



Washington County Board of Health
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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2016 @ 12:00 p.m.
Orchard Hill, Building #2, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Seward, Jr.
Cathy Buffington, RN
Connie Larson
Trevor Martin, DO
Chris Grier, DC

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Peggy Wood, Karri Fisher
Jennine Wolf

VISITORS:

Berdette Ogden, IDPH Region 5 Community Health Consultant
Xiomara Levsen, Washington Evening Journal

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairperson, Cathy Buffington.

The minutes from November 17th and meeting agenda were approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Jack Seward. Motion carried 5-0.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski shared that the Board of Supervisors approved the re-appointments of Connie Larson and Chris Grier for another term at their meeting on December 6th.

Environmental Health

Jennine Wolf presented the budget -Revenue is at 50% and expenditures are at 34%. Jennine explained she received a subpoena from Jen Lerner, the assistant County Attorney to appear in court to testify against Chance Miller. She explained this had to do with Chance Miller's dogs eating a neighbor's chickens.

Jennine received the Pumper Truck Contract from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The contract is for a three year contract. A motion was made by Connie Larsen to sign the contract and was seconded by Dr. Martin. Motion passed. The contract was signed by Cathy Buffington, Chairperson.

Public Health

Peggy Wood presented the agency financial report. She noted that revenue and expenses are within budgetary guidelines.

Peggy provided information in regards to the recent agency Medicare cost report. Specifically, results of the agency cost per service were discussed. The costs from this report are used to determine agency billing structures and sliding fee guidelines. She shared that costs had been steadily increasing over the past few years and reviewed FY15 and FY16 numbers. Peggy made a recommendation to increase agency fees for services, effective February 1st, as follows: Skilled nursing from \$110/visit to \$130/visit; Home Health Aide from \$42/hour to \$45/hour; Homemaker from \$24/hour to \$30/hour. The recommendation was approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Connie Larson. Motion carried 5-0. Clients affected will be sent a letter next week indicating the rate changes and effective date.

Danielle shared that Sheila Temple, I-Smile coordinator/Dental Hygienist, resigned effective December 16th. Danielle and staff are in the process of interviewing potential candidates. The parent educator position in The Family Connection program remains vacant. Karri added that she is interested in replacing the contracted home health social worker position vacated by Danielle Stouder the end of June. The position requires a Master's degree.

Danielle noted that Lynn Fisher attended an emergency planning meeting in Tipton earlier in the month. IDPH has reconfigured the current, regional coalitions into new regions for FY18. Discussions are preliminary in terms of dollar allocation and grant processes.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) approved the Home and Community Based services (HCBS) self-assessment previously submitted with zero comments for corrective action.

Danielle introduced information about a potential building for public health. She shared that Hobart Historic Restoration is interested in renovating the McCleery factory in Washington. The building has the potential to house the entire department with room for other tenants in approximately 24,000 sq ft; 8,000 sq ft per floor plus a basement. Danielle, staff, and board members have had a meeting with Hobart and most recently a tour of the building. The Board approved to move forward with a work session with Hobart on December 20th, with the possibility of a joint work session with the Board of Supervisors, on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 5-0. Danielle indicated she would have a discussion with Dan Widmer about a joint work session.

Next meeting scheduled for Noon, Thursday, January 19, 2017, Orchard Hill, Lexington Blvd.