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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

January 18, 2024

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, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Franzman, Dr. Schermer

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Carole Ferch, Michelle Fitzjarrell, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Christina McDonough, Jessica Riddick, Brittany Sandlin

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the agenda. Dr. O'Donnell moved to accept the 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 December 21, 2023 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hanson moved to the election of officers. Dr. Hanson called for a nomination for the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board. Dr. O'Donnell moved to retain the current officers (Dr. Hanson, Chairman and Dr. O'Donnell, Vice Chairman). Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director's Report

Mrs. Thoreson recognized new employee, Jessica Riddick, who has been hired as an Office Assistant. Ms. Riddick joined the department on December 27th.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee met January 8th to prioritize which core strategies to focus on for the initial recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in March. Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged Brooke Barnes, Tiffany Peterson, and Ellen Gackle for their roles facilitating and continuing to lead the process.

Staff are participating in the process to identify a replacement jail record system with the hope that the selected system will have an electronic health record component.

Mrs. Thoreson explained that leadership from Genesis Psychology Associates, Community Services, Youth Justice Rehabilitation Center (YJRC), and the Health Department met to discuss the delivery of jail mental health services and potential programming at the new YJRC.

The 2023-2024 school immunization audit report, included in the Director's Report, for the county showed small increases in provisional certificates and religious exemptions when compared to the 2022-2023 school year. However, the total number of invalid or unacceptable certificates decreased.

Mrs. Thoreson noted, MEDIC EMS has officially become a unit of Scott County government. The operations are going well. The Scott County Transition Team continues to meet every other week. Mr. Paul Andorf, MEDIC EMS of Scott County Director, will be forming an EMS Advisory Council in the spring.

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

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

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

D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – Public Health Reaccreditation Process, Brooke Barnes

Mrs. Barnes explained the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accredits state, local, and tribal public health departments to strengthen public health infrastructure and transform governmental public health to make the United States a healthier nation.

To maintain voluntary accreditation status, the department is measured against a set of national standards five years after accreditation has been awarded. Reaccreditation ensures that the department continues to evolve, improve, and advance public health practice to serve the community and continue to be accountable to stakeholders. Mrs. Barnes shared that reaccreditation addresses the ten Essential Public Health Services through the arrangement of the Standards and Measures of Domains.

Mrs. Barnes thanked the BOH for supporting the department's reaccreditation application at the December meeting. Staff are now in the process of selecting examples to show how the department conforms with the standards and measures by either gathering documents as evidence or creating narratives. The reaccreditation documentation is due on June 21, 2024.

Mrs. Barnes asked the BOH to continue to stay engaged in discussions during BOH meetings, ask questions of program updates, and continue to support the efforts to consider health equity in our programs, services, and procedures.

Dr. Franzman asked how often the department must go through the reaccreditation process.

Mrs. Barnes shared to maintain accreditation status; the department must reapply every five years.

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

Dr. Hanson moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Dr. Hanson moved to Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the internal Legislative Committee provided a "Back to Session" packet to Scott County's state legislators. The packet included a copy of the department's FY23 Annual Report, a listing of current department projects, and information on how to access the Director's Report and the BOH position statements on the department's website. The Committee extended offers to connect with the legislators regarding public health topics and the SCHD.

Mrs. Thoreson reported there are no updates to the FY24 budget amendment that was presented at the December meeting.

Mrs. Thoreson gave an updated overview of the FY25 Health Department budget which included salary and benefits for staff. The total budget is \$7,807,662, revenue of \$2,379,451 and a tax asking of \$5,428,211. Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged that the department is thankful to have the continued support of the BOS.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the FY'25 Scott County Health Department budget amendment as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

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

- DIS and Partner Services for Sexually Transmitted Infections: contract and any subsequent amendments

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

Mrs. Thoreson noted that a copy of the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services Delivery Alignment Assessment report has been provided to the BOH. At this point, there are no public health legislative actions planned in the 2024 Legislative Session. The primary focus of this session is behavioral health. The new alignment of the Division of Behavioral Health has integrated tobacco, mental health, and substance use activities in one division. The SCHD is committed to continue to work with partners to eliminate tobacco use.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that legislation has been drafted that would dissolve the current Mental Health and Disability Regions on June 30, 2025, and replace them with seven Behavioral Health

Districts. In the proposed legislation, the state would contract with local administrative service organizations to carry out their services in each of the seven Behavioral Health Districts. In the proposal, the current Eastern Iowa Mental Health Services Region counties would remain unchanged: Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott. As of the Board of Health meeting, the legislation had not been released.

The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2024, 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 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary