



Washington County Board of Health
110 N. Iowa Avenue, Suite 300, Washington, Iowa 52353

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.

Orchard Hill, Building #2, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trevor Martin, DO
Chris Grier, DC
Connie Larson
Richard Young for Jack Seward
Cathy Buffington, Chair

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Peggy Wood, Lynn Fisher
Jennine Wolf, Jason Taylor

VISITORS:

None

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Cathy Buffington.

The meeting agenda and minutes from the February 16th meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 5-0.

Environmental Health

Jennine Wolf presented the budget -Revenue is at 83% and expenditures are at 53%.

Cathy Buffington asked if Jennine wanted to talk about the hoarder situation and the meeting in Riverside.

Jennine explained on March 15 Cathy and her went to a meeting in Riverside with Lory Young, City Clerk, Ralph Schnoebelen, council member, Mr. Sueppel, City attorney and Jeannine Redlinger. The meeting was to address steps to take to resolve a hoarding situation in Riverside. Mr. Sueppel explained they have the authority to enforce city ordinance to clean up the outside of the house, but did not give them permission to enter the house. The Washington County ordinances states the BOH can enter the premises if there is a public health concern. Since the complaints of rats and other vermin are reported from the neighboring residences, along with a noticeable stench emanating from the premises, the city is asking for the Board's help. I asked Mr. Sueppel what is the first step to start the process and he explained I needed to get an administrative search warrant. I informed the board I have a 10:30 meeting on March 20th with John Gish.

Public Health

Peggy Wood shared the department financial report. She noted that revenue and expenses were in line with current budgetary guidelines.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski presented the personnel change request for Leann Fangman. The resignation and change request were approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 5-0. Danielle also shared that Linda Mangold would be retiring the end of May with 30 years of service. The position will be posted and advertised within the week.

Lynn Fisher shared the results of her recent immunization audit of the local school districts and childcare centers. Lynn added that the home school programs are now part of her audit requirements due to chart location.

The application for the Local Public Health services grant was approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Connie Larson. Motion carried 5-0. The grant is used for skilled services and follows a sliding fee scale for financial assistance.

Danielle read a success story in the area of home health. The success story is a requirement for the Local Public Health services grant. In prior years this submittal would release withheld grant dollars to the agency. Due to the funding cuts at the State level, the 3% hold will not be released to agencies this fiscal year.

Danielle presented two Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) grant requests for renewal. The Family Connection program and the Fluoride Varnish program are funded through ECI. Danielle added that the agency was anticipating an approximate funding cut of 5.0%. She also stated that the fluoride varnish program which normally provides services three times per year to local preschools in both Washington and Henry counties would be reduced to two times per year in the next grant cycle. The requests for renewal were approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Richard Young. Motion carried 5-0.

Next meeting scheduled for Noon, Thursday, April 20, 2017, Orchard Hill, Lexington Blvd.