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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH March 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Courthouse, Room 258
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 (arrival 12:06)

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Nicholette Parmelee, Tiffany Peterson, Lorna Bimm, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Ellen Gackle, Vianka Herrera, Jodi Jorgensen, Christina McDonough, Brenda Schwarz

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

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Franzman moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. 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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| • Ann Carmody, Per Diem Dental Hygienist | 1 year | March 3 |
| • Mindy McLaughlin, Per Diem Dental Hygienist | 1 year | March 10 |
| • Lorna Bimm, Public Health Nurse | 16 years | March 24 |
| • Brandon George, Correctional Health Nurse | 17 years | March 9 |
| • Sherry Holzauer, Correctional Health Nurse | 19 years | March 7 |

Mrs. Thoreson shared that Brooke Barnes and she had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Congresswoman Miller-Meeks office. The representatives were interested in the department's experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based off prioritization results from the Opioid Steering Committee and the identification of partners who were willing to assist with implementation, a recommendation has been provided to the Scott County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for the use of the Opioid Settlement funds. A copy of the finalized Opioid Settlement Funds Report has been provided electronically to the Scott County Board of Health (BOH).

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been awarded a data-driven Overdose to Action in States Grant (OD2A-S) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address opioid, stimulant, and polysubstance non-fatal and fatal overdoses. The Scott County Health Department (SCHD) has been approached by HHS to support the local efforts of the grant as a contractor.

Mrs. Thoreson noted there was great team effort between staff from Environmental Services, Clinical Services, and HHS regarding a food borne illness complaint investigation.

Environmental staff are continuing to work with the Scott County Attorney's office to develop plans on how to address long term enforcement challenges in programs.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that the department's infrastructure teams continue to work towards PHAB reaccreditation. The department examples are at 29% ready for final review.

Staff have been working with Dr. Katz to draft a communication for local providers regarding measles. The clinical services team are verifying staff vaccination records as a step by the department in preparation for any future measles response that may be needed.

- B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of February 2024.
- C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of February 2024.

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 – Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for the Treatment of Treatment-Resistant Major Depression and Overview of Whole Person Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment Program for Persons with a Primary Diagnosis of Substance Abuse Disorder, Richard K. Whitaker, Jr., Ph.D., CEO of Vera French Community Health Center

Dr. Richard Whitaker, Jr. shared that Vera French is a NeuroStar Advanced Therapy provider. NeuroStar has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) since 2009. The NeuroStar device uses a targeted transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) which stimulates areas of the brain that are underactive in people with treatment resistant major depressive disorder. The in-office treatment is prescribed and directed by specially trained psychiatrists. The treatment takes 19 to 37 minutes and is administered five days a week, typically for six weeks, which is covered by insurance carriers.

Dr. Whitaker, Jr. shared out of 162 patients completing the NeuroStar Advanced Therapy at Vera French, 83% reported their depression below the clinical range with 38% reporting complete

remission at a follow-up screening.

The Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region has assisted with funds to purchase a second chair which will be put into service in the Fall. The second chair will allow Vera French to treat an additional 130 patients a year.

Dr. O'Donnell asked if there are any long-term side effects associated with the treatment. Dr. Whitaker, Jr. shared there have been no long-term side effects reported.

Dr. O'Donnell asked if there are any age limitations with the treatment. Dr. Whitaker, Jr. shared they do not provide treatment to children 17 and younger.

Dr. Franzman inquired if there was an insurance preauthorization process. Dr. Whitaker, Jr. responded that some insurance companies require a preauthorization indicating the previously failed medications and treatments, while other carriers consider it a first line treatment due to the outcome success rate.

Dr. Hanson asked if Vera French have heard of any evidence of TMS product treatment scams. Dr. Whitaker, Jr. shared they have not had many issues.

Dr. Whitaker, Jr. added that Vera French recently became a licensed substance use disorder provider. This will allow Vera French to recognize and treat individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental disorders at the same time to improve outcomes.

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 shared that the Public Health Policy Committee has updated the local BOH Position Statements document. The second funnel deadline of the 2024 legislative session has passed.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the BOS will vote on the proposed FY25 County budget on April 25th.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

Brooke Barnes gave an overview of the SCHD 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Mrs. Barnes shared that staff recognized the need to acknowledge the informal efforts that aligned with the 2020-2022 strategic plan and the impacts of the pandemic response on the department's strategic direction when conducting the strategic planning process in the Fall of 2023. As a result, SCHD staff made the decision to incorporate the strategic goals identified in 2020 into the 2024-2026 strategic plan: implement health equity framework; apply community-focused strategies to department's programs and initiatives; and build community infrastructure to advance identify community health

priorities.

Mrs. Barnes reviewed the first-year activities that will be implemented from January through December 2024 and the identified infrastructure teams to support the implementation of the priorities. The workplan progress will be communicated through infrastructure team updates and an annual progress report communicated with staff and the BOH. In addition, activities to support the strategic priorities identified in the workplan are linked to performance measures in the department's performance management system which is monitored quarterly.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa: application, contract, subsequent amendments
- Overdose to Action in States: contract, subcontract, subsequent amendments
- Early Childhood Iowa Clinton/Jackson Counties: application, contract, subsequent amendments

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

- Durant Volunteer Authorized Agency

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

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2024, at the Scott County Administration Center, 1st Floor Board Room. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary