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Linn County Board of Health Meeting
April 27, 2022, at 4:00 PM
1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA [conference room #234 A/B]

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*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 4:02 PM

Board Members Present: Karl Cassell, Chair, Erica Bernard, Dr. Dustin Arnold, Stacey Walker (via telephone), Tawyna Salsbery, and Kim Honn - Recorder

LCPH Staff Present: Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director; Eric Bradley, Deputy Director; Ruby Perin, Ann Olson, Amy Hockett, Ann Olson, Amy Drahos, and Heather Meador

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

Introduction of Mike Schueller and Danielle Pershing, both will be presenting the Board later in the agenda. Introduction of Anne Carter in her position as the Health Equity Program Manager.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each

None

4. Approve Agenda *

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

*****MSC Arnold/Bernard**

- BOH member/s excused absences

5. Approve March 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes *

Motion made to approve March 23, 2022 minutes as presented.

*****MSC Arnold/Bernard**

6. State Hygienic Lab – Dr. Michael Pentella, Director

Mr. Schueller provided a PowerPoint overview of the work the State Hygienic Lab did throughout the COVID pandemic and continue to do. The Board asked questions of the process and the collaborations with other communities.

7. HACAP 1st Five – Danielle Pershing, 1st Five Site Coordinator
Ms. Pershing shared the work she and collaborators are doing in the community. A handout was provided to each Board member.
8. Home and Water Quality (HAWQ) Presentation – Ruby Perin, Branch Manager
Ms. Perin shared the branch’s work throughout the community; [list the work they do]
9. BOH Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance and Administrative Review – Karl Cassell, Committee Chair
 - i. March 2022 Finance Statements *
Motion made to approve the March Finance Statements.
*****MSC Arnold/Bernard**
 - ii. FY22 Spring Amendment *
Motion made to approve the Spring Amendment.
*****MSC Salsbery/Arnold**
 - b. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Tawnya Salsbery, Committee Chair
None
10. Health Director Report – Dr. Pramod Dwivedi
 - **Director completed 10 years of service with Linn County Public Health. Some highlights of the agency’s accomplishments over the past 10 years are listed in the provided Health Director’s report. It should be noted, there has been about 14 new staff members added to the agency and some new programming. Our collaboration with the two area hospitals is critical, along with the community partners which is essential to our work. Director requested the BOH assist with acquiring resources/support from the cities.**
 - **In the Health Director’s report comments were shared from the PHAB Site Visit Team after their visit in 2014.**
 - **Academic Health Department (AHD) Relationship with the UI College of Public Health (CPH) is very robust. A memorandum of understanding is created between the college and this agency, with the focus being on health equity.**
 - **On May 5th, we will be hosting the city of Corpus Christi, Texas who asked to meet with us about our success locally with public health and tour our new building. Board of Health and Board of Supervisors are invited to meet with them at 3:00 PM in the afternoon. We received requested from all over the state as well as country to discuss our public health programs in the community.**
 - **American Rescue Plan Act; received funding for My Care Community for the technological system integration of different platforms. The request for a mobile clinic was not funded but will submit for the next round.**
 - **National Public Health week was a success. Thanked those Board members who provided quotes.**
 - **Please see the report for activities the agency is doing throughout the community.**
 - **Three colleagues were chosen to present to the Public Health Conference of Iowa: Alicia Steines and Sadie Nolan on STI home testing. Kursten Lyon on Harm Reduction in a Box as a panelist and Health Meador as a Vaccine Advocacy panelist (virtual).**

- **The State of the County address is April 29, 2022, at 11:30 AM for any interested Board members.**

Deputy Director, Eric Bradley, addressed:

- **Strategic Plan will be kicked off in the fall due to the health equity training with staff with the UI College of Public Health. The facilitator continues to do some work to adjust the timelines and have it already to go.**
- **Leadership training was the result of the GAPm survey that staff took and as a result the management team just completed a 6-week training of self-reflection. Eventually this will be opened to staff training. Health Director mentioned good things are happening, but improvement is always a goal.**

Comments from Deputy Director – Eric Bradley

- **Strategic Plan will kick off in the fall – early September.**
- **Leadership Training – the management team completed a 6-week leadership training. Eventually open to staff also.**

11. Board of Health Attorney Report – Cory Speth

12. Next Meetings:

Board of Health Meeting – Wednesday – May 25, 2022, at 4:00 PM

- **Finance & Administrative Review committee May 19, 2022, at 2:30 PM**
- **Policy & Government Relations committee meeting May 19, 2022, at 3:00 PM**

13. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.