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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

November 16, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 1st 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. O'Donnell, Dr. Franzman, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Schermer

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Nicholette Parmelee, Tiffany Peterson, Lenore Alonso, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Carole Ferch, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Krishna Marmé, Christina McDonough, Brenda Schwarz

Others Present: Rasheda Jamison, Sharita Couch

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

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Schermer moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. 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.

• Brittany Sandlin, Senior Office Assistant	1 year	November 7 th
• Tracy Zeimet, Per Diem Nurse	2 years	November 8 th
• Stuart Scott, Community Health Interventionist	2 years	November 8 th
• Danielle Freund, Correctional Health Per Diem Nurse	4 years	November 4 th
• Anna Copp, Community Health Consultant	9 years	November 10 th
• LaNae Ramos, Per Diem Nurse	10 years	November 14 th
• Christina McDonough, Community Transformation Consultant	10 years	November 25 th

Mrs. Thoreson announced the departure of Krishna Marmé, Community Tobacco Consultant effective November 27th.

Mrs. Thoreson reflected on the Director's Report and shared she is grateful for staff and their passion for public health and their meaningful community engagement.

Discussions are continuing to be held between the Humane Society of Scott County (HSSC) and the City of Davenport on the delivery of animal protection services. Mrs. Thoreson shared that Scott County Health Department (SCHD) staff are having discussions with partners to ensure there will be no gaps in services and exploring long-term solutions as it relates to animal bite investigation and follow-up.

The final acquisition agreement was passed by the MEDIC EMS Board on November 16th. The agreement will be on the Scott County Board of Supervisors' (BOS) November 21st agenda. As of January 1, 2024, Linda Fredriksen will be the sole MEDIC EMS employee and Rob Frieden, Genesis Health Systems, will be the sole board member. This will allow Ms. Fredriksen and Mr. Frieden the ability to continue to finalize the operations.

Mrs. Thoreson explained that MEDIC EMS holds a specific seat on the Scott Emergency Communications Center (SECC) Board. To avoid having two Scott County representatives holding seats on the board after the acquisition, the 28E agreement is being revised.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that Kathy Morris, Scott County Waste Commission will be retiring on November 22nd. The Commission has named Bryce Stalcup as Executive Director.

Rob Cusack, Scott County Senior Assistant Attorney will be retiring on November 28th. Kristina Lyon has been named Mr. Cusack's replacement.

Dave Donovan, Emergency Management Agency Director and SECC Director will be retiring on December 15th. The Director position will be split into two separate positions.

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

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

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

D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – ASWAS, Inc., An Intergenerational Organization Providing Our Youth with the Skills, Experience, and Confidence Necessary to be Productive Members of Society – Sherwin Robinson

Mr. Sherwin Robinson, the founder and president of ASWAS, Inc., A System Within A System; Rasheda Jamison, Strategist; and Sharita Couch, Administrative Assistant shared that ASWAS, Inc. is an intergenerational organization designed to provide youth with the skills, experiences, and confidence necessary to be productive members of society. The focus of ASWAS, Inc. is to share with

youth how to successfully navigate systems that have historically negatively impacted minority communities.

The six-system series is led by professionals and covers economics, education, financial literacy, health and wellness, justice system, and real estate. The system series aims to encourage and motivate students to do well in school, expose students to various college and career options, encourage students towards healthy and positive life choices, help students create viable life choices, and make good decisions. Mr. Robinson noted that when youth do not have the proper teachings in those areas, they may go astray.

The organization has taken the six-system series into the Davenport Community School District and has now expanded into Illinois.

In addition to the six-system series, Mr. Robinson shared that ASWAS, Inc. has held three successful African American male youth summits that have featured inspiring professional speakers.

Mr. Robinson explained that ASWAS, Inc. is opening the series to all cultures, genders and ethnic backgrounds but will continue the annual African American male youth summits.

Dr. Schermer asked what age children can begin participating in the program.

Mr. Robinson shared the organization is currently working to start a pilot project with 7th graders in the Davenport Community Schools.

Dr. O'Donnell asked if the program receives funding in addition to the professionals that volunteer their time.

Mr. Robinson shared the program has donors that contribute to support the program. The organization also collaborates with other organizations that have a similar focus.

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.

There were no items for Unfinished Business.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

Brooke Barnes shared the Fiscal Year 2024 – 1st Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Barnes highlighted the following:

- The total number of consumers reached with education is 1,444 for the three-month actual

which is an indication that staff are actively doing outreach and presentations in the community.

- The number of communicable diseases reported through surveillance is 208. The FY'24 projection of 3,500 communicable diseases included COVID estimates. In May 2023, COVID was no longer considered a reportable disease.
- Staff have been completing swimming pool, tattoo, and tanning inspections earlier than prior years as part of a process change.
- The number of food inspections required reflects the adjustment made due to the state updating their required food inspection frequencies and the local inspection frequency that the BOH has adopted.

Dr. Hanson asked about the Maternal Health numbers.

Mrs. Barnes and Briana Boswell explained that the WIC clinics are having an increase in virtual visits and online education training opportunities for their patients. This has led to fewer in-person interaction opportunities. Staff are currently looking for other service delivery opportunities to increase their interactions with clients.

Dr. Hanson moved to the Legislative update.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the internal Legislative Committee is preparing for the upcoming legislation session. The final draft of the 2024 Urban County Coalition Legislative Priorities was provided to the BOH. Mrs. Thoreson explained the Coalition is a partnership among Linn, Black Hawk, Dubuque, Johnson, and Scott counties organized to jointly develop, communicate, and advocate for issues of mutual interest. The internal legislative committee is tracking this committee and anticipating the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) and Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) to finalize their priorities soon.

Mrs. Thoreson asked the BOH for input on future Position Statements.

The BOH discussed areas of concern for future Position Statements: opioids, water quality in urban and rural areas, the access and shortage of maternal health providers, and issues of disparity.

Dr. O'Donnell requested that regular updates be provided to the BOH on the progress of the Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan.

The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2023, in the Boardroom on the first floor of the Scott County Administration Center. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary