



## Scott County Health Department

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### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 24, 2022

### MEETING MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street – 1<sup>st</sup> 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. O'Donnell, Dr. Franzman, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Schermer

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Briana Boswell, Tiffany Peterson, Lori Steiner, Andrew Swartz, Lenore Alonso, Anna Copp, Carole Ferch, Leah Kroeger, Christina McDonough, Lashon Moore, Brenda Schwarz, Jennifer Stout

Others Present: Nicole Mann, Eastern Iowa Decategorization Director

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

Dr. Hanson called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. 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, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Nurse 1 year March 8
- Lori Steiner, Clinical Services Manager 1 year March 29
- Maggie Wright, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Nurse 4 years March 30
- Lorna Bimm, Public Health Nurse 14 years March 24
- Brandon George, Correctional Health Nurse 15 years March 9
- Sherry Holzhauser, Correctional Health Nurse 17 years March 7

Mrs. Thoreson introduced new employee, Andy Swartz, who has been hired as the Environmental Health Manager.

Mrs. Thoreson recognized Christina McDonough for being selected by the River Action Board of Directors, along with six other honorees, to receive the Eddy Award for those who exemplify excellence on the riverfront. Mrs. McDonough will be presented this award on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the resignation of Vicki Doner, Correctional Health Manager effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Doner will be establishing a new occupational health program for a local manufacturer.

Mrs. Thoreson shared the resignation of Heath Johnson, Disease Intervention Specialist effective April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Johnson has accepted the position of Prevention Services Coordinator with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Mrs. Thoreson shared Nicole Miller has been selected as the Fiscal Manager. Ms. Miller will be joining the department on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Thoreson reported that she, along with Tiffany Peterson and Brooke Barnes, met with individuals from the New Orleans Health Department to answer their questions on the department's Quality Improvement (QI) plan, tools, processes, and culture.

Staff met with two representatives from Representative Miller-Meeks office giving them an overview of the department and a tour.

Mrs. Thoreson reported staff have begun completing school dental screening audits for kindergarten and ninth-grade students enrolled in an accredited school. The results from the audits will be compiled and shared with the Board of Health (BOH) in May.

I-Smile™ has completed all third-grade oral health surveys as requested by IDPH every five years. Leah Kroeger, Community Dental Consultant, I-Smile™ Coordinator shared that IDPH selected four schools in Scott County as part of a statewide surveillance assessment to evaluate decay rates and the presence of preventive dental sealants among third-grade students. IDPH selected Blue Grass, Buchanan, Hopewell, and Jackson elementary schools in Scott County.

Mrs. Thoreson explained staff conducted a preliminary walk-through inspection of a new permanent outdoor cooking facility. After visiting the facility, inspectors had concerns regarding the protection of outer openings during kitchen operations. Staff have communicated these concerns and are seeking guidance from the Iowa Department of Inspections & Appeals (DIA) as they move through the review and approval process to operate. The facility has been asked to submit an outdoor cooking operations plan, a written pest control plan, written standard operating procedures, and proof of a Certified Food Protection Manager to oversee the outdoor cooking operation.

Mrs. Thoreson reported that the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has shared the 2022 reaccreditation standards. These are the standards that the department will need to meet in order to achieve reaccreditation in 2023. The department's accreditation team has been

meeting to begin the planning process on reengaging the department's teams as it relates to reaccreditation.

Mrs. Thoreson noted, as of this meeting, IDPH reported a total of 45,578 positive tests in Scott County; January 2022 was the highest month since the pandemic began. Scott County continues to see falls in both hospitalizations and case numbers. Dr. Katz continues to monitor the numbers.

The department continues to offer Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine through a weekday walk-in clinic. The department continues to distribute test kits.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that IPDH and the Department of Human Services (DHS) released a joint press release prior to the beginning of this meeting, with links to their final change package and functional organizational chart which, serves as the roadmap to bring together both agencies under a single leadership structure.

Dr. Hanson asked if there has been movement on a recommendation for a fourth COVID booster vaccination. Mrs. Thoreson explained that for a majority of the population, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not made a recommendation, nor is it approved under the emergency use authorization (EUA) as of this meeting. Mrs. Thoreson anticipates that when the FDA Advisory Committee meets on April 6<sup>th</sup> it would be a discussion consideration.

Dr. Hanson inquired if the Moderna vaccination for children under the age of 5 will be discussed at the FDA Advisory Committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Thoreson responded that the FDA has not made any formal announcements, but she would anticipate it could be a discussion topic.

Dr. O'Donnell asked what the impact will be on the department when the federal Public Health Disaster Emergency Proclamation expires. Mrs. Thoreson shared once all the vaccines have been approved and the federal government is no longer purchasing the vaccine, the state may relinquish the responsibility of the department placing the COVID-19 vaccine orders for the providers [unless it is a pharmacy that receives vaccines through the pharmacy network or Community Health Care, Inc. that has access to the vaccines through Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)] in Scott County. No other direct impacts are known at this time.

Dr. O'Donnell referred to the Director's Report inquiring if the department regularly receives immediate, temporary approval on Presumptive Eligibility Medicaid applications. Mrs. Boswell responded that the department is a qualified entity that is able to provide same day applications for individuals that have immediate needs that need to be addressed. If the individual is approved, it provides a bridge while DHS reviews the individual's full application for ongoing coverage. Mrs. Boswell added that the department works with special populations which include pregnant women, children and their parents, and a very limited segment of the adult population group.

- B. Dr. Hanson moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of February 2022.
- C. Dr. Hanson moved to the Budget Report for the month of February 2022.

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

- D. Dr. Hanson moved to the Scott County Kids Report.

Nicole Mann, Eastern Iowa Decategorization Director shared that their department became fully staffed in October. Staff member Terry Hanson, Special Projects Coordinator, is an approved facilitator for both Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid training and is able to provide the training in Scott County at no cost. Ms. Mann shared DHS had emergency funds that needed to be spent down by June 30<sup>th</sup> and has contracted with Scott County Kids to aid in paying for mental health copays and extra-curricular activities for youth. The funds are on a first-come, first-serve basis and cover a ten county area. The Tall Cop Says Stop educational event will be offered on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and will allow participants to be able to learn and identify substance abuse trends. Continuing education of 1.5 units will be offered to nurses. Ms. Mann reported that Diane Martens, Early Iowa Childhood Coordinator completed her site visit at the Health Department for the childcare nurse consultant contract with no concerns. The Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Board continues to find the services provided by the childcare nurse consultant to be a positive service.

Dr. Hanson referred to the Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Board minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting, inquiring if children were on the waitlist for a scholarship or an opening for child care availability. Ms. Mann explained that child care centers currently have openings but the scholarships themselves have restrictions.

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

Mrs. Peterson shared that Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association has agreed to oversee the subcontracts with doulas for the state's Doula Pilot Project in Scott County. The Scott County Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) staff will be coordinating the referrals and completing the enrollment process into the program.

Anna Copp, Community Tobacco Consultant provided tobacco prevention education to the Davenport Central High School Shades of Success and Safer Foundation Iowa Students for Tobacco Education and Prevention (ISTEP) groups. Mrs. Copp has received requests from the Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley School Districts to provide tobacco and nicotine prevention education with a special focus on e-cigarette use.

Dr. Hanson asked for further explanation on the role of a doula. Mrs. Boswell explained that a doula is there to give support services to the birthing individual during their pregnancy, birth and after to increase positive health outcomes. The Doula Project agreement with IDPH is to serve African American/Black or a persons of color utilizing doulas of color.

F. Dr. Hanson moved to the Board of Health Orientation – Department Fiscal Operations

Mrs. Thoreson explained the BOH's fiscal responsibilities include having an active role in assessing public health needs and evaluating whether current services are being successful; setting public health goals and priorities, shaping service delivery systems, ensuring efficient and effective use of resources; bringing together contractors, payees, and other partners to fulfill the roles and responsibilities laid out in Iowa Code and Iowa Administration Code; setting financial direction, approving the annual budget, approving financial guidelines, policies and procedures; planning for expenses and revenues and monitoring financial status; and delegating implementation of the budget.

These fiscal responsibilities are being met by the BOH's involvement in the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement plan efforts (CHA-CHIP) process; participating in the department's Strategic Planning process and receiving progress reports on efforts; orientations at BOH meetings from outside entities; approving fee changes; approving grant applications with subcontract arrangements; approving the annual budget and amendments; and reviewing monthly financial reports.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that Scott County receives an annual comprehensive financial audit from an external audit firm. The audit report findings are issued by the end of the calendar year.

Mrs. Thoreson gave an overview of the county's financial operations, department operations, and reviewed the Monthly Budget Report and Accounts Payable Invoice Report provided to the BOH in its packets.

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

Dr. Hanson moved to Public Comment.

There were no comments.

Dr. Hanson moved to Unfinished Business.

A. Position Statement on Community Water Fluoridation

Following discussion, Dr. Franzman moved to approve the Position Statement on Community Water Fluoridation as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried.

Dr. Hanson moved to New Business.

Local Public Health Services Grant Application Discussion

Mrs. Peterson shared the Local Public Health Services (LPHS) contract is shifting to a population health focus beginning in FY23. Discussions on the impact of the change in funding have occurred with subcontractor, Genesis Visiting Nurses Association (VNA). Genesis VNA is supportive of the change, and recognizes that public health infrastructure work is important.

The LPHS application guidance released on March 21<sup>st</sup> has a requirement of five population health objectives in the following three required areas of work: leadership and governance, health promotion, and strengthening local public health infrastructure.

Mrs. Peterson explained non-population focused work is optional. The use of LPHS funds for population health will incrementally change from FY23 to FY27, beginning in FY23 with a minimum of twenty-five percent of the budget focused on population health activities. The department currently exceeds that minimum related to population health activities.

The department's internal team met and identified recommended areas to support the work currently being supported by LPHS dollars, moving into the next fiscal year. The team's recommendations include: develop and champion policies, plans, or laws that guide the practice of public health; foster leadership skills at all levels; provide vaccines that prevent diseases for adults and children; develop and disseminate accessible health information and resources, including through collaboration with multi-sector partnerships; employ the principles of risk communication, health literacy, and health education to inform the public, when appropriate; use appropriate communications channels to effectively reach the intended populations; convene and facilitate multi-sector partnerships and coalitions that include sectors that influence health; maintain an ongoing understanding of health in the jurisdiction by collecting, monitoring, and analyzing data on health and factors that influence health to identify threats, patterns, and emerging issues, with a particular emphasis on disproportionately affected populations; and use innovative technologies, data collection methods, and data sets.

The LPHS contract has a periodic reporting compliance on the population health objectives chosen.

Dr. Hanson commented that as the shift to a population health focus begins, it will be important to have a direct dialog with the partners that perform direct care services to identify any gaps in the community of those needing care.

Dr. O'Donnell noted that the workforce shortage has created a challenge for home health agencies trying to support and utilize funded programs. Dr. O'Donnell added that it is not an easy time to be out in the community where some of the services are needed. The BOH supported the activities identified by the department's internal team.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Local Public Health Services Agreement Application, Contract, Subcontract and Subsequent Amendments. Motion seconded by Dr. Schermer. Motion carried.

Following discussion, Dr. O'Donnell moved to approve and authorize the signature of the Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa Grant Application, Contract, Subcontract and Subsequent Amendments. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried.

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

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2022, in the Boardroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Schwarz  
Recording Secretary