



Washington County Board of Health
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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2019 @ 12:00 p.m.
Orchard Hill, Building #2, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS:

Mary Zelinski, Kalona News
Dan Widmer, Washington County Auditor

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

The amended agenda and minutes from the August 15th meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larsen, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 4-0.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski announced the expiration of Board terms at the end of the year for two members, Chris Grier and Connie Larsen. Interested parties should contact Danielle.

Environmental Health

Jennine asked for the agenda to be amended to include a dog bite.

Jennine Wolf presented the year end budget. Revenue is 30.14% and expenditures is at 12.12%.

Jennine told the Board Jen Lerner from the County Attorney's office contacted her about Karey Greiner from Rubio. Karey has horses and has been allowing them to roam in other people's yards and leave manure messes. She has had multiple complaints of animal at large against her and 4 citations issued to her from the Sheriff's department. Jen asked if there was anything I could do. Chapter 50.04(5) says the sanitarian can order the animal to be restrained if multiple complaints for running at large has been issued. Jennine sent an enforcement letter to Karey Greiner explaining what the code section was and she would be issued a \$750.00 fine each time the horses were loose. She explained it was delivered by sheriff.

Jennine informed the Board they were going to post for the job opening next Monday.

Jennine explained she received a call from a Vet's office about an unvaccinated dog that was bit by a racoon. The Vet asked what the quarantine requirements were. Jennine explained this type of bite is not addressed in the Ordinance. She called the Center of Acute Disease Epidemiology (C.A.D.E.) and they sent her the Rabies resource manual. State law addresses quarantine requirements of animal bites for different circumstances. This dog did not have proof of rabies shots, but was taken to a vet within 96 hours; therefore the dog must be under strict quarantine for four months. The BOH can allow a home quarantine or require a Vet quarantine for the four months. Jennine gave a copy of the email sent by Jeremy Hassman, the owner of Lyzah, the dog who was bit by the racoon. She explained that Jeremy had the resources to follow the quarantine requirements, which includes the dog not being around anyone or other animals for the four-month quarantine. Jennine recommended to the Board to allow a home quarantine for Jeremy and Lyzah. Cathy asked if I would go out and ensure the quarantine requirements are as the email states. Jennine will check in in a couple days and each month until the quarantine is done.

Public Health

Peggy Wood reviewed the financial report for the previous month. All revenue and expenses were within budgetary guidelines. Peggy added that revenue from Iowa Total Care is slow and problematic. Revenue for home health services is non-existent; Child health services are being paid at an incorrect, lower reimbursement rate. She will keep the Board informed of any new developments.

Danielle presented information about the lease proposal from Federation Bank effective October 1st. She outlined the increase in rent, changes in wording about notice to vacate, cleaning responsibilities, and space allocation on the 5th floor. The revised lease and authority for Danielle to sign was approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 5-0.

Danielle announced the hiring of Jessica Haro-Ponce effective September 23rd. Jessica will be a Parent Educator for the Family Connection program. The personnel change request was approved on a motion by Connie Larsen, second by Chris Grier. Jack Seward abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Danielle presented additional information about the Systems Thinking Opportunity previously discussed at last month's meeting. The project total is \$35k, with the Midwestern Public Health Training Center providing \$28k. Danielle indicated she is working with local, community partners to obtain the remaining \$7k. The project start date is January.

Peggy reviewed the 2019 annual report for the Board. She highlighted areas of interest and encouraged all Board members to review.

Danielle introduced a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Agency and Johnson County Public Health. The MOU allocates a stipend of \$3k to the Agency to provide clinic space and support staff assistance 4 times per year for HIV and viral Hepatitis testing. The MOU was approved on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 5-0.

The closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.i began at 12:40 on a motion made by Jack Seward, second by Chris Grier. Motion carried 5-0.

Open session resumed at 1:18 p.m. on a motion by Chris Grier, second by Connie Larsen.
Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. Next meeting date scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019.