



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

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.

Orchard Hill, Building #2, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Karri Fisher
Jennine Wolf, Jason Taylor

VISITORS:

Xiomara Levenson, Washington Evening Journal
Berdette Ogden, IDPH

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 by Cathy Buffington.

The amended meeting agenda and minutes from the June 21st meeting were approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Connie Larson. Motion carried 5-0.

Environmental Health

Jennine Wolf presented the year end budget for 2017. Revenue is at 124% because of the extra revenue from Mahaska, Keokuk and Wapello tanning, tattoo and pool inspections and expenditures are at 81%.

Jennine gave the Board a report that showed all the inspections that Jason and she did for the fiscal year 2017-food, tanning, tattoo, pool, septic, well, water tests, food safety classes, talks and job responsibilities..

Jennine gave the final report about Julie Lang. Jennine explained Julie had new furniture, flooring, curtains etc. Jennine explained the complaint against Julie was for rats. At this time, the home of Julie is not considered a rat harborage and the complaint is closed. Cathy asked Jennine if she would send a final report to the person who filed the complaint-Jennine said she will send a final report to the City of Riverside.

Jennine explained about complaints she has received about Jessie Love from Richmond having junk piles on his property. She went out and took pictures of the piles of junk and contacted DNR about the junk piles. Jennine wrote Jessie a letter on June 21 citing the code sections against open dumping, garbage and refuse, nuisances prohibited, nuisance abatement and

rodent attraction. She gave him 10 days from receipt of the letter to contact her with a plan to dispose of the junk. He did not respond to the letter. On July 15, she sent another letter, by sheriff, that gave him 24 hours from receipt of the letter to contact her with a plan to dispose of the junk or be issued a citation. He did not respond. So, on 7/31/17 she issued him a \$750.00 citation.

Connie asked what the difference between determining the junk pile in Richmond as against county code and the junk out on Iowa Ave not being against county code. Jennine explained the owner of the Iowa Ave. property owned the cars and they are not considered junk in the ordinances.

Jennine gave an update on the Cahill dog bite incident. She explained Marg Schnobolen, Charles Sokja, and Margery Moore submitted written statements of their experiences of encountering the pit bull belonging to Aubrey Cahill. The statements were given to Jen, the assistant county attorney, who filed charges against Aubrey. Aubrey was scheduled to appear on a bench warrant. Aubrey chose to have a jury trial and the court date is in September. Jennine explained the husband of Marjory Moore called her and asked why Aubrey still had the dog. Jennine explained to him that Aubrey asked for the jury trial, and the husband was very upset the dog was still with Aubrey. Jennine explained unless the dog does something else between now and the trial date, there was nothing she could do about the dog.

Jennine told the board the Lexington pool is officially closed through the attorney general.

Public Health

Danielle Pettit-Majewski reviewed the fiscal year end carry over to be approximately \$ 26,000. A projected shortfall had been expected, but the MCOs submitted reimbursements the last three days of the fiscal year.

Danielle presented a personnel change request for approval for Charity Gingerich. Her last day will be August 8th. The request was approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 5-0. Danielle added that the I-Smile Coordinator position remains open. The exception to policy for coordinator credentials was reviewed by the Iowa Dental Board on July 13th and they are requesting additional information. Their next meeting will be in August or September. Danielle has been communicating with IDPH on the best way to handle this situation. The RN position in Home Health remains open.

Danielle shared that progress had been made on the proposed HIPAA manual for the department. The final draft was received and forwarded to the Board members. Roger Shindell has offered to come to our meeting in August to answer and questions the Board may have prior to approval.

Danielle shared a brief Maternal Child Adolescent Health update for the 3rd quarter. There was conversation from the Board regarding high lead levels. This is not something we see on a regular basis due to the remediation and repainting that's been done. Danielle shared that IDPH is considering changes to the current lead program due to decreased need and budgetary constraints. No other comments or suggestions were given.

Karri Fisher presented her quarterly Home Health audit with the Board and explained the new system we're implementing through Ability that will be used as an audit and education tool. This should reduce the time Karri has to spend auditing charts each month and will also help us with Home Health Value Based Purchasing.

Berdette Ogden shared a Board of Health pamphlet with the Board that had references and responsibilities.

Jack Seward shared that 911 Communications needs to find a new home to accommodate the new radio systems that will be implemented. There is conversation about whether the building will be implemented just to satisfy the needs of 911 Communications, or if there will be a larger project done to accommodate more departments.

Next meeting scheduled for Noon, Thursday, August 31, 2017, Orchard Hill, Lexington Blvd.