



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

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 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

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Jason Taylor, Cindy Chavez
Karri Fisher, Peggy Wood, Jen Weidman via Zoom

VISITORS:

Mary Zelinski, Kalona News via Zoom
Caitlin Yamada, The Union via Zoom
Sam McIntosh, KCII via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Cathy Buffington. The Zoom meeting option is available to allow for social distancing recommendations of meeting attendees. Per the request of Jack Seward, the meeting was recorded beginning at 12:05 p.m.

The amended agenda was approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Jack Seward. Motion carried 4-0. Jack Seward mentioned that Jim Millice was left off the February 18, 2021 minutes as a visitor. This was corrected. The amended minutes from the February 18, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 3-1.

Environmental Health

Jason Taylor Presented the budget. Revenue is 77% and expenditures is 59%.

Jason Discussed Dog Bites on Gum Ave in Wellman, from Maya. Jason received a text on February 22, 2021, that stated Maya was in North English, and that the owner is planning to move to be with the dog.

Jason discussed on February 18, 2021; Jason received a call from the Sheriff's Office about a group of animals that may be neglected. On February 19, 2021, Jason went to check on the welfare of the animals with the Deputy. The animals seemed to be being cared for. The animals inside the residence had food and water and seemed to be in good health. The goats and hogs were outside and had hay. There were no fences to contain the animals, and the

animals seemed being cared for. As for the animal neglect it was unfounded. DHS was also notified and made contact with Jason.

Jason Discussed a Personnel Change Request, for Jennine Wolf, on her retirement. This request is to finish her Personnel File with the HR Department. This was an action item. Motion was made by Connie Larson, Trevor Martin 2nd the motion. Vote was Ayes Connie Larson, Trevor Martin, and Cathy Buffington. Jack Seward Jr. Abstained, since he will be voting at the Board of Supervisor's Meeting on the Request.

Public Health

Peggy Wood reviewed the agency financials and indicated revenue and expenses were in line with budgetary guidelines. Peggy added she submitted her first voucher to utilize COVID funds through the Immunization Bureau in the amount of \$14k for February clinic expenses.

Approval to add the billing category of Disease Outbreak Investigation to the Local Public Health Services (LPHS) grant was approved on a motion by Jack Seward, second by Connie Larson. Motion carried 4-0. The new category allows for the agency to bill staff time related to immunization audits and contact tracing retroactive to July 1, 2020.

Danielle Pettit-Majewski reviewed Governor Reynolds announcement indicating all adults would be eligible for a COVID vaccine effective April 5th. The Board consensus was the agency would continue to work through Phases 1B and 1C before opening the clinics to all adults. Danielle shared recent COVID statistics related to percent of positivity for school districts, positive cases, and hospitalizations for the County.

Approval for the renewal and permission to submit the Fluoride Varnish and Family Connection grants through Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) was granted on a motion by Connie Larson, second by Jack Seward. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 at Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room, and via Zoom.