

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting
February 24, 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 Meeting to Order – Leslie Wright, Chair

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

Board Present: Leslie Wright, Stacey Walker, Dr. Jim Levett, Karl Cassell, Tawnya Salsbery (arrived at 4:08 pm) and Lisa Epp – Legal (virtual)

LCPH Staff Present: Pramod Dwivedi – Health Director, Larry Hlavacek, Jim Hodina, Tricia Kitzmann and Kim Honn - Recorder

2. Election of Vice Chair * - Leslie Wright

Mr. Walker made a motion to nominate Karl Cassell as vice-chair.

****MSC Walker/Wright**

3. Recognize Guests – Pramod Dwivedi

Diana Strahan with HACAP and Becky Nowacek, IDPH Liaison V (virtual)

4. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each

None

5. Approve Agenda *

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

****MSC Walker/Cassell**

- BOH member/s excused absences

6. Approve Minutes for January 13, 2021 Meeting *

Motion made to approved January 13 minutes as presented.

****MSC Walker/Cassell**

7. Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Update – Diana Strahan, HACAP Family and Community Health Alliance Director

Ms. Strahan provided a handout for the Board to review of their direct services they are providing. The handout also listed the current projects/information with any barriers they are encountering.

8. BOH Committee Reports:

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

- i. December 2020 Finance Statements *
- ii. January 2021 Finance Statements *

Motion made to approve December 2020 and January 2021 Finance Statements.

****MSC Cassell/Walker**

- iii. Purchase Order for Mercy Medical Center - \$25,000.00 *

Motion made to approve Mercy Medical Center Purchase Order.

****MSC Wright/Levett**

b. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Tawnya Salsbery, Committee Chair

- i. None

9. Health Director's Report – Pramod Dwivedi

- **Mr. Dwivedi provided some highlights from the Director's report to the Board.**
- **Ms. Salsbery asked about vaccinating new residents of Long Care Term facilities. Ms. Kitzmann shared they are aware and working to the process to take care of this issue.**
- **Mr. Dwivedi is virtually meeting with Legislators about public health issues; already met with Representative Hinson and will meet with Senator Ernst and Grassley tomorrow. Dr. Levett at a national level public health needs to be more assertive, because the need is there. Mr. Walker feels the County may be able to pay a lobbying firm under a Consultant line item in the County budget for a specific goal that will benefit Linn County. After Mr. Dwivedi gets some background with IPHA, he will reach out back to Mr. Walker who will advocate to pay this with his colleagues.**
- **The HHS nominee is Mr. Becerra. The Surgeon General nominee is Vivek Murthy. New CDC Director is Rochelle Walensky.**
- **Mr. Dwivedi asked Mr. Walker to talk about a video essay he prepared that Little Village Magazine covered the story.**

10. Board of Health Attorney Report – Heidi Carmer

Lisa Epp informed the Board that Heidi Carmer is leaving the civil division and going to the criminal division. Public Health's liaison will be Cory Speth and will introduced at the next meeting. In the interim feel free to contact Ms. Epp if the agency needs anything.

11. Next Meetings:

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

- **Finance & Administrative Review committee March 18, 2021 at 2:30 PM**
- **BOH Policy & Government Relations committee meeting March 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM**

12. Adjourn

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 PM.

****MSC Levett//Wright**