.

The primary data collection chosen in the 2021 Quad Cities CHA was gathered by Professional Research Consultants (PRC) as a telephone survey. The survey stratified a random sample of 1,150 Muscatine, Rock Island, and Scott Counties individuals 18 years of age or older with an oversample of African American and Hispanic residents to ensure adequate representation. In addition to the telephone survey, 21 focus groups with 147 individuals from 12 subpopulations were held.

The PRC assessment incorporated data analysis from multiple sources, including primary research (through the PRC Community Health survey), as well as secondary research (vital statistics and other existing health-related data).

The assessment identified areas of opportunity for health partners and the larger community as access to healthcare services, cancer, diabetes, heart disease and stroke, housing, infant health and family planning, injury and violence, kidney disease, mental health, nutrition, physical activity and weight, oral health, respiratory diseases, and substance abuse.

Mrs. Barnes noted each of the identified areas of opportunity from the assessment is impacted by the social determinants of health (SDOH). The SDOH are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks.

Following the release of the assessment, the Steering Committee organized a discussion with the community Stakeholder Committee members to gather feedback.

Mrs. Barnes explained the CHA is used in the creation of the CHIP. The CHIP sets priorities, directs the use of resources, and is a roadmap for the development and implementation of projects, programs, and policies.

The CHA Steering Committee identified three priority areas with goals for the Scott and Rock Island County CHIP:

- Mental Health – To overcome physical, social, and financial barriers that limit timely and comprehensive access to mental health care, advocate for public policy that increases funding, resources, and coverage to allow flexibility and integrated care, and improve and enhance mental health education within the Quad Cities region.
- Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Weight – Engage cross-sector community partners and individuals in developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy toward regional health, maximize awareness and connect individuals with nutrition and physical activity resources in the Quad Cities region, and promote policy, systems, and environment changes to improve nutrition, physical activity, and weight in the Quad Cities region.
- Access to Healthcare – Improve and enhance education and outreach to healthcare consumers in the Quad Cities region and improve coordination of wraparound service and education to providers.

Mrs. Barnes explained the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the implementation of several strategies within the 2019-2022 CHIP. Mrs. Barnes shared, based off feedback from the CHA Steering Committee, it was decided to keep the same three priority areas and transition several strategies and activities to the 2023-2026 CHIP.

Mrs. Barnes shared during the CHIP implementation and evaluation phase during the next three years, an annual report will be completed with regular updates on the implementation progress in the Director's Report.

Mr. Robinson asked what the selection process was for those involved in the focus groups.

Mrs. Barnes shared the stakeholder agencies work together to find representatives for the committee. Mrs. Barnes noted every three years the agencies look for ways to better incorporate the public in the focus groups.

Mr. Robinson said it is important to include the average community member in the focus groups to gain their perception and insight.

Mrs. Thoreson added, public health is working to make shared decision-making a norm.

Brooke Barnes shared the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Barnes highlighted the following:

- Children with capillary blood lead levels greater than or equal to 10 ug/dl receive confirmatory venous blood lead measurements are at 88%.
- Through the first six months of the year, the inform completion rate was at 37%. The department led the state with the number of families who received an inform completion for the month of January with the rate of 72%. It is hoped that this trend will continue.
- The department is working with Human Resources and the Risk Manager to verify the requirements of the Employee Health Program.
- The food establishment inspections completed annually are at 34%. The team is working through the new food inspection frequencies that were adopted.

The next meeting will be held on March 30, 2023, in the Boardroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz  
Recording Secretary