

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting

March 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, Board Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

Board of Health Members Present: Karl Cassell, Erica Bernard, Tawnya Salsbery and Ben Rogers (conference call), Cory Speth - Legal and Kim Honn - Recorder

Linn County Public Health Staff Present: Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director; Eric Bradley, Deputy Director; Dustin Hinrichs, FASTT Branch Manager; Wanda Reiter-Kintz, Air Quality Branch Manager; Ruby Perin, HAWQ Branch Manager; Heather Meador, Clinical Services Branch Manager; Amy Hockett, AHP Branch Manager; Christi Rossi, Epidemiologist

2. Recognize Guests and/or Staff – Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director

Guest: Rebecca McGowan, Community Partner; Becky Nowacek, IDHHS Region 6; Erin Foster, Mental Health Access; Diana Strahan, HACAP

Dr. Dwivedi presented the updated version of the Health of Linn County. He thanked Dr. Hockett and Ms. Rossi for their work on the Profile.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each

Ms. Strahan with HACAP provided an update regarding their working collaborations with surrounding counties.

4. Approve Agenda *

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented.

****MSC Salsbery/Rogers**

- BOH member/s excused absences
 - **Dr. Dustin Arnold**

5. Approve February 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes *

Motion made to approve the meeting minutes as presented, with the correction of Ms. Salsbery's first name.

****MSC Bernard/Salsbery**

6. Linn County Mental Health Access Center – Erin Foster, Director

Ms. Foster provided a PPT presentation on the Linn County Mental Health Access program. Also, the Center's mission, processes, successes, and areas of opportunities. She gave an overview of their partnerships in the community.

7. Iowa Dept. of Health & Human Services– Becky Nowacek, Community Health Consultant
Ms. Nowacek updated the Board on the Local Public Health Services grant changes that will happen over the next couple of years. She provided information on the Alignment Bill, consolidating 37 agencies to 16, within Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Health and Human Services.
8. BOH Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Review Committee – Karl Cassell, Committee Chair
 - i. February 2023 Finance Statements *
Motion made to approve the February Finance Statements as presented.
****MSC Salsbery/Bernard**
 - b. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Tawnya Salsbery, Committee Chair
 - i. PO-AD-002-04 Document, Records and Confidentiality Policy *
Motion made to approve policy PO-AD-002-04 Document, Records and Confidentiality.
****MSC Salsbery/Bernard**

Mr. Bradley updated the Board on Legislative issues currently happening at the state level.
9. Health Director’s Report – Dr. Dwivedi
 - **Mr. Dwivedi submitted his report to the Board for their review. He proceeded with the presentation of the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan.**
 - **Strategic Plan: The final version of the plan was shared. There are four priority areas in this plan: collaboration, funding, communication (internal and external), and organizational culture. In a PPT presentation, Mr. Dwivedi provided an outline of how the priorities will be carried out in the next three years.**
10. Board of Health Attorney Report – Cory Speth
 - **Custom Fitness have been cited for multiple violations. The case was set for trial and then pushed back twice. Currently set for the end of May 2023.**
11. Next Meetings:

Board of Health Meeting – Wednesday – April 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM

 - **Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting – April 20, 2023 at 2:30 PM**
 - **Policy & Government Relations Committee Meeting – April 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM**
Erica Bernard will be added to this committee.
12. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM