



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

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.
Federation Bank, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Jennine Wolf, Jason Taylor
Karri Fisher, Peggy Wood, Cindy Chavez via Zoom

VISITORS:

Mary Zelinski, Kalona News via Zoom
Caitlin Yamada, The Union via Zoom
Amber Day, Washington County HR Director via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Cathy Buffington. The Zoom meeting option is available to allow for social distancing recommendations of meeting attendees.

The minutes from the 12/17/20 meeting and amended agenda were approved on a motion by Cathy Buffington, second by Connie Larson. Motion carried 3-0.

Environmental Health

Jason Taylor Presented the budget. Revenue is 63% and expenditures is at 43%.

Jason Discussed Dog Bites on Gum Ave in Wellman, from the same dog, Maya. First bite was reported on December 22, 2020, with a woman walking on the road. Second Biter was on January 9, 2021, a woman was running on the road and was jumped on and bit. The dog was quarantined and was taken to a Vet on January 23, 2021 to be evaluated for Rabies. The dog Maya needs to be removed from the county or euthanized, due to 2 bites in 12-month period. The owner of the dog expressed in a phone conversation that she would have the dog put down, worried that it might attack a child.

Jack Seward Jr. asked a question about having dogs kill coyotes, due to someone talking to him about what the resident saw, that might be considered animal abuse. Jason will update the board next meeting.

Public Health

Peggy Wood reviewed the agency financials and indicated revenue and expenses were in line with budgetary guidelines. Peggy added that she, Danielle, and Karri had met with the Board of Supervisors on January 5th to present the agency budget.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski reviewed the quarterly Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) statistics for the time period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The number of clients served, performance measure and barriers to care were discussed.

Peggy summarized the current proposals from the County for employee handbook changes. She reviewed potential changes to the calculation of overtime and definition of worked time. The Board of Supervisors are scheduled to discuss the changes on January 26th. No action was taken.

Danielle provided recent County data and statistics for COVID-19. She added the agency had completed several 1A clinics, with second dose clinics scheduled for the first week of February. Karri Fisher added information about potential side effects and that the agency had not experienced many adverse reactions to the vaccination.

Cathy Buffington read the agency compliance letter for the recent Local Public Health audit results conducted November 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021 at Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room, and via Zoom.