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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 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. Franzman, O'Donnell, Mr. Robinson

Absent: Dr. Schermer

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

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dr. O'Donnell moved to accept the 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 March 21, 2024 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.

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| • Ellen Gackle, Community Health Consultant | 2 years | April 29 |
| • Julia Lotta, Public Health Nurse | 4 years | April 27 |
| • Kershanna Harris, Correctional Health Nurse | 5 years | April 23 |
| • Briana Boswell, Family Health Manager | 16 years | April 9 |
| • Jackie Hall, Environmental Health Specialist | 48 years | April 5 |

Mrs. Thoreson acknowledged new employee, Parker Prochaska, who has been hired as an Environmental Health Manager. Mr. Prochaska joined the department on March 25th.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the departure of Stuart Scott, Community Health Interventionist effective April 5th.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that staff have met with community partners regarding the Overdose to Action in States Grant (OD2A-S) and are working on the development of a project plan for the state to review.

The clinical services team continues to support the state with requests for measles testing. There are currently no confirmed cases of measles in the State of Iowa.

Tiffany Peterson explained that Genesis Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is a subcontractor of the Local Public Health Services (LPHS) contract. Genesis VNA has requested to move funds from the non-population health budget to the population health budget. Mrs. Peterson supports the request as it aligns with the direction being asked of contractors; less funds for direct care.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that the department's infrastructure teams continue to work towards PHAB reaccreditation. The department examples are at 46% ready for final review.

Dr. Franzman asked how the Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility (PE) application process worked.

Briana Boswell responded that staff are able to work with clients to complete paperwork to seek approval for immediate medical coverage needs. The process is same day, which allows clients to have immediate temporary access to Medicaid coverage while a formal Medicaid eligibility determination is being made by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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

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

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

D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – SAU MPH Program-Community Practice & Partnerships, Melissa Sharer, MPH Program Director

Dr. Sharer gave an overview of the St. Ambrose University (SAU) Master of Public Health (MPH) program. The SAU MPH program is fully online and asynchronous. The program develops public health leaders with a global perspective who learn to promote social justice via experimental opportunities, person-centered education, and service to vulnerable and marginalized populations.

The program's vision is to create a future where local, national, and global communities work together to promote individual well-being, value diversity, prevent diseases, and work towards social justice by eliminating health inequities.

Dr. Sharer shared that many of the SAU MPH graduates pursue careers locally in the community.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the reports. Mr. Robinson 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 reported that the Iowa House has approved the plan to overhaul the state's mental health and disability system. The bill is currently in the Senate.

Mrs. Thoreson reported the proposed public hearing date for the FY25 County operational budget is April 25th.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the grant items listed below. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. Motion carried.

- Community Based Program Maternal Health: application, contract, and subsequent amendments
- Immunization Services: application, contract, subcontract, and subsequent amendments
- Local Public Health Services: amended contract, subcontract, and subsequent amendments
- Private Well Grant: application, contract, and subsequent amendments

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

Following discussion, Mr. Robinson moved to approve the FY24 Scott County Health Department Budget amendment. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2024, at the Scott County Administration Center, 1st Floor Board Room. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary