



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TENTATIVE AGENDA

TUESDAY, February 1, 2022

2:00 PM

Public Meeting Room - Story County Administration (900 6th Street)- Nevada, Iowa*
SPECIAL NOTE TO THE PUBLIC: *This meeting is also being offered via Zoom. Instructions to join can be found at the bottom of agenda.*

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Documents:

[011222.PDF](#)
[122121.PDF](#)
[120721.PDF](#)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Board votes on the motion.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

This is the time for members of the public to offer comments concerning matters not scheduled to be heard before the Board of Health.

6. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

6.I. Story County Public Health; Les White, Treasa Ferrari

Documents:

[BOH REPORT 070121 123121.PDF](#)

6.II. YSS; Feleecia Watkins

6.III. Story County Environmental Health; Kimberly Grandinetti

Documents:

[EH BOH REPORT 2-1-22.PDF](#)

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 7.I. Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(I) - "To Evaluate The Professional Competency Of An Individual Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance, Or Discharge Is Being Considered When Necessary To Prevent Needless And Irreparable Injury To That

Individual's Reputation And That Individual Requests A Closed Session." – Alissa Wignall, Director Of Internal Operations And Human Resources

7.II. Consideration Of The Environmental Health Director Six Month Performance Review

8. COMMENTS

Staff
Board

9. ADJOURNMENT

10. INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN ZOOM MEETINGS

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Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: January 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair
John Kluge
Molly Lee Vice-Chair (Zoom)
Betsy Matos
Sherrie Pleis
Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio) (Zoom)
*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Matthew Cory, Environmental Specialist (Zoom), Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Heather Bombei, Les White, Mark Pleis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kluge, Second by Pleis, to approve agenda. (MCU)

3. PUBLIC FORUM: None

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Election of Officers For 2022 Calendar Year

Motion by Kluge, Second by Pleis for Paschen to remain Chair and Lee remain Vice Chair. (MCU)

COVID-19 Recommendation To Schools And New Isolation Guidelines

Paschen stated that over the past 10 days there have been a lot of changes with guidelines and many people do not understand the revised day 6-10 isolation guidelines. Paschen felt clarifying that it applies to schools and that it means that if on day 5 if an individual has not had a fever for 24 hours and starting to feel better, can come out of isolation for day 6-10, but must wear a mask when around people.

Discussion took place about this meaning that children in school could not eat lunch with others or participate in gym without a mask. Paschen would like the Board of Health to make a statement that they understand the isolation guidelines cause confusion, but the guidelines do include K-12 schools and emphasize that day 6-10



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a mask would need to be worn at all times while around other people. Pleis asked if this is for anyone in a household testing positive or just the child. Paschen stated it is for the child testing positive. Pleis asked for clarification on what is considered day one. Paschen stated it is based on when symptoms first begin, or if asymptomatic it is the day the test was taken, not when results were received. Pleis worries about issues that could be created by isolating kids alone. Paschen feels it is best to make a statement that if a mask cannot be used that the child should continue to isolate at home. Matos asked how many schools are still requiring masks. Les White stated that she believes Ames is the only school requiring masks. Lee feels it is important to be consistent with the CDC recommendations and feels bullying is a reasonable concern if it will be obvious that a child is masking and having to isolate alone. She does feel it is appropriate to urge schools to follow the CDC guidelines.

Motion by Matos, Second by Kluge (MCU)

The Story County Board of Health strongly encourages the Story County school systems to follow the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) isolation guidelines for students and employees who have COVID-19. This includes that if a student or employee comes back to school at day 6 as outlined by the CDC, that the school should make sure a mask is worn at all times when around other people from day 6-10 and if that is not possible then the student or employee should complete isolation at home.

Matos asked about further recommendation for disinfecting.

Heddens felt that language could be placed into the statement that mentioned reasonable measurers.

Paschen disagreed and the statement was unchanged.

Stephanie Jones will send out the information to the school superintendents by email and regular mail.

7. COMMENTS:

Staff: None

Board: Lee thanked the health system for all they are doing. Kluge asked about testing availability. White stated that public health offers Test Iowa kits, and have been handing out 40-70 tests per day. Discussion took place that it is now taking longer to receive test results back.

ADJOURNMENT 7:33 p.m.

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DATE: December 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee Vice-Chair

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Grandinetti, Environmental Health Director; Matthew Cory, Environmental Specialist, Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Speck, Second by Lee, to approve agenda. (MCU)

3. PUBLIC FORUM: None

4. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Aquatic Facility Ordinance

Kimberly Grandinetti stated that the new Aquatic Ordinance is being brought to the board today for approval and a recommendation to move on to the Board of Supervisors. A stakeholder's meeting was held on December 13, 2021, with a good turnout.

Tabatabai asked if this would be in addition to the Iowa Code for swimming pools/spas. Grandinetti stated the Iowa Code would still be used, which has been adopted by reference, and this Ordinance would be to supplement that. Lee asked about stakeholder's comments. Grandinetti stated changes included: how often and when test results would need to be posted and everyone in the facilities would need to know who to contact in the event that there is an issue. Matt Cory also stated that there were minor language changes made to the definitions of the certified person in charge and responsible person. A daily pre-opening checklist is a form to be checked off and the form will be provided to the



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facilities.

Paschen asked if the stakeholders were overall in agreement with the new requirements. Grandinetti stated they understood why this is being done and no negative feedback was received. Heddens asked who is trained for inspections. Grandinetti stated that currently Matt and Taylor are Certified Pool Operators.

Motion by Lee, Second by Speck to approve the Aquatic Ordinance and recommend to go to the Board of Supervisors. (MCU)

7. COMMENTS:

Staff: None

Board: Paschen stated that the Board of Supervisors did not take action on the recommendation for requiring county employees be vaccinated, and that they are waiting for OSHA guidelines and for the Supreme Court ruling. Paschen recognized Tabatabai and Speck for their service on the Board of Health. The two new Board of Health members will be Betsy Matos who is an assistant professor, and Sherrie Pleis who is a veterinarian.

ADJOURNMENT 3:16 p.m.

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DATE: December 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee Vice-Chair

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Grandinetti, Environmental Health Director; Matthew Cory, Environmental Specialist, Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Heather Bombei, Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA with changing item 8.11 to say Proclaim January, 2022 as Radon Awareness Month, instead of Watershed Awareness Month.

Motion by Speck, Second by Tabatabai, to approve agenda. (MCU)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck, to approve October 5, 2021 Minutes. (MCU)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai, to approve the 2022 Board of Health Meeting Schedule and 2022 Holiday Calendar. (MCU)

4. PUBLIC FORUM: None

5. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Story County Public Health

Les White and Treasa Ferrari provided the following updated information:

- 10.2% positivity rate.
- 58.9% of population has been vaccinated.



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- Boosters are being given and going well.
- 59 total deaths, with 51 the underlying disease was initiated by COVID, 8 was a contributing factor.
- Currently there are 14 individuals hospitalized in Mary Greeley, 5 in ICU on ventilators. 64% of those individuals are unvaccinated, 1 vaccinated and the others had received 1 of the 2 dose series.
- Have been vaccinating kids in schools (200 students in Ames) and providing boosters for staff.
- Communicable disease cases – have been a few cases of influenza starting.
- White stated that Public Health has hired an additional nurse.
- Omicron variant - Paschen stated that the State Hygienic Lab is actively testing and searching for Omicron.

YSS

Not present

Story County Environmental Health

Kimberly Grandinetti provided an update. Information was provided on the following:

- 84 new septic permits and 42 alteration permits issued to date.
- 94 Time of Transfers.
- 582 septic tanks have been pumped for regular maintenance as part of the new ordinance. New outreach is planned.
- Paper work has been received from the DNR for the pumper inspection program.
- 160 septic systems that require an annual maintenance contract. 10 are currently expired and being brought back into compliance.
- 12 water wells and 4 geothermal wells permitted to date.
- 50 water samples.
- 10 well and 1 cistern plugging.
- 1 well rehab.
- \$40,400 Grants to Counties awarded. The increase allows shock chlorination of wells.
- Tattoo Program – Inspections will begin this winter.
- Aquatic Program – New ordinance has been approved by legal and a stakeholder meeting is scheduled for December 13th. Plans are for the ordinance to be approved and effective by mid-February before the next pool inspection season begins.
- Tanning Program – There are 20 facilities and inspections are currently taking place.
- Complaints – 2 rental complaints regarding living conditions and trash have been received.
- Joint Department Reviews – 13 survey reviews, 32 interagency reviews, 18 plan reviews, and 83 septic and well reviews for zoning permits.
- Updated department meetings and trainings attended by staff.
- Miscellaneous – Provided IRONS Home Owners Association septic system maintenance, 2 demolition permits issued, and phase 3 PIP program has been submitted to the CIP.

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:



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Local Public Health Services Contract Update

Heather Bombei provided an update of changes being proposed to the FY23 Local Public Health Services Contract. The current amount received by Story County, which is based on a formula is \$209,679.00. The changes proposed are to focus more on the health of the entire population, rather than using funds for individuals receiving home care. The proposed area of focus includes: leadership and government, health promotion, and strengthening public health infrastructure. This process will transfer over gradually the next 5 years, and again stated that it will focus more on the entire counties needs rather than only home care and nursing services. White stated that they are still trying to figure out how this new process will work, but feels it will allow more time to be spent on needs assessment items, and the 5 years to transition will be helpful. The same services will still be offered and no interruption is anticipated. Discussion took place on how home care services would be funded. Bombei stated that ASSET funds would need to be used to fund home care services. Heddens asked if the public health money could still be used if not enough from ASSET. Bombei stated it could be, but only initially during the transition period.

January, 2022 Radon Awareness Month

Kimberly Grandinetti provided information about Radon Awareness Month and asked that the Board approve the proclamation.

Motion by Speck, Second by Kluge, to proclaim January, 2022 as Radon Awareness Month. (MCU)

FY23 Environmental Health Department's Proposed Budget

Grandinetti summarized the projected revenues. With the main changes being: Expenditures - Main changes include vehicle maintenance due to gas price increases. Office supplies increased slightly due to public outreach. Postage increased due to the State Hygienic Lab no longer providing postage for mailing water samples, as well as an upcoming mailing for required septic maintenance reminder. Education & Training increased due to additional classes being offered and with new staff there are required trainings. Equipment Rent/Maintenance increase due to purchasing a GNSS receiver for the well and septic programs.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck to approve the FY2023 Environmental Health Department's Proposed Budget For Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. (MCU)

Environmental Health Department's Fee Schedule

Grandinetti stated that the only thing changing is the soil evaluation fee to \$125.00.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve the Environmental Health Fees for 2022.

Request by Environmental Health for a Board of Health Special Meeting to recommend submitting the aquatic facility draft code to the Board of Supervisors.



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Grandinetti stated that due to timing issues, the aquatic stakeholders meeting will not be held until December 13, so it could not be included on today's agenda. December 21st or 28th are the proposed dates for a special Board of Health meeting.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai for a special Board of Health meeting for the aquatic facility draft code on December 21st at 3:00 p.m. (MCU)

Whether or not to reiterate the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors the recommendation from the Board of Health to require all county employees to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination, or weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test.

Paschen summarized why he feels it is important to require employees to be vaccinated, and reminded that there are no laws saying employers cannot require vaccines. Heddens stated that she could report to the Board of Supervisors that the Board of Health again discussed this item, but reminded that there are currently still lawsuits pending. Paschen feels that as long as stipulations are fair, that the county could require vaccinations. Heddens stated that currently the Board of Supervisors are still waiting for direction from OSHA for how to proceed.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to again recommend that the Board of Supervisors require all county employees to submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination or weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test.

Voting Aye: Kluge, Tabatabai, Paschen

Voting Nay: Speck

Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(I) - "To Evaluate The Professional Competency Of An Individual Whose Appointment, Hiring, Performance, Or Discharge Is Being Considered When Necessary To Prevent Needless And Irreparable Injury To That Individual's Reputation And That Individual Requests A Closed Session."

At 3:17 p.m., **Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai that the Board go into closed session. (MCU)**

Paschen reconvened the Board in open session at 3:42 p.m.

Environmental Health Director Four Month Performance Review

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve the EH Director Performance Review which was discussed in closed session. (MCU)

Recognition of Mark Speck and Louisa Tabatabai's Years of Service on the Board of Health

Paschen presented service awards to Mark Speck and Louisa Tabatabai and thanked them for the years of service on the Board of Health.



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7. COMMENTS:

Staff: None

Board: Tabatabai stated it has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Health and she learned a lot during her time on the board. Speck stated it has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Health. Heddens stated that it has been a difficult two years and she appreciated Tabatabai and Speck for the time they each served on the board.

Heather Bombei presented recognition of service awards to Speck and Tabatabai and thanked them for their work.

ADJOURNMENT 3:49 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

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**MARY GREELEY HOME HEALTH SERVICES AND STORY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT**

07/01/21 - 12/31/21

County: Story

MARY GREELEY HOME HEALTH SERVICES

1/26/2022

| FUNDING SOURCE | Programs | Grant \$ Funded | Grant \$ Spent | Grant \$ % Spent | Specific Program | Number Story County Clients Served Utilizing State Grant Funds | COMMENTS |
|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES | Skilled Nursing, Health Promotion, Homemaker, Collaborative Relationships and Disease Outbreak Investigation, Reportable Disease Follow-up, & Surveillance | 209,679 | 74,094.34 | 35% | SN | 11 | Mary Greeley Home Health Services provided skilled nursing visits to 144 Story County residents 07/01/2021 through 12/31/2021. 14 (9.7%) clients received a full or partial discount for 1 or more of their skilled nursing visits. We accessed LPHS funds and other non-LPHS funding sources to cover Skilled Nursing visits provided at a discount. |
| | | | | | HP | 156 | MG Home Health Services provided Health Promotion Nursing visits to 156 Story County clients 07/01/2021 - 12/31/2021. |
| | | | | | COLLABOR - ATIVE RELATION- SHIPS | | Collaborative Relationships includes activities which involve community partners to assist with identifying and addressing public health issues. We used LPHS funding for Collaborative Relationships. July 2021 through December 2021 we were engaged in more than 136 hours of collaborative relationship activities. |

**MARY GREELEY HOME HEALTH SERVICES AND STORY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT
07/01/21 - 12/31/21**

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|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Home - maker | 15 | Mary Greeley Home Health Services provided Homemaker service to 126 Story County residents 07/01/2021 through 12/31/2021. 24 (19%) of the Story Co. Homemaker clients paid full fee, 4 (3.2%) clients were paid by the MCO program (previously waiver), 9 (7.1%) clients were paid by VA and 89 (70.6%) paid according to our sliding fee scale. In addition to the LPHSC we used a variety of other funding sources to cover discounted Homemaker service. |
| | | | | | Disease Outbreak Investiga - tion, Report- able Disease Follow-up, Surveillance | 40 Referrals | 40 communicable disease cases were referred to MGMC Home Health Services from IDPH for the period 07/01/2021 - 12/31/2021. The PH nurses provided more than 232 hours of service for Disease Investigation, Surveillance and Follow-up of the TB and communicable disease referrals reported in Story County. The PH nurses will no longer be following up on Hepatitis B cases as the state will be doing that. |
| TOTALS | | 209,679 | 74,094.34 | 35% | | | |



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Report to the Story County Board of Health February 1, 2022

Aquatic Program

- The new ordinance was approved by the BOS on January 25, 2021, the summary will be published February 3, 2022 and go into effect on February 11th
- Facilities were notified it passed and sent information regarding any changes to expect during their upcoming inspections
- Pool inspections will begin in March

Complaints & NOV

- Only 1 nuisance complaint was received since last update – Within city limits for the city of Slater, regarding fall hazard conditions for their parking lot and sidewalks

Indoor Air Quality

- January was Radon Awareness Month we gave away 50 free test kits
- Proclamations were approved by the BOH and BOS in December
- Public outreach was increased from past years
 - Including educational promotions on our website, county social media, the radio, signage in the county building as well as info in our county newsletter
- We plan to continue educational promos throughout the year utilizing social media and other newsletters that reach county residents.

Onsite Program

- 85 New & 43 Alteration permits issued for the 2021 calendar year.
- 100 TOT inspections reviews
- Over 684 tanks pumped for regular maintenance - plus 54 pumped due to TOT
- Website was updated to include financial assistance programs available for septic system repairs and replacement
- New Water Infrastructure Grant became available in January
 - Postcards mailed to 128 properties potentially eligible for Phase 1

Tattoo Program

- Our tattoo inspections just began and should wrap up just as pool season begins

Tanning Program

- All routine and follow-up inspections have been completed
- 20 total facilities were inspected, including a few that were unregistered with the state

Well Program

- 2021 Activity:
 - 19 well permits issued
 - 61 water samples (bacteria, nitrate, arsenic) t
 - 19 well & 1 cistern plugging
 - 2 well rehabs
- The GTC quarter 2 report was just submitted

Joint Department Reviews

For FY22:

- 14 Survey reviews
 - 155 Reviews completed through Citizenseve:
 - 39 Interagency Reviews
 - 20 Plan Reviews
 - 97 Septic & Well Reviews
- *YSS youth facility & large church were referred to DNR for permitting

Meetings & Training

- Taylor attended the CLOWTS course and passed her credentialing exam
- All EH specialists attended the IOWWA Annual Conference in Des Moines January 12-13, 2022
- Kimberly attended the IWWA conference in Altoona January 27-28, 2022
- Taylor and Matt have participated in several online learning webinars for wells and septic
- Stephanie had training in: Radon Basics, Task Management, Fundamentals of Beacon and BOH New Member Orientation

Outreach & Miscellaneous

- 2 Demolition permits have been issued
- PIP Phase 3 has been delayed for budgetary reasons so the BOS can receive more information

Upcoming

- DNR Regional meeting was pushed back to March 23rd
- Informational outreach to onsite industry

Submitted by Kimberly Grandinetti on January 27, 2022