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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH February 15, 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. Franzman, Dr. Schermer

Absent: Dr. O'Donnell, Mr. Robinson

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Nicholette Parmelee, Tiffany Peterson, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Ellen Gackle, Amy Haut, Vianka Herrera, Tammy Loussaert, Christina McDonough, Brittany Sandlin, Brenda Schwarz

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 January 18, 2024 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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| • Amy Haut, Public Health Nurse | 1 year | February 27 |
| • Andy Swartz, Environmental Health Specialist | 2 years | February 21 |
| • Ray Miller, Environmental Health Specialist | 3 years | February 1 |
| • Lashon Moore, Clinical Services Manager | 21 years | February 24 |
| • Amy Thoreson, Director | 25 years | February 22 |

Mrs. Thoreson recognized new employee, Vianka Herrera, who has been hired as a Tobacco Consultant. Ms. Herrera joined the department on January 22nd.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that staff have expressed an interest in revising Scott County Code Chapter 25-Public Health Nuisances and the repeal of Chapter 20-Litter. Staff are currently utilizing a tool created by a former intern that includes a review of best practices, consideration of equity impacts, and encourages stakeholder input. As part of the process, the Board of Health (BOH) would conduct a public hearing on both ordinances, vote on whether to accept the proposed recommendations, and then forward the recommended actions to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for consideration.

The immunization audits for childcare centers and preschools have been completed and reported to the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services. The audit results show a decrease in enrollment with the distribution between the various categories remaining similar to the 2022-2023 childcare audit results.

Tammy Loussaert, Environmental Health Specialist, explained a sewage backup complaint the department received from a Silver Creek Mobile Home Park resident and the process taken to coordinate a resolution to the situation.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the Scott County Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiners are providing temporary services to Clinton County.

Mrs. Thoreson noted that the Legislative Committee is taking a broader perspective and updating their name to the Public Health Policy Committee.

The second reading to repeal Scott County Code of Ordinances Chapter 28, Emergency Medical Services will be at the February 15th BOS meeting. The third reading is scheduled for the February 29th BOS meeting.

The local media sources have reported the City of Davenport has reached a tentative agreement with the Humane Society of Scott County.

B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of January 2024.

C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of January 2024.

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

D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – 2023 Community Health Improvement Plan Update, Brooke Barnes, Ellen Gackle, Tiffany Peterson

The Community Health Assessment Steering Committee and partners have been actively working towards addressing the identified priority issues of mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and weight, and access to healthcare for Scott and Rock Island counties that were identified during the previous Community Health Assessment. A progress update on the implementation of each goal, strategy, and 2023 highlights were provided.

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

Dr. Hanson moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Dr. Hanson moved to Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Thoreson shared February 16th marks the first legislative funnel deadline. Public comment is open for proposed Administrative Code changes. The Public Health Policy Committee continues to actively monitor and follow legislation that is introduced by various legislators that have potential public health impacts.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the FY25 County operational budget has been introduced to the BOS. The proposed public hearing date is April 25th.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

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

- FY25 Community Partnerships for Tobacco Use Prevention and Control RFA: application, contract, and any subsequent amendments

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

- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention/Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition-Quad Cities

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

Brooke Barnes shared the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2nd Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Barnes highlighted the following:

- The department continues to look for ways to increase the number of staff participating in Quality Improvement (QI) projects.
- Over half of the department have completed the department expectation of 12 hours of continuing education for the fiscal year.
- Staff continue to work with families to ensure children who receive a high blood level on a capillary preliminary test also receive a venous confirmatory test.
- Resolution of nuisance complaints may happen in the following quarter.

The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2024, in Room 258 at the Scott County Courthouse. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary