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**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING AGENDA**

Monday, April 18, 2022
11 a.m.

Formal Board Room—Jean Oxley Public Service Center
935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Call to Order

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker

This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda.

Minutes

Discuss and decide on meeting minutes.

Discuss, approve, and authorize the Sixth Amended DCAT4-19-066 contract between Linn County Board of Supervisors and The Department of Human Services.

Authorize Chair to sign letter of commitment for ISU's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program: Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transitions in Underserved Communities, EPA-G2022-STAR-F1 grant application.

Authorize Chair to sign, retroactive to April 14, 2022, a letter to Congresswoman Ashley Hinson in support of Mercy Medical Center's request for federal community project funding for its enhanced infection control project.

Discuss a resolution establishing the Linn County Sustainability Department.

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker

This is an opportunity for the public to address the board on any subject pertaining to board business.

Payroll Authorizations

Discuss and decide on Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations).

Claims

Discuss and decide on claims.

Legislative Update

Discuss and decide on action related to proposed legislation

Correspondence

Appointments

Adjournment

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Sixth Amendment to the Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC) Contract

This Amendment to Contract Number DCAT4-19-066 is effective as of April 25, 2022, between the Iowa Department of Human Services (Agency) and Linn County Board of Supervisors (Contractor).

Section 1: Amendment to Contract Language

The Contract is amended as follows:

Revision 1. 1.1, Special Terms Definitions, is hereby added to the Contract:

"Community Health And Safety Program" means 4 parent education projects as follows: Safe Sleep, Healthy Meals On A Tight Budget, Car Seat Safety, and Bicycle Helmet Safety.

"Safe Sleep" means an evidence-based class for parents and/or expectant parents. The 2-hour class will be delivered either in-person or on-line through secured connection. Participants will receive a pack n play, sleep sack, and book.

"Healthy Meals On A Tight Budget" means a class that demonstrates how to cook healthy meals at home and save money on a food bill, for parents and/or expectant parents. The 2-hour class will be delivered either in-person or on-line through secured connection. Participants will receive cooking utensils and grocery gift cards.

"Car Seat Safety" means a community event on how to safely install a car seat for parents and/or expectant parents. The 4-hour event will be delivered in-person by insured and certified child passenger safety technicians, parents will sign liability waivers. Participants will receive a car seat for their child/ren, based on their age, height, and weight.

"Bicycle Helmet Safety" means a community event on the proper use and fit of bicycle helmets for parents and their children. The 4-hour event will be delivered in-person. Parents will sign liability waivers. Parents will receive a correctly sized bicycle helmet for their child/ren.

Revision 2. CONTRACT DECLARATIONS AND EXECUTION, Contractor's Contract Manager Name/Address/Phone/E-Mail, is deleted and replaced as follows:

Ben Rogers, Chair, Linn County Board of Supervisors
935 2nd Street SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Phone: 319-892-5714
E-mail: Ben.rogers@linncountyiowa.gov

Revision 3. 1.3.1, Deliverables, is hereby amended as follows:

- 7.) Community Health And Safety Program for those who have children under the age of 18, and live in Linn County.
- 8.) Parents served will be involved, or at risk of involvement, with DHS.
- 9.) Community Health And Safety Program, delivered with fidelity, to include:
 - Two Safe Sleep classes
 - Two Healthy Meals On A Tight Budget classes
 - Two Car Seat Safety events
 - Two Bicycle Helmet Safety events

- 10.) Community Health And Safety Program led by facilitators trained and certified, in the project class or event being delivered.
- 11.) Pre-test and posttest will be administered to all who attend.
- 12.) Surveys will be offered to those who attend, and will include requesting information on gaps in services for minorities, immigrants, and refugees.
- 13.) Community Health And Safety Program marketing throughout Linn County, to include the rural areas, along with minorities, refugees, and immigrants.
- 14.) Community Health And Safety Program will accept referrals from DHS and other community agencies.
- 15.) Referrals provided to participants to other community resources, as appropriate.
- 16.) Documentation of funds expended to ensure accurate tracking.
- 17.) Record keeping and tracking policies that document what services were provided, and how expenses or charges were determined.
- 18.) Community Health And Safety Program facilitators and volunteers have passed a criminal background and child abuse check.
- 19.) Waivers of liability will be signed by all parents and/or expectant parents that attend a Car Seat Safety or Bicycle Helmet Safety event.

Revision 4. 1.3.2, Performance Measures, is hereby amended as follows:

- i. 75 unduplicated families will be served by the Community Health And Safety Program.
- j. 100 unduplicated children, under the age of 18, will be served by the Community Health And Safety Program.
- k. 85% of parents and/or expectant parents that attend a Safe Sleep class, will report the class increased their ability to keep their child/children safe while sleeping.
- l. 85% of parents and/or expectant parents that attend a Healthy Meals On A Tight Budget class, will report the class increased their ability to prepare healthy meals on a budget.
- m. 80% of parents and/or expectant parents that attend a Car Seat Safety event, will report the event increased their ability to install a car seat correctly.
- n. 80% of parents that attend a Bicycle Helmet Safety event will report the event increased their knowledge on the proper use and fit of bicycle helmets.

Revision 5. Section 1.3.4, Pricing. The maximum amount the Contractor will be compensated is hereby amended to \$142,375.00 for the entire term of the Contract.

Revision 6. Section 1.3.4.1, Payment Table. Contract payments are amended as follows:

<u>Contract Duration</u>	<u>Payment Table</u>	<u>Amount Not to Exceed</u>
07/01/21 - 06/30/22		\$43,875.00
07/01/22 - 06/30/23		\$20,000.00
07/01/23 - 06/30/24		\$20,000.00

Note: continued payment for any contract extension years is contingent upon extension of the Contract.

Revision 7. Section 1.3.4.2, Payment Methodology, is deleted and replaced as follows:

The Contractor will be paid for the services described in the Scope of Work Section, a fee not to exceed \$43,875.00 for the current contract term.

Failure to meet the performance measures will result in reduction of payment. Contractor will be reimbursed as follows:

- a) Meet 8 or more performance measures = 100% of actual expenses.
- b) Meet 7 performance measures = 90% of actual expenses.
- c) Meet less than 7 performance measures = 50% of actual expenses.

Section 2: Ratification & Authorization

Except as expressly amended and supplemented herein, the Contract shall remain in full force and effect, and the parties hereby ratify and confirm the terms and conditions thereof. Each party to this Amendment represents and warrants to the other that it has the right, power, and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Amendment, and it has taken all requisite actions (corporate, statutory, or otherwise) to approve execution, delivery and performance of this Amendment, and that this Amendment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation.

Section 3: Execution

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth above and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties have entered into the above Amendment and have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment.

Contractor, Linn County Board of Supervisors		Agency, Iowa Department of Human Services	
Signature of Authorized Representative:	Date:	Signature of Authorized Representative:	Date:
Printed Name: Ben Rogers		Printed Name: Matt Majeski	
Title: Chair, Linn County Board of Supervisors		Title: Service Area Manager	

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April 18, 2022

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RE: EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Program:
Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transitions in Underserved Communities EPA-
G2022-STAR-F1

Dr. Liu and Members of the Bidding Consortium,

Linn County stands in support of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing communities for the ongoing and intensifying impacts of climate change.

We are pleased to collaborate with the Iowa State University research team by helping to refine research questions, connect ISU researchers to underserved communities, provide guidance on community engagement, review drafts of written products, and disseminate research as appropriate and as availability permits.

In particular, **Ms. Tamara Marcus**, Linn County's first Sustainability Program Manager, will serve on the **General Advisory Board** as a representative for the state government. Dr. Marcus is committed to participating in board meetings (twice a year) and providing guidance throughout the project.

Sincerely,

Ben Rogers
Chair, Linn County Board of Supervisors

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April 14, 2022

The Honorable Ashley Hinson
1429 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Mercy Medical Center – FY2023 Community Project Funding Request

Dear Representative Hinson:

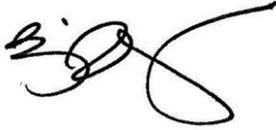
As you and your staff consider community project funding requests for the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations cycle, I would like to express my strong support on behalf of the Linn County Board of Supervisors for the Mercy Medical Center Enhanced Infection Control Project. This proposal, submitted by the nonprofit Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, aims to equip inpatient rooms with self-contained negative airflow systems that will substantially increase the medical system's capacity to manage airborne disease in the 1st District, protect immunocompromised patients, and improve operational efficiency at one of the region's largest acute care facilities. As COVID-19 variants persist in the area and attention turns toward preparedness for future pandemics (as well as improving critical health infrastructure), the control systems envisioned by this project will be a vital asset with an outsize impact on public health and wellbeing for our communities.

Mercy is seeking \$1 million in community project funds (to be matched by \$1 million from its own resources) in order to finance construction, equipment acquisition, and mechanical re-configuration work necessary to turn 31 inpatient rooms into fully-functional, independently-controllable negative airflow units. Negative airflow, in which air is drawn into a designated indoor space and then blown out of the building to avoid recirculating contaminated air, is a crucial tool for stopping the spread of airborne viruses and other pathogens in clinical settings to prevent patients and staff from becoming infected. The waves of COVID-19 hospitalizations in 2020 and 2021 brought the need for more negative airflow capacity at the region's hospitals into sharp relief, forcing Mercy to quickly improvise by converting an entire floor into a 13-room "negative airflow wing" that remains its primary line of defense against inpatient transmission. This is an unsustainable solution because it lacks room-to-room clinical flexibility; effectively traps all medical and non-medical personnel on the floor in full personal protective equipment for their entire shifts, and dramatically increases HVAC costs.

Purpose-built negative airflow rooms will immediately address each of these defects while adding capability in advance of the next airborne threat to eastern Iowans' public health. Severe cases of COVID-19 driven by persistent vaccine hesitancy (about 30% of Linn County residents aged 5 and up remain unvaccinated, with higher figures in the surrounding counties) will continue occupying inpatient beds at Mercy for the foreseeable future. At the same time, negative airflow rooms will bolster the hospital's ability to individually shield immunocompromised patients—including patients taking certain medications and cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy—from catching potentially life-threatening infections during their hospital stays. Mercy Medical Center's expanding Hall-Perrine Cancer Center already brings thousands of cancer patients from across Iowa to the Hospital complex for treatment, underscoring the utility of more and better negative airflow space.

I would like to again emphasize my support for the Mercy Medical Center Enhanced Infection Control Project as a valuable use of community project funds with significant benefits for the regional medical system and the 1st District at large. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and for your continued support of healthcare in Iowa communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Rogers', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ben Rogers
Chair, Linn County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 4 –
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LINN COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Linn County Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) has the responsibility to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county and its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, Linn County has a long standing and previously demonstrated commitment to sustainability and environmental protection as shown through, among other things, its work to preserve and protect outdoor natural areas, to ensure air and water quality, to implement soil and water conservation practices, to engage in regional watershed management and planning, to increase access to critical natural resources, and to include high efficiency and waste reduction standards in facility construction and management; and,

WHEREAS, Linn County’s previous and current Strategic Plan include a commitment to financial health, excellence in budgetary and financial management, and accountability to taxpayers through responsible budgetary decisions that are supported, in part, by implementing sustainability measures, and;

WHEREAS sustainability measures increase the County’s resilience to budgetary constraints, economic challenges, and costly disasters by preparing for the impact of future events and designing practices and policies to better position the County to respond when they do happen; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the county’s responsibilities and commitments listed above, the Board on July 17, 2017 passed and approved Resolution No. 2017-07-107 in support the objectives of the Paris Agreement, an international treaty on climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the Board on December 4, 2019 passed and approved Resolution 2019-12-160, in which it declared a climate crisis and committed to accelerated efforts to limit the global average temperature increase; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Board created the position of Sustainability Program Manager within the Board of Supervisors’ department to conduct a greenhouse gas inventory, create and update Linn County’s Climate Action Plan, to provide sustainability education and resources, and to provide subject matter expertise on sustainability practices; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Board created the Linn County Sustainability and Resiliency Committee to help complete an annual greenhouse gas inventory and to help review and monitor progress toward the goals and objectives of Linn County’s climate resolutions.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors determines the ongoing work of the Sustainability Program Manager is necessary and desirable, and such work advances the administration of Linn County’s responsibilities and commitments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors finds it is in the best interest of Linn County to provide an increased level of visibility around Linn County’s sustainability efforts, and to encourage more collaboration between stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby creates the Linn County Department of Sustainability.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2022.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ben Rogers, Chair

Louis J. Zumbach, Vice Chair

Stacey Walker, Supervisor

Aye: ____ Nay: ____ Abstain: ____

ATTEST:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor