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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

July 16, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Via Web-Ex at the Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 4th Floor Conference Room
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Mrs. Coiner, Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Via Web-Ex: Mrs. Coiner, Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. Hanson, Dr. Squire,
Dr. Sandeman

Staff Present: In Person: Edward Rivers, Amy Thoreson, Eric Bradley, Roma Taylor,
Tiffany Tjepkes, Teri Arnold
Via Web-Ex: Lenore Alonso, Brooke Barnes, Christina McDonough, Kim
Mills, Chris Varnes

Others Present: Via Web-Ex: Nicole Mann, Mark Ridolfi

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the agenda. Dr. Hanson moved to accept the agenda.
Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the minutes
of the June 18, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried
unanimously.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

A. Director's Report

Edward Rivers shared several charts with current statistics regarding Coronavirus. He also
stated that some community events have been cancelled due to the recent increase in cases.

Amy Thoreson informed that board that COVID-19 has been the priority for the department.
Staff has been very busy working seven days a week trying to combat coronavirus. Staff have
started looking at additional education to be done for our community partners so the
prevention messaging is not just coming from public health. The hospitals have participated
on the media briefings and EMS will join as well. Efforts now will impact the ability for schools
to be able to open with face to face learning.

Dr. Hanson expressed her appreciation for all the work staff is performing and praised the
decision that the Mississippi Valley Fair staff and board made regarding cancelling the Fair.
They acted in the best interest of the community.

Edward Rivers recognized the following employees for their years of service with the department.

- Barb Smith, Per Diem Nurse 1 year July 22
- Cindi Levetzow, Office Assistant 12 years July 30
- Trish Beckman, Medical Assistant 15 years July 18

Mrs. Coiner commented that Supervisor Ken Croken is pushing for mandatory masking. She expressed her concern as to how this would be implemented and enforced. Mr. Rivers explained that this did not pass because the Governor and the Iowa Attorney General insist that the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency precludes counties from implementing their own ordinances or rules regarding anything that is already in the Proclamation. He stated that there is increasing evidence that universal masking is effective in helping to reduce transmission.

He shared that Dr. Katz was personally unconvinced until recently when data has supported the recommendation. One study in particular from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, discusses hairstylists in Springfield, Missouri that tested positive for COVID-19 and wore masks while serving almost 200 clients who also masked. He shared that there was no transmission of the virus in these clients even though they were within six feet of each other for more than fifteen minutes. With the new evidence and data that has been generated, Dr. Katz is now an advocate of universal masking. Mr. Rivers shared that several businesses have implemented a no mask no service policy. He feels this will go further to increase mask wearing in public than any governmental intervention.

Mrs. Coiner shared that she would hate to see police have to enforce masking when they have more pressing things to deal with. She also stated that she feels more studies on masking are needed.

Dr. Hanson shared a story regarding her mother who is in a care facility. One of the workers on the same wing as her mother tested positive for the virus. Masking was required and no other person, coworker or resident, contracted the virus. Almost all of the residents are over 80 years old with multiple comorbidities. Dr. Hanson shared that she was very impressed with the outcome.

Mr. Rivers reported that Scott County's presumed COVID-19 death count remains at ten. He shared that there has not been a COVID-19 death since May 26th.

Mrs. Coiner expressed appreciation to staff from the board for all of their hard work.

Dr. Hanson asked about budget implications associated with COVID-19. Mrs. Thoreson shared that additional funding from the Iowa Department of Public Health was issued to help offset some of the overtime expenses. Several of the other grants have given us some flexibility so staff normally providing non-COVID or non-communicable disease related work are allowed to continue to do that work so we are able to bill the grant. On the other hand, there are also other expenses that we are not incurring such as travel and fewer expenses due to fewer clinics. The budget is being carefully monitored.

- B. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of June 2020.
- C. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Budget Report for the month of June 2020.

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

- D. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Scott County Kids Report.

Nicole Mann shared they continue to work with the school districts to implement the universal social emotional screener for this next school year. This is a web-based program so even if the kids are not in the classroom, there are still opportunities to provide the screening. Ms. Mann also shared the Early Childhood Iowa Board is very appreciative of the continued support from the Health Department in helping daycares assure children are safe while they are there.

- E. Mrs. Coiner moved to the Title V, Local Public Health Services and Tobacco Use Prevention Program Report.

Tiffany Tjepkes shared that WIC announced they will be closed to the public through the end of September so staff will continue to provide Maternal Health and I-Smile™ services from the Health Department. Some of the services are provided through telehealth, some are provided via phone, as well as letters. The department received approval to utilize some Title V funding for contact tracing so staff has been trained to assist with this.

Mrs. Coiner called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the reports. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Mrs. Coiner moved to Unfinished Business.

There were no items for Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Coiner moved to New Business.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the Care for Yourself-WISEWOMAN Program application, contract, subcontract, and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the Grants to Counties Water Well Program contract and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the Summer Youth Food Program Agreement and any subsequent amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize signature of the HIV and Hepatitis C Testing and Prevention Agreements and any subsequent amendments with Alcohol

and Drug Dependency Services, Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc., Center for Behavioral Health, Humility Homes and Services, Inc., Muscatine Center for Social Action, Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center, and Trinity New Horizons. Motion seconded by Dr. Squire. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize signature of the Back-up Inspection Services Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Johnson County Public Health. Motion seconded by Dr. Sandeman. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize signature of the Applied Practicum Experience Affiliation Agreement with St. Ambrose University College of Health and Human Services for the period of July 2020 thru July 2022. Motion seconded by Dr. O'Donnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize signature of the PrEP Testing and Care Coordination Agreement with the University of Iowa Hospital and the Iowa Department of Public Health. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Arnold
Recording Secretary