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Linn County Board of Health Meeting

February 22, 2023, at 4:00 PM

1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA [conference room #234 A/B]

Contact: Kim Honn, 892-6000 (**Indicates Action Items*)

1. Call Meeting to Order – Karl Cassell, Chair

Mr. Cassell established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Board of Health Members Present: Karl Cassell, Tanya Salsbery, Erica Bernard, Dr. Dustin Arnold, and Ben Rogers. Corey Speth (Legal) and Kim Honn (Recorder)

Linn County Public Health Staff Present: Dr. Dwivedi, Eric Bradley, Dustin Hinrichs, Amy Hockett, Anne Carter, Kayla Gifford, Heather Meador, Wanda Reiter-Kintz, Ruby Perin

2. Introduction of New Board of Health Member – Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director
Dr. Dwivedi introduced the Mr. Rogers, who joined the Board.
3. Recognize Guests and/or Staff – Dr. Dwivedi
Mr. Bradley, Deputy Director, introduced Kayla Gifford joined the agency as an Environmental Chemist in the Laboratory.
4. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each
Ms. Strahan from HACAP provide an update.
5. Approve Agenda *
Motion made to approve agenda as presented.
****MSC Salsbery/Bernard**
 - BOH member/s excused absence
6. Approve January 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes *
Motion made to approve January Meeting minutes as presented.
****MSC Arnold/Salsbery**
7. CRUSH Recovery Community Center of Linn County – Rod Courtney, Director
Mr. Courtney explained the purpose and activities of the CRUSH program.
8. Health Equity Update – Anne Carter, Health Equity Program Manager
Ms. Carter updated the Board on the activities and future endeavors. Please see PPT attached at the end of this report.

9. BOH Committee Reports:

a. Finance Review Committee – Karl Cassell, Committee Chair

- i. December 2022 Finance Statements *
- ii. January 2023 Finance Statements *

Motion made to approve both above-mentioned Finance Statements as presented.

****MSC Arnold/Salsbery**

b. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Tawnya Salsbery, Committee Chair
No Report

10. Health Director's Report – Dr. Dwivedi

Dr. Dwivedi highlighted items from his director's report:

- **FY24 Budget successfully presented to the Board of Supervisors,**
- **2023-2025 Strategic Plan draft almost completed that included input from all staff,**
- **Health of Linn County updated profile of the health status of Linn County residents is almost complete,**
- **My Care Community has more than 136 organizations participating,**
- **The clinical service numbers shared from report,**
- **Discussed the school audits immunizations reductions,**
- **Continue to receive the Waste Water Surveillance Data that indicates a significant amount of COVID 19 still in our community,**
- **Food safety staff are busy,**
- **Public Health Preparedness Grants listed in the report,**
- **Childhood lead cases are being identified by staff,**
- **Air monitoring season begins on March 1st.**
- **Decommissioning sulfur dioxide monitoring at Tait Cummins Park,**
- **Air Quality working a significant amount of permitting,**
- **In conversation with new IHHS Director, Kelly Garcia, along with other legislators,**
- **Continuing to work with U of Iowa CPH.**
- **The new State Medical Director was announced, Dr. Kruse and hopefully he will visit us in May,**
- **Health Director is traveling to NACCHO meeting next week, for the Leadership Conference,**
- **This last year we had a few colleagues pass away that we worked very closely with over the years,**
- **Corpus Christie Public Health continues to reach out to us about our operations,**
- **Many of the Linn County schools have had administration changes with their superintendents,**
- **Supporting a quilting project in commendation for those who lost their lives due to COVID 19.**

11. Board of Health Attorney Report – Cory Speth

None

12. Next Meetings:

Board of Health Meeting – Wednesday – March 22, 2023, at 4:00 PM

- **Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting – March 16, 2023, at 2:30 PM**
- **Policy & Government Relations Committee Meeting – March 16, 2023, at 3:00 PM**

13. Adjourn

The Board of Health introduced themselves to Mr. Rogers.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

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