



## Scott County Health Department

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### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

July 20, 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. O'Donnell, Vice-Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Hanson (virtually), Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Franzman, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Schermer

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Lashon Moore, Nicholette Parmelee, Tiffany Peterson, Lydia Amissah-Harris, Mariah Bryner, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Krishna Marmé, Christina McDonough, Brittany Sandlin, Brenda Schwarz, Andrew Swartz, LaBridgette Tensley

Others Present: Linda Frederiksen, Jason Fuller, Mahesh Sharma, Dr. Richard Vermeer, Vanessa Wierman

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

Dr. O'Donnell called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Franzman moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Thoreson welcomed and introduced Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator; Vanessa Wierman, Human Resources Director; Linda Frederiksen, MEDIC EMS Director; Dr. Richard Vermeer, Scott County EMS Medical Director; and Jason Fuller, Public Consulting Group.

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.

• Pam Thomas, Medical Assistant	1 year	July 5 <sup>th</sup>
• LaBridgette Tensley, Family Health Coordinator	2 years	July 12 <sup>th</sup>
• Melissa Thomas, Per Diem Nurse	3 years	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
• Cindi Levetzow, Office Assistant	15 years	July 30 <sup>th</sup>
• Trish Beckman, Medical Assistant	18 years	July 18 <sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Thoreson shared new employee, Erin Kelley, has been hired as a part-time Family Health Nurse. Ms. Kelley joined the department on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the departure of Logan Hildebrant, Environmental Health Specialist effective June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson shared both Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) alignment virtual town hall sessions scheduled on July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> have been filled (maximum session is 300 people). HHS has scheduled a third virtual session on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The town hall sessions provide an opportunity for health and human service partners to learn more about the assessment process and provide input. A survey for partners and the public will also be conducted.

Mrs. Thoreson noted she participated in a small group discussion with the other directors of Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) departments in Iowa as part of the Health Management Associates (HMA) assessment process.

A final report from HHA with their recommendations is expected in October.

B. Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of June 2023.

C. Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Budget Report for the month of June 2023.

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

D. Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Board of Health Orientation – EMS Transition Report, Jason Fuller, Public Consulting Group (PCG)

Mr. Jason Fuller provided an overview of the findings of the second phase of the EMS transition study of MEDIC EMS to a department of Scott County government. The second phase of the study included community/municipality and identified stakeholder interviews; a MEDIC EMS employee engagement survey; staffing needs assessment including the evaluation of various possible models; comprehensive financial analysis including Medicaid Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) revenue projections; identification of potential administrative/regulatory impacts related to state, federal, and county regulations and requirements; and a comparison of three similar agencies.

Mr. Fuller acknowledged the efforts of the work group and the agency stakeholder engagement for their insight and perspectives.

Mr. Fuller shared the transition of MEDIC EMS to a department of Scott County will be highly

beneficial to both the continuity of EMS services within the County and the communities the County services. The next step is the hiring of an EMS Director.

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

Dr. O'Donnell moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to Unfinished Business.

#### A. Legislative Priorities

Following discussion, Mr. Robinson moved to approve the Position Statement on Inclusion of Electronic Cigarettes in State and Local Regulations and Policies. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to New Business.

Jodi Jorgensen, I-Smile™ Coordinator, presented an I-Smile™ Program update. Mrs. Jorgensen explained all kindergarten and ninth grade Iowa students are required to have a dental screening. This law applies to any public or accredited non-public school. The purpose of the dental screening requirement is to improve the oral health of children. The dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental disease, promote the importance of oral health for school readiness and learning, and contribute to statewide surveillance of oral health. Mrs. Jorgensen shared she provides school dental screening audits in Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, and Scott Counties as part of the I-Smile Program™ contract.

Mrs. Jorgensen shared, in Scott County, I-Smile™ provided 1,005 early childhood services to children 0 to 5 years of age. The services delivered include dental screenings, risk assessments, and fluoride applications at Head Start locations, preschools, and childcare centers. I-Smile™ @ School provided 419 services including dental screenings, risk assessments, fluoride applications, silver diamine fluoride, and sealant placements. I-Smile™ provided 343 services including dental screenings, risk assessments, fluoride applications, silver diamine fluoride, and sealant placements at WIC clinics and Scott County Health Department immunization clinics.

Mrs. Jorgensen noted, with fewer dentists accepting Medicaid insurance, it has become a barrier to families in meeting their oral health needs. A discussion was held regarding the difference between the targets for the dental screening requirement (surveillance) and the focus of grant activities (early intervention).

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

- Grants to Counties: application, contract, subcontract, and subsequent amendments

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

- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Goodwill of the Heartland - Muscatine
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Humility Homes and Services, Inc.
- Education Affiliation Agreement with Western Governors University

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

The next meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, in Conference Room 605 on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz  
Recording Secretary