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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

April 20, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 1st Floor Boardroom
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. Franzman, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Schermer (arrival 12:10)

Absent: Mr. Robinson

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Briana Boswell, Tiffany Peterson, Andrew Swartz, Lenore Alonso, Lydia Amissah-Harris, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Erica Lopez, Krishna Marmé, Christina McDonough, Lashon Moore, Brenda Schwarz, Haley Sweeney

Others Present: Tom Bowman

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dr. O'Donnell moved to accept the amended 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 March 30, 2023 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. 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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| • Ellen Gackle, Community Health Consultant | 1 year | April 29 th |
| • Julia Lotta, Public Health Nurse | 3 years | April 27 th |
| • Kershanna Harris, Correctional Health Nurse | 4 years | April 23 rd |
| • Briana Boswell, Family Health Manager | 15 years | April 9 th |
| • Jackie Hall, Environmental Health Specialist | 47 years | April 5 th |

Mrs. Thoreson shared new employee, Haley Sweeney, has been hired as an Office Assistant. Ms. Sweeney joined the department on April 17th.

Mrs. Thoreson announced the retirement of Lori Steiner, Clinical Services Manager, effective April 19th.

Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged the position change of Andrew Swartz, Environmental Health Manager to an Environmental Health Specialist. The position change will take effect on a date to be determined.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopted the FY24 Budget at their April 13th meeting.

The BOS passed the first of three readings of the county ordinance to establish MEDIC EMS of Scott County as a Scott County department effective January 1, 2024. Mrs. Thoreson explained there are many things to be worked out, but this is the foundational item that needs to be completed to begin more of that work.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that the Iowa Senate and House have passed a bill that would legalize the sale of raw milk and raw milk products in the state. The bill has now been moved to the Governor's desk.

Dr. Hanson asked what the inspection process is for dairy farms.

Mrs. Thoreson responded that the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is the responsible department.

B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of March 2023.

C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of March 2023.

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

D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – Community Health Care, Inc., Tom Bowman, CEO

Mr. Bowman shared the mission of Community Health Care, Inc. (CHC) is to provide the communities they serve with excellence in patient centered medical, dental, and behavioral health care that is compassionate, affordable, and accessible.

Founded in 1975, Mr. Bowman explained CHC is a private, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, that provides a medical home for patients who, for financial, social, or cultural reasons, may not have access to primary health care elsewhere in the community. CHC is accredited by The Joint Commission, recognized as a patient-centered medical home, and is designated as a federally qualified health center (FQHC). The geographical area served by CHC includes Scott County, Clinton County, Muscatine County, and Rock Island County, Illinois. CHC is the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) contract holder for collaborative service area 14 which also includes Cedar County.

Mr. Bowman explained that CHC primarily cares for the low-income population with 95 percent of their patients falling at or below 200 percent of poverty and 65 percent of those falling below 138 percent of poverty. As the CHC team prepares a care plan for the patient, the team is mindful of the patient's basic needs and will work to connect them with community resources to achieve the best possible health outcome.

In 2022, CHC served nearly 44,000 individual patients with approximately 14,000 of the patients being from Scott County. Mr. Bowman added that the organization completed more than 140,000 patient visits with over 50 languages spoken when providing the services.

As an FQHC, the CHC twelve-member board must be comprised of 51 percent of members who have been a patient at CHC during the past year and members that broadly reflect the community at large.

Dr. Hanson inquired if working with professional schools for students to receive clinical experiences is an effective tool in recruitment and retention.

Mr. Bowman shared it has been an effective tool, but recruitment continues to be a challenge.

Dr. Franzman inquired if the federal loan repayment program for certain healthcare professionals who work in underserved areas is an effective tool in recruitment.

Mr. Bowman shared it has been an effective tool but with the labor shortages, other health care facilities have been creating similar programs of their own. Mr. Bowman added that the federal program is set to expire in September without continued reauthorization.

Mr. Bowman expressed his appreciation to the Board of Health and the Health Department for being great community partners.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. Franzman 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.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the Legislative Committee is drafting an E-Cigarettes position statement.

After discussion, the board came to the consensus to have the Legislative Committee collaborate with Mr. Bowman to draft a letter of support for continued funding and support for FQHCs through federal programs.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

Tiffany Peterson reviewed the proposed Local Public Health Services (LPHS) state fiscal year 24 work plan. Mrs. Peterson noted due to county budget constraints, LPHS funds provided to Genesis Visiting

Nursing Association (VNA) will all be state funds rather than county funds as in the past this year.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the grant items listed below. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

- Local Public Health Services Agreement application, contract, subcontract, subsequent amendments
- Care for Yourself Grant application, contract, subcontract, subsequent amendments
- Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Act Grant application, and contract

Following discussion, Dr. Franzman moved to approve and authorize the signature of the agreements listed below. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

- FY24 HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention with the Muscatine Center for Social Action
- Quad Cities Zero Suicide Initiative with Quad Cities Open Network
- Pharmacy Services Agreement with Genventures, Inc. d/b/a FirstMed Pharmacy (amendment)

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

Following discussion, Dr. Franzman moved to approve the FY23 Scott County Health Department Budget amendment. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2023, in the Boardroom on the 1st floor. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary