



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

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2022 @ 12:00 PM
Federation Bank, 5th floor conference room, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Emily, Tokheim, Peggy Wood, Karri Fisher, Sara Hammes
Roberta Sloat, Jen Roberts, Lori Hobscheidt, Jessica Janecek, Megan Waterhouse via Zoom

VISITORS:

Sam McIntosh, KCII Radio
Kalen McCain, Southeast Iowa Union
Mary Zelinski, Kalona News via Zoom

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

The agenda was approved on a motion by Jack Seward, second by Connie Larsen. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Health report

Emily Tokheim presented two CMS Vaccination Mandate policies for review. Emily explained the original policy was the same as presented in the February 17th Board meeting; the revised policy removed the weekly testing option for those individuals receiving exemptions. In addition, the revised policy added mitigation efforts for all staff to self-monitor COVID symptoms and verify symptoms on a weekly basis via a form provided by the agency. Staff will be required to submit the form, along with their signature, to the Director of Nursing. The revised policy, pending the County Attorney's approval, was approved on a motion by Jack Seward, second by Chris Grier. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Noon, Thursday, March 17th at the Washington Public Library and via Zoom.