



PUBLIC HEALTH

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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

August 21, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

4:00 pm

Call to Order: Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Bonnie D. Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA; Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS. ABSENT: Michael P. McLaughlin, PhD; Tatiana Izakovic, MD, MHA.

Staff: Dave Koch, Director; Kate Klefstad, Clinical Services Manager; James Lacina, Environmental Health Manager; Stephanie Gramlich, Clinical Services Oral Health Coordinator; Susan Denny, Secretary II.

Others Present: Susie Nehring, Assistant County Attorney; Becky Nowachek, Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pollock to approve the July 17, 2019 meeting minutes; seconded by Rubin. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: September 18, 2019 in Conference Room 214B at the Health and Human Services Building. Wallace will be absent.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: Klefstad introduced Gramlich, new Clinical Services Oral Health Coordinator. Pollock requested new employee introductions be noted on BOH Agendas in future.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **Radon:** James Lacina, EH Manager presented an overview of the Radon program and the need for monitoring radon in Iowa. On a national radon map, Iowa is located in Zone 1, indicating the highest radon levels. Lacina described how the gas seeps into homes, sources of radon and options for radon remediation and prevention as well as new home construction guidelines and requirements. JCPH provides

low cost radon testing kits to the public. Discussion followed regarding the need for more regulation and possible legislation.

- **New Orientation Material for BOH Members:** Becky Nowachek, MPH, CHES Region 6 Community Health Consultant for IDPH described recent organizational changes and updates to the Bureau of Local Public Health Services and the Board of Health member orientation process. Nowachek provided BOH members with a packet of material for reference. Nowachek used a power point presentation to illustrate the rules, regulations and structure of local Boards of Health. Discussion of jurisdiction and clarification of BOH member responsibilities and resources as well as BOH issues in other counties followed.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None.

Applications, Contracts and Agreements:

OTHER

- **19-23 Local Public Health Services (LPHS) FY20 Performance Measure:** Koch presented a draft copy of a report highlighting actions and accomplishments by Johnson County BOH members and the benefits of those actions to other Boards of Health and legislators. The paper will be submitted to meet the LPHS Performance Measure requirement, due by the end of September, 2019.

Motion by Rubin, to approve the LPHS FY20 Performance Measure report; seconded by Pollock. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Bright Smiles:** Klefstad presented a brief update on the Bright Smiles program, a dental collaboration between JCPH and the Healthy Kids School-based Health Clinic (HKS BHC) in the Iowa City School District serving under-insured and uninsured residents of Johnson County under the age of 21. Klefstad described the services JCPH dental hygienists provide for the program and sources of funding for those services. Klefstad noted an administrative change made in the program regarding consent forms and release of information forms. Consent and release forms will now include a release of exchange including JCPH on initial paperwork processed by HKS BHC so that new forms will not be needed for JCPH services. Klefstad cited examples where clients were not accompanied by legal guardians or parents authorized to sign consent and release forms and were turned away. This change will alleviate those situations. She noted an added benefit is the number of staff translators available in HKS BHC which also reduces translation barriers in filling out the initial paperwork. Klefstad responded to comments and questions. Discussion followed.

Discussion Forum with State/Local Elected Officials: Koch informed the BOH members of a personal goal to reach out to more of our elected officials and local representatives in Johnson County. He reported attending a meeting at the Coralville Public Library regarding the AARP Iowa Care Act and met with Representative Mary Mascher to gain support for inviting state and local elected officials to a forum with JCPH Leadership Team and BOH members, discussing issues of importance to public health. Discussion followed regarding structure and content, topics, open meeting rules and possible meeting dates.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: Nehring reported she may be traveling out of the country but expects to be at the September meeting.

Members, Board of Health: Pollock requested a change of date for the October 16th meeting due to a schedule conflict. Pollock inquired about the budget timeline as well.

Rubin is co-teaching the Executive Masters of Healthcare Administration class on Essentials of Public Health with Laurie Walkner. She asked for input from BOH members and staff regarding information for students about local public health. Rubin also reported participating in the University of Iowa Preparedness Active Shooter exercise as well as Sam Jarvis, Community Health Emergency Preparedness Planner.

Director: Koch reported highlights, including:

Domain 1: Koch suggested BOH members take a look at the top five food violations over a 1-2 year period in the Director's report.

CASPER for **HealthyJoCo** results were mixed. CH is continuing to collect more surveys in other parts of Johnson County. Rubin commented that the College of Public Health students who participated were very excited to be a part of the project. Koch added the students were awarded certificates to recognize their participation.

Domain 4: Susan Vileta, Health Educator is providing technical assistance to other municipalities regarding vaping restriction ordinances. She is currently working with the Administrator and Mayor of Marengo.

Domain 7: WIC Dental Clinics in Iowa County are working with Proteus Job Training, Healthcare and Assistance to provide migrant families with resources.

Wallace adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

September 18, 2019

Date

Signature on File

Michael P. McLaughlin, Ph.D, Vice Chair

Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II