



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

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2022 @ 12:00 PM

Nicola Stouffer room, Washington Public Library, Washington, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cathy Buffington, Chairperson
Connie Larsen
Trevor Martin, DO via Zoom

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Emily Tokheim, Peggy Wood, Karri Fisher
Sara Hammes, Martha Hernandez
Jason Taylor

VISITORS:

Kalen McCain, Southeast Iowa Union
Berdette Davis, IDPH Community Health Consultant
Sam McIntosh, KCII Radio via Zoom
Marty Zelinski, Kalona News via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Cathy Buffington. The Zoom meeting option is available to allow for social distancing recommendations of meeting attendees.

The amended agenda was approved on a motion by Connie Larsen, second by Cathy Buffington. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from the February 17th meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larsen, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 3-0. Minutes from the February 24th meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Larsen, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 3-0.

Environmental Health report

Jason Taylor Presented the Budget. Revenue is 81% and Expenditures is 50%.

Jason discussed the Water Infrastructure Fund for Onsite Wastewater System in Unsewered Communities. Iowa Finance Authority has received \$10 Million to put about 700 onsite septic in the ground. We have Two Communities that have been selected for this program. Noble has the possibility of 9 properties that qualify. Haskins has the possibility of 5 properties that qualify. Jason has been in contact with some of the homeowners.

Public Health report

Peggy Wood reviewed the agency financials and stated revenue and expenditures were within budgetary guidelines. Peggy added she would be submitting a budget amendment to the Auditor's office for grant funding that has changed since July 1st.

Emily Tokheim reviewed the recently passed lodging policy according to Iowa Code 80.45A. The code section requires verification the lodging provider is certified in an Iowa Department of Public Safety Human Trafficking course in order to be reimbursed. The handbook revision was approved on a motion by Connie Larsen, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 3-0.

Emily reviewed the upcoming Collaborative Service Area (CSA) changes affecting the 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative grant. The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) clarified staffing requirements of the site coordinator which led to the agency completing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the six county area. The RFP in the amount of \$280k and contract signature upon approval for the 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative grant was granted on a motion by Connie Larsen, second by Trevor Martin. Motion carried 3-0.

Martha Hernandez, I-Smile Coordinator, provided program highlights, current staffing, and information on resources for the agency dental programs, including Preschool Fluoride Varnish and I-Smile. Martha will provide statistics upon completion of programs at the end of the school year.

Sara Hammes, RN, shared an update on the Successful Transition Arriving Back Home Informed Lifestyle Choices (STABIL) program done in collaboration with the Washington County Hospital. The program formally launched in March and the media was notified via press release. Sara noted processes are in place for patient admissions and a survey is being created to assess patient satisfaction upon discharge.

Emily provided an update on current activities within the agency. Emily shared the agency had been awarded the Harvey Holden Special Service Award by the Washington Economic Development Group (WEDG) for agency efforts during the pandemic. A plaque was presented during their annual dinner held at the Riverside Casino on March 7th.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Noon, April 21st at the Washington County Public Library and via Zoom.