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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH June 20, 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. O'Donnell, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Schermer

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

Other: Keaton McClure, Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the agenda. Dr. Franzman moved to accept the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 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.

- Jennifer Stout, Correctional Health Nurse (PRN) 1 year June 12
- Brittany Wall, Correctional Health Nurse 9 years June 10
- Leslie Ronnebeck, Correctional Health Manager 18 years June 12

Mrs. Thoreson shared the departure of Erin Kelley, part-time Family Health Nurse effective June 11th.

Mrs. Thoreson noted 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.

Staff have utilized Akwaaba QC and Tapestry Farms in the Lead Program to provide support services to several families who have children with elevated blood lead levels.

Christina McDonough and Vianka Herrera shared that Eldridge's City Council adopted a zoning ordinance that restricts any new tobacco and vape retail store development to the City's industrial zoned areas. This is the first ordinance of its kind in the State of Iowa.

Dr. Hanson thanked staff for their diligence and hard work completing the PHAB reaccreditation submission and the highlighted community work in the Director's Report.

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

C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of May 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 – World Relief Quad Cities, Jen Osing, MPH, Executive Director

Jen Osing shared that refugees have been coming to the Quad Cities since 1999. A refugee flees their home country because of war, violence, or well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of religion, race, nationality, or membership in a particular social group.

An asylum seeker is a person who has left their country and is seeking protection from persecution in another country but has not yet been legally recognized as a refugee and is waiting to receive a decision on their asylum claim.

Ms. Osing shared at the end of 2022, 108.4 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide. This includes 62.5 million internally displaced individuals, 35.3 million refugees, 5.4 million asylum seekers, and 5.2 million individuals in need of international protection.

The World Relief Quad Cities (WRQC) has 55 staff members with over 32 languages spoken. WRQC recently opened an office in the City of Davenport in addition to their Moline, Illinois office. The office in Scott County is offering refugee resettlement services, extended case management, immigration legal services, employment services, mental health services, and English education classes. The offices are a part of a network of other offices across the country and globally.

Dr. Schermer asked how a well-founded fear of persecution is documented.

Ms. Osing shared showing proof of a letter or sharing stories and ensuring the stories line up among family members interviewed are examples.

Dr. Hanson asked if most of the individuals that come to the community stay in the community.

Ms. Osing explained that the community is very welcoming and most of the individuals that WRQC serve stay in the community.

Dr. Hanson asked how WRQC partners with the local school districts to ensure proper student

support is provided.

Ms. Osing responded that WRQC is actively working to form a strong relationship with Bettendorf and Davenport Community School districts. Currently, WRQC is hosting a monthly meeting to discuss any needs of new families coming to the districts.

Dr. Hanson inquired if there are any medical or dental service barriers.

Ms. Osing shared that Community Health Care, Inc., Scott County Health Department, and Rock Island County Health Department have been great resources, but seeking a specialty care provider can be a challenge.

Dr. Hanson asked if WRQC has had any pushback from the community.

Ms. Osing shared that many times pushback is due to misinformation and WRQC makes educating the community a priority.

Dr. O'Donnell asked how an undocumented immigrant is handled if they present themselves to the agency.

Ms. Osing explained based on being federally funded, WRQC is only allowed to serve refugees or special immigrant visa holders. However, recently the Governor of Illinois has allowed them to expand services in Illinois to serve undocumented immigrants, but the services are more challenging as they are not allowed to access the same services as refugees. There is currently no funding in Iowa to serve undocumented immigrants.

Dr. O'Donnell inquired if there were long-term educational level and employment history statistics.

Ms. Osing shared that Augustana College published an Impact of Immigrants and Refugees in the Quad Cities economic report that she could share.

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

Dr. Hanson moved to Public Comment.

Keaton McClure, Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences student introduced himself.

Dr. Hanson moved to Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that Brooke Barnes will be attending the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) Summer Advocacy Planning meeting where the group will discuss priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

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. Schermer. Motion carried.

- Care for Yourself (CFY): application, contract, subcontract and subsequent amendments

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

- Back-up Food and Hotel/Motel Inspection Services with Johnson County Public Health
- Chief Medical Officer for Scott County Correctional Health Services – Dr. Posey
- Correctional Health Transcription Services with Precision Transcription, LLC
- Department Medical Director Services with Dr. Louis Katz
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Center for Behavioral Health
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Humility Homes and Services, Inc.
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Jesus Mission Church/Pearl City Outreach
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with Medicine in the Barbershop
- HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Services with The Project of the Quad Cities
- Maternal Health Direct Services at UnityPoint Clinic OB/GYN – Bettendorf

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

- Performance of Food and Hotel Licensing, Inspection, and Enforcement Activities on the behalf of the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing and any subsequent amendments
- Transient Non-Community Water Supply Contract with Iowa Department of Natural Resources and any subsequent amendments
- Transportation Services for Autopsies and any subsequent amendments with SCI Iowa Funeral Services, Inc. d/b/a The Runge Mortuary and Crematory
- Waste Commission of Scott County

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

- Cooperating Nursing Education with St. Ambrose University

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

The next meeting will be held on July 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 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary