



## Scott County Health Department

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### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

June 15, 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 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. Franzman, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Schermer

Absent: Dr. O'Donnell

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Nicholette Parmelee, Tiffany Peterson, Lenore Alonso, Lydia Amissah-Harris, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Carole Ferch, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Julia Lotta, Krishna Marmé, Staci Nielsen, Christina McDonough, Brenda Schwarz, Stuart Scott

Others Present: Rasheeda Jamison, J & M Empire LLC and Becky Nowachek, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dr. Franzman moved to accept the amended agenda. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Franzman moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 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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| • Brittany Wall, Correctional Health Nurse      | 8 years  | June 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Leslie Ronnebeck, Correctional Health Manager | 17 years | June 12 <sup>th</sup> |

Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged the rehire of Jennifer Stout as a Correctional Health Nurse (PRN).

Mrs. Thoreson shared the departure of Erica Lopez, Dental Direct Services Consultant effective May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson noted department staff supported the Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) operations as part of the response to the building collapse in the City of Davenport.

Mrs. Thoreson provided the Board of Health (BOH) the press release from HHS with the announcement they have engaged with Health Management Associates (HMA) to study the delivery of health and human service programs in the state. The assessment will study why the current systems are structured the way they are and the historical context of such decisions. The study will also examine existing operational capabilities and gaps, and the funding and resource models that drive the current system. The department will engage in any opportunity given to participate in the assessment. A final report from HMA is expected in the fall.

Dr. Hanson asked the definition of local governmental public health.

Ms. Nowachek replied that local public health agencies and local boards of health are the local governmental public health system. The local BOH has jurisdiction over public health matters.

Dr. Hanson asked if HMA will be asking for local information input during the process of the assessment.

Ms. Nowachek responded that HMA will be asking for local information input during the assessment process.

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

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

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

D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – Integrated Testing Services Grant – A Year in Review, Stuart Scott, Scott County Health Department Community Health Interventionist

Mr. Scott explained the Integrated Testing Services (ITS) program provides human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) screening, hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening, and hepatitis A and/or B immunizations. In addition, the program seeks to increase access to HIV, sexually transmitted disease (STD), and hepatitis prevention and treatment options including, but not limited to, condoms and other safer-sex supplies, harm reduction supplies, pre and post exposure prophylaxis, risk reduction counseling, and linkage to care/services as needed.

The ITS program is built around three pillars of outreach – to be present, listen, and ease of access. Mr. Scott shared the department offers clinics, mobile testing clinics, condom distribution, and provides community engagement and education.

The department remains vigilant in efforts to reduce the stigma of HIV/HCV testing and people living with HIV (PLWH). One of the adjustments staff made to accomplish this, was rebranding how staff initiate conversations about HIV/HCV awareness and testing. Staff aim to seamlessly infuse the various topics of HIV/HCV into the context of overall health and wellness. The outreach team works to normalize these conversations by aligning HIV/HCV with other significant health and wellness categories such as mental health and substance abuse; this allows staff to draw parallels between medical screenings such as eye examinations and diabetic testing with HIV/HCV testing.

Mr. Scott noted, as one of the many department outreach activities, the department is spearheading the Annual Health and Wellness Resource Fair at the Freight House Farmers Market on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The event allows the department and other community organizations an opportunity to engage with youth and families around the many topics of healthy living and healthy lifestyles.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the reports. Mr. Robinson 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.

#### A. Legislative Priorities

After discussion, the board came to a consensus to have a final draft of the Position Statement on Electronic Cigarettes prepared for signature at the July meeting.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

Following discussion, Mr. Robinson moved to approve and authorize the signature of the grant item listed below. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

- Community Based Program – Child and Adolescent Health and Oral Health Programs application, contract, subcontract, and subsequent amendments

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

- Chief Medical Officer for Scott County Correctional Health Services – Dr. Posey
- EMS Physician's Advisory Board Medical Director – Dr. Vermeer
- Humane Society of Scott County
- Waste Commission of Scott County
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Jesus Mission Church/Pearl City Outreach
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Center for Behavioral Health
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with The Project of the Quad Cities

- Commercial Septic Tank Cleaner Inspections with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Durant Volunteer Ambulance Authorized Agency

Following discussion, Dr. Schermer moved to approve and authorize the signature of the following amendment listed below. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

- Extension of the agreement period and financial terms with MEDIC EMS

The next meeting will be held on July 20, 2023, in the Boardroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz  
Recording Secretary