



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

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**May 21, 2020 @ 12:00 p.m.**  
**Federation Bank, Washington, Iowa**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**VISITORS:**

Gretchen Teske, Washington Journal via Zoom  
Mary Zelinski, Kalona News  
Kate Klefstad, Johnson County Public Health via Zoom  
Jen Weidman, Washington County Public Health via Zoom  
Erin James, Washington County Public Health via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Cathy Buffington.

The meeting agenda and minutes from the April 19th meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Cathy Buffington. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Health**

Peggy Wood provided a financial update for the month of April. Peggy indicated revenue and expenses were within budgetary guidelines. She added that the agency had received funds from the Federal CARES Act in the amount of \$20,863. The funds were received from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency fund. Peggy noted that she will be tracking all expenses, including staff time and supplies, related to COVID-19.

Kate Klefstad, Johnson County Public Health, provided an update on WIC services provided in our County. Since the start of the pandemic, WIC has been doing telephone appointments which have resulted in high rates of compliance. Kate also shared Johnson County had received Title X funding to promote and perform outreach for reproductive health and health disparities. The intent is to work collaboratively with Washington County in providing the new services. More details to come at a later date.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski shared her previous request to the Better Health for Lowans foundation for water fountains had been approved. The \$11k will be distributed between the communities of Kalona, Riverside, Washington, and Washington County Conservation.

Danielle provided an update on COVID-19. She shared information on the Governor's proclamation to further open businesses and organizations in the State effective this weekend and next week.

The Family Connection program recently earned their 5 year re-credential status. Danielle explained it is a requirement of the National Parents As Teachers organization that must be completed every five years in order for the program and funding to continue.

### **Environmental Health**

Jennine Wolf presented the budget. Revenue is 108% and expenditures is at 63%. Jennine explained revenue from swimming pools and tattoo establishments may either come in late or not at all. Much depends on when they can reopen.

Cathy Buffington gave an update of the job opening. Cathy explained they had ten apply, but five were not considered because they did not submit the required paperwork. Cathy asked the board if they would like to meet in a closed meeting after the interviews to discuss the final selection and the Board agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. Next meeting date scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Federation Bank, 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room and via Zoom.