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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MAY 16, 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. O'Donnell, Vice-Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Franzman, O'Donnell, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Schermer

Absent: Dr. Hanson

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Nicholette Parmelee, Tiffany Peterson, Parker Prochaska, Lenore Alonso, Mariah Bryner, Anna Copp, Ellen Gackle, Vianka Herrera, Jodi Jorgensen, Christina McDonough, Brenda Schwarz, Alison Struck, Pamela Thomas

Other: Maddy Ranshaw, Community Health Care, Inc.

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

Dr. O'Donnell called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Schermer moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. 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.

- Nicki Parmelee, Fiscal Manager 1 year May 8
- Mariah Bryner, Community Health Consultant 2 years May 2

Mrs. Thoreson introduced new employee, Parker Prochaska, who joined the department on March 25th as Environmental Health Manager.

Mrs. Thoreson shared Pamela Thomas has transferred from a Medical Assistant position to a Community Health Interventionist. Mrs. Thomas started her new role on May 6th.

Mrs. Thoreson explained the Board of Supervisors recently updated County Policy 11, Purchasing. The updated policy allows certain contracts or agreements where the County has a standard process, design type, or requirement, with the approval of the County Administrator or Director of Budget and Administrative Services, to be entered into without multiple quotes. The department will have several contracts for service provision that fall within the new guidelines.

Staff participated in an initial Patagonia Electronic Health Record (EHR) demonstration. Patagonia EHR has a module that is specifically designed to support Public Health. Staff are exploring the module as a solution to support immunization and sexual health clinics.

The Humane Society of Scott County and the City of Davenport have reached an agreement to provide animal control services. Brooke Barnes participated in a workgroup session to review the City of Davenport's animal ordinances. Mrs. Barnes explained the workgroup is reviewing the period of time an unclaimed animal is held before being placed for adoption and the animal licensure regulations. Mrs. Barnes shared the City of Davenport published a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide fundraising consultant services for the Humane Society.

B. Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of April 2024.

C. Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Budget Report for the month of April 2024.

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

D. Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Board of Health Orientation – I-Smile™ Program, Jodi Jorgensen and Alison Struck

Jodi Jorgensen, Community Dental Consultant/I-Smile™ Coordinator and Alison Struck, Dental Direct Services Consultant gave an overview of the I-Smile™ Program. Mrs. Jorgensen explained that the I-Smile™ coordinator assists families in accessing dental appointments, finding payment sources, arranging transportation, and promotes the importance of oral health through education and community events. The registered dental hygienists (RDH) with the I-Smile™ Program provide dental screenings, apply fluoride, and provide education to children at WIC clinics, Head Start centers, preschools, childcare sites, and in schools.

Alison Struck shared, as of October 2022, the SCHD holds the grant to the I-Smile™@School program serving Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, and Scott counties. The program focuses on elementary schools with a 40 percent free and reduced lunch rate and students in kindergarten through third grades. The program provides dental screenings, risk assessments, dental sealants, fluoride varnish, and oral health education by an RDH.

Mrs. Jorgensen explained that the State of Iowa requires students entering kindergarten and ninth grade to provide proof of a dental screening to their school. The kindergarten screening requirement may be provided by a dentist, RDH, registered nurse, physician, or physician assistant. The ninth-grade screening requirement must be provided by a dentist or RDH. The screening

certificates are audited by the I-Smile™ coordinator annually.

The 2023-2024 Scott County compliance rate for kindergarten is 99% and ninth grade is 37%; resulting in an overall combined county rate of 66%.

Mrs. Jorgensen shared that Community Health Care, Inc. is interested in working together to increase the ninth grade compliance rate.

Dr. Schermer asked if a child was followed when an identified need for further care is noted.

Mrs. Jorgensen responded that if the need was identified during an I-Smile™@School screening, the child receives care coordination services to address the need. If the need is identified by another source, the child is care coordinated by I-Smile™, but the school nurses may reach out on the student's behalf if they completed the screening.

Dr. Schermer asked why the screening requirement for children entering ninth grade must be provided by a dentist or RDH.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that when the requirement was established, it was to encourage children entering ninth grade to have an established dental provider.

Dr. Franzman asked if Scott County compliance rates were similar to other counties.

Mrs. Thoreson explained that the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) publishes the state compliance rates on their website. The report shows the overall compliance rate of the state as well as by each county. Mrs. Thoreson will forward the report and link to the Board of Health.

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

Dr. O'Donnell moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Thoreson reported that the proposed legislation regarding immunization requirements did not pass. The overhaul of the state's mental health and disability system has been signed into law. The mental health districts are anticipated to be released by the end of the summer.

Dr. O'Donnell 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.

- Community Based Program Child and Adolescent Health and Oral Health Programs: application, contract, and subsequent amendments

Mrs. Barnes shared the Fiscal Year 2024 – 3rd Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Barnes highlighted the following:

- The number of eligible employees that have received their hearing tests or signed a waiver annually fluctuated throughout the year with several scheduled to be completed during the last quarter.
- The percentage of vaccine wastage is specifically related to the documentation process requirement to report expired COVID-19 vaccination.
- The yearly tanning and tattoo facilities inspections completed by April 15th are at 100% which allows staff to be ready for the seasonal pool inspection season.

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

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

- Pharmacy Services Agreement with Genventures, Inc. d/b/a FirstMed Pharmacy

The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2024, at the Scott County Administration Center, 1st Floor Board Room. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary