

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting

August 24, 2022, 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, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM without a quorum, moving the action agenda items until a quorum is established.

Board Members Present: Karl Cassell, Dr. Dustin Arnold, Erica Bernard (arrived at 4:45 PM), and Cory Speth – Legal and Kim Honn - Recorder

LCPH Staff Present: Pramod Dwivedi - Health Director; Eric Bradley - Deputy Director, Wanda Reiter Kintz – Air Quality Manager, Ruby Perin – Home and Health Quality Manager, Amy Hockett – Assessment and Health Promotion Manager, Heather Meador – Clinical Services Manager, Dustin Hinrichs – Food and Aquatic Safety, Tattoo/Tanning Manager, Jacquie Montoya, Christie Rossi, and Jim Kelso

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

Diana Strahan – HACAP, Becky Nowachek – DHHS (virtual), and Dr. David Cwiertny – UI College of Engineering

Dr. Dwivedi recognized Dr. Hockett as the current Assessment & Health Promotion Branch Manager effective 12/2021. Dr. Hockett introduced Christie Rossi as the new Epidemiologist effective June 2022 and Jacquie Montoya as the new Public Health Program Planner effective July 2022.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each

Ms. Strahan shared HACAP received the WIC grant for all five of the counties, Linn, Benton, Jones, Johnson, and Iowa. Johnson county received the Maternal Health grant and contracting with HACAP to continue the services in Linn, Benton and Jones. Waiting to hear about the Child Health grant which should hear August 30, 2022 with services starting on October 1, 2022.

Mr. Cassell established a quorum at 4:45 PM.

4. Approve Agenda *

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

****MSC Arnold/Bernard**

- BOH member/s excused absences
Tawnya Salsbery and Stacey Walker

5. Approve June 22, June 24, and July 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes *

Motion made to approve the above-mentioned meeting minutes as presented.

****MSC Arnold/Bernard**

6. Overview of Research at the Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination
– David Cwiertny, University of Iowa Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Mr. Cwiertny's presentation contained most of their environmental work with Linn County Public Health, State Hygienic Laboratory, and City of Cedar Rapids.

7. BOH Committee Reports:

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

i. June 2022 Finance Statements *

ii. July 2022 Finance Statements *

Motion made to approve the June 2022 and July 2022 Finance Statements as presented.

****MSC Arnold/Bernard**

iii. PO #341 – Mercy Medical Center *

Motion made to approve Medical Mercy Center PO #341.

****MSC Arnold/Bernard**

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

i. LCPH 2022 Quality Improvement Plan *

Motion made to approve the above Quality Improvement plan as presented.

****MSC Arnold/Bernard**

8. Health Director Report – Dr. Pramod Dwivedi

- **Strategic Plan- Launching the 4th plan this fall. The BOH will be requested to participate once the dates are confirmed.**
- **Health of Linn County - Report is being updated.**
- **Health Equity - Staff training has started.**
- **Together! Healthy Linn Steering Committee - Will meet in September, lots of work happening already regarding Mental Health, Safety & Obesity. Our Public Health Intern did some data collection, analysis, interpretation with the report being listed soon.**
- **My Care Community - There are more than 50 stakeholders/partners participating. Statewide there is more than 500 organizations who have already joined. The team is working with the technology vendors; Unite Us and CyncHealth. We started this initiative in 2016 with \$160,000 and now has**

penetrated our community...very lucky to have this type of robust partnership across Linn County.

- COVID 19 - Total deaths in Linn County over the past 2 ½ years 616 people and total in Iowa is 9,907 people, with one death being one too many. Linn County is 7% of population for the State of Iowa.
- Monkeypox - Has become a priority for us. Staff is working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Food safety - Staff are busy with inspections, such as routine, follow-up and pre-opening and complaint investigations or other follow-up activities.
- Air quality - Very busy.
- Grants listed - Please see Health Director's report for list.
- Enforcement cases - A few enforcement cases are listed in the Health Director's report.
- NACCHO Board of Directors - Attending the NACCHO annual meeting and started the President Elect tenure this past July. Had a substantial meeting with the CDC Foundation regarding the strategy for local and state health agencies throughout the country such as infrastructure, communication resources, etc.
- Joint BOH/BOS Supervisors tentative Nov. 16, 2022 – stayed tuned - Once the date is confirmed an invite will be sent closer to the date.
- Merged Agency - Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Department of Human Services are now merged called Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- Health Director out of the office - Deputy Director, Eric Bradley, will be in charged during his absence starting on September 7th through October 14th. Mr. Cassell offered his help if needed.
- Attendance at Board meetings - It is very important to reply to Kim Honn's email if Board members will or will not be able to attend the meetings to ensure a quorum. Mr. Cassell will reiterate to the Board to advise attendance.

9. Board of Health Attorney Report – Cory Speth

None

10. Next Meetings: [No **SEPTEMBER** Meetings]

Board of Health Meeting – **Wednesday – October 26, 2022, at 4:00 PM**

- Finance & Administrative Review committee **October 20, 2022, at 2:30 PM**
- Policy & Government Relations committee meeting **October 20, 2022, at 3:00 PM**

11. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.