

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting
January 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM
Harris Building - Conference Room #234A/B
1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA
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*Indicates Action Items

1. Call to Order – Leslie Wright, Vice-Chair

Leslie Wright, Board Vice-Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM

Board Members Present: Leslie Wright, Dr. Jim Levett, Tawnya Salsbery, Stacey Walker (virtual) and Heidi Carmer (virtual) – legal and Kim Honn - recorder

LCPH Staff Present: Pramod Dwivedi – Health Director, Larry Hlavacek, Tricia Kitzmann, Jim Hodina and Kursten Lyon

2. Introduction of new Board of Health member – Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director
Health Director introduced new Board member, Tawnya Salsbery. Ms. Salsbery provided a brief biography. The Health Director and members welcomed her to the Board.
3. Recognition of Board of Health member Dr. Mary Tarbox – Pramod Dwivedi
Health Director presented Dr. Tarbox a plaque of appreciation for serving on the Board of Health. Dr. Tarbox appreciated the opportunity and enjoyed her time working with public health.
4. Election of Officers * - Pramod Dwivedi
Health Director requested the Board of Health to elect officers.

Motion made to nominate Leslie Wright to serve as Board Chair.

****MSC Walker/Levett**

TABLED the election of vice-chair until February meeting.

5. Recognize Guests – Pramod Dwivedi
None
6. New Staff – Pramod Dwivedi
Health Director introduced Kursten Lyon to the Board as the newest member of the agency. Ms. Lyon provided a brief bio and is happy to be here. The Board welcomed her to the agency.

7. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each

None

8. Approve Agenda *

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

****MSC Levett/Salsbery**

- BOH member/s excused absences

Karl Cassell

9. Approve Minutes for October 28, 2020 and November 6, 9 and 16, 2020 *

Motion made to approve minutes as a block with the correction to the November 9, 2020 minutes to add Stacey Walker as being present.

****MSC Levett/Salsbery**

10. COVID-19 Update – Tricia Kitzmann

Ms. Kitzmann, Community Health Division manager, provided an update to the Board of the agency COVID activities. Along, with an update on vaccines being received in the county. The governor's corona virus website www.coronavirus.gov, shows vaccine administered in every county (not received just administered). The vaccine amounts coming into Linn County is very slow. Ms. Kitzmann explained the process how the vaccines are allocated through public health. The county is not seeing a surge from the Christmas / New Year holiday. For the amount of vaccines Linn County received, the vaccine administered rate is high, but less than half of the Phase 1A population is vaccinated (20,000-30,000 employees in Linn County).

11. BOH Committee Reports:

a. Finance and Administrative Review – Karl Cassell, Committee Chair

i. October and November 2020 Finance Statements *

Motion made to approve October and November 2020 Finance Statements as presented.

****MSC Levett/Walker**

ii. Authorizing Health Director to sign ongoing contracts/ agreements / MOUs / etc. on behalf of the Board of Health, unless a new program or 10% dollar amount variation *

Motion made to authorize Health Director to sign the above-mentioned documents.

****MSC Salsbery/Levett**

b. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Vacant, Committee Chair

i. Mercy Medical Center Travel Well Program – Dr. Levett

Dr. Jim Levett shared the process of the Travel Well Program the airport will implement later this month. Health Director, signed a Letter of Support on behalf of the Board for the Travel Well Program.

12. FY22 Budget Proposal Presentation * - Pramod Dwivedi

Health Director went through the PowerPoint presentation highlighting a year in review, current and future activities. The agency was consumed by COVID activities and then Derecho activities this year. He provided an overview of the total budget for FY22; highlighting staff changes, revenues and

expenditures. Agency would like the Board to approve the request to the Board of Supervisors to fund a Health Equity Coordinator position.

Motion made to recommend the proposed FY22 budget and position request be moved to the Board of Supervisors' for their consideration.

****MSC Salsbery/Levett**

Discussion: Mr. Walker asked the Board to have a discussion of supporting legal cannabis in Iowa for medicinal purposes. Ms. Wright asked the Board to review the minutes from a previous meeting where it was discussed.

13. Board of Health Attorney Report – Heidi Carmer

None

14. Next Meetings:

Board of Health Meeting – Wednesday – February 24, 2021 at 4:00 PM

- **Finance & Administrative Review committee February 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM**
- **BOH Policy & Government Relations committee meeting February 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM**

15. Adjourn

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 PM.

****MSC Levett/Salsbery**

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