



Washington County Board of Health
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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2018 @ 12:00 p.m.
Orchard Hill, Building #2, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Buffington, Chair
Trevor Martin, DO
Chris Grier, DC
Connie Larson

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Peggy Wood, Roberta Sloat
Jennine Wolf, Jason Taylor

VISITORS:

Sally Hart, KCII Radio
Xiomara Levsen, Washington Journal

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Cathy Buffington.

The meeting agenda and minutes from the December 21st meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second Chris Grier. Motion carried 4-0.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski requested the Board to elect new officers for 2018. A motion was made by Connie Larson to keep the officers the same for the new year, second by Chris Grier. Motion carried 4-0. Chairperson – Cathy Buffington, Vice-Chair – Jack Seward, and Secretary – Chris Grier.

Environmental Health

Jennine Wolf presented the budget. Revenue is at 64% and expenditures are at 41%. Jennine explained the FY 18-19 budget. Jennine said the Board of Supervisors stated to keep budget at 0% except for wages. They approved a 2.5% raise. She handed out the wage explanation sheet showing 2.5% of her wage and Jason's wage which amounted to \$1.25. Splitting that in half –they each get a \$.63 an hour raise, with Jason receiving a 3% and Jennine a 2% raise for next fiscal year. Jennine explained the revenue is down for the contractor license next fiscal year as they are two year license. The tattoo revenue is up next fiscal year due to a new tattoo parlor and Grant-to-Counties money is estimated at \$25000. Connie Larson made a motion to approve the budget-Dr. Grier seconded and the motion passed.

Jennine explained the pit bull involved in the bite report on Yucca Ave. has not been euthanized. Dr. Wendy Miller asked if this dog could be considered for placement with a family

for rehabilitation. Jennine explained she talked with the County attorney and he said if we have the person sign a paper that he accepts all responsibility for the dog it would be acceptable. They signed the paper that they accept all responsibility for the pit bull.

Jennine explained the Washington County Dog Ordinance is being rewritten. The assistant county attorney, Sheriff's department, Dr. Miller from Town and Country and herself are putting it together. Jennine asked if anyone from the BOH would like to have input in rewriting the ordinance. Cathy said they would review it before it goes to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Jennine handed out the first six month report that explained the inspections, reviews, trainings taken, classes and talks given, and the admin duties of Jason and her.

Public Health

Roberta Sloat, 1st Five Program Coordinator, shared her screening numbers for Washington and Henry counties for the time period of October – December. Roberta shared assessment criteria with the Board and reviewed the benefits of early detection of developmental delays.

Peggy Wood reviewed the agency financials. She provided an additional review of revenue for the 2nd quarter and noted that year-to-date the agency remains at a decrease. Expenses are aligned with the decrease in revenue.

Peggy presented the projected budget for FY19. The budget included a tax asking amount of approx. \$759k or 49%. Peggy noted that her revenue projections were conservative based on the current climate of Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement and also the uncertainty of State funding. She provided an expense summary that outlined the 2.5% increase in staff wages and noted various agency expenses that are required for regulatory requirements. The FY19 budget was approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 4-0. The agency budget review with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th at 1:00 p.m.

Danielle announced that a new Home Health Aide had been hired effective February 1st. The personnel change request for Cindy Johnson was approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Connie Larson. Motion carried 4-0.

Danielle reviewed Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) statistics for both Washington and Henry counties for the October-December time frame. The statistics outlined various services provided at our WIC clinics as well as admissions and discharges of maternal clients. The BOH was asked if they had any recommendations to bring back to the MCAH staff, and they did not.

Danielle updated the Board on her conversation with an ISU contact in regards to the ordinance regarding electronic smoking devices specific to Story County.

Legislative updates were shared by Danielle. She noted that Senate File 2058 was being introduced which requests the termination of MCOs; House File 2017 outlines a plan to eliminate the Department of Public Health and move services to the Departments of Human Services and Public Safety.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Noon, Thursday, February 15, 2018, Orchard Hill, Lexington Blvd.