



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

900 6TH STREET

NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

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DATE: June 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 2:02 PM

PLACE: Public Meeting Room – Story County Administration
900 6th St
Nevada, IA

John Paschen, MD – Chair
Molly Lee, DVM, MP – Vice-Chair
John Kluge, DVM
Betsy Matos, PhD, MPH
Sherri Pleis, DVM
Lisa Heddens (Ex-Officio Member)

Special Note to the Public: This meeting was also offered via Zoom.

Board Members Present: John Paschen, Molly Lee, John Kluge, Betsy Matos, Sherrie Pleis, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio).

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent: NA

Others Present: Peg Ragner, Dan Haug, Penny Brown Huber, Natalie Drake, Jane Esterly-Rettig, Sherry Zook, Eric Adelmund, Treasa Ferrari, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order

Lee called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kluge, seconded by Pleis to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

3. Approval of Minutes

Lee noted that under 6.1 there is an unfinished sentence. Proposed changing sentence to “number of beds approved by the state.”

Motion by Kluge, seconded by Pleis to approve minutes from April 4,2023 meeting as corrected. (MCU).

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Lee to approve consent agenda. (MCU).

5. Public Forum:

None.

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Savannah Strahan

Strahan reported on YSS youth substance abuse programming. Too Good for Drugs is programmed for elementary students. Project ALERT is an eleven-week middle school program focused on education, peer pressure, smoking, vaping, and marijuana use. Teen Maze was a success. A new prevention specialist has been hired to start on July 1, 2023. Dr. Paschen inquired about mental health services; Strahan responded that she was a prevention specialist but the mental health data is in the report provided in the agenda packet.

6.2 Prairie Rivers of Iowa; Dan Haug and Penny Brown Huber

Story County Water Monitoring Plan presented on their work in Story County, the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, findings from the last two years of monitoring as well as their ten-year plan. Grandinetti and Johnston are active members of Prairie Rivers of Iowa. Water borne diseases continue to be a problem. E. coli testing has been done with DNA tracers to determine the species of origin. Human and wildlife DNA were identified. West Indian River south of Nevada is a source of high E. coli. Dr. Paschen clarified that waste water treatment plants are putting contaminated water into our streams. Haug confirmed that is correct. The new waste water treatment plant in Nevada will have UV disinfection which should help rectify the problem. Dr. Paschen noted that E. coli is a reportable in human beings. Dr. Paschen inquired if Public Health knew of all the reportable diseases; to which it was replied that they will have to check on that. Dr. Paschen stated that DNA speciation is very important. Matos asked what other agencies are doing to reach out to the public. Haug stated that the only reports the public receives is from Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and apply only to public beaches. Matos inquired as to how Story County could link to Prairie Rivers to post E coli levels. Heddens stated it would depend on the County's linking policy and staff availability. Presentation included in the agenda packet.

6.3 Story County Public Health (PH); Sherry Zook, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig

PH discussed food needs around the county and the need for variety of donations for food pantries. Diapers are a constant need; a diaper drive is being held. PH has connected with Iowa State University (ISU) Extension dietitians and kinesiology for senior clinics. PH will be distributing sunscreen during RAGBRAI. Esterly-Rettig is working with NAACP for Juneteenth celebration. PH plans to be at the Story County Fair. Raising Readers program is getting started. Education on tick borne illnesses is being planned. Unlocking Brain Fitness program is going well; there is currently a waiting list for the next session. Dr. Paschen asked if PH is doing any work on obesity, especially in children. PH said that they believe obesity education takes place in schools and ISU Extension also has some programs. Matos asked if CyRide was part of the Transportation Collaboration. Heddens volunteered that CyRide, HIRTA, United Way, and other agencies are there. Matos asked if there are any plans to install shelters or benches for bus stops. Heddens replied that it has not been part of discussions. Matos asked about the availability of transportation to smaller communities. Heddens said that HIRTA does rural routes and demands are increasing. PH is working with Mary Greeley cardiac rehabilitation and heart health.

6.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

Indoor pools are completed. Two pools were shut down via the local ordinance and by the time staff returned to the office the required actions had already been completed. 5 nuisance complaints received. Septic season is starting to ramp up. Septic grant systems have started going into the ground. More applications for the grant continue to come in. Johnston is working on a Well Assessment Form for the Grants To Counties Program to provide to contractors. Tanning inspections are underway. Tattoo inspections are nearly done; one facility was issued a cease and desist. EH is exploring a tattoo ordinance to address tattooing outside of licensed facilities. Cory and Johnston assisted with inspections at the annual Middle of the Map Tattoo Convention, 52 booths were inspected. Grandinetti taught two Time of Transfer trainings for Iowa Realty. Matos asked if EH

was able to get a new vehicle; Grandinetti replied the budget was approved but funds are not available until the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2023.

7. Additional Items:

7.1 Discussion and Consideration Of Contract For Conducting Land Application Site Inspections, Record Reviews, And Septic Cleaning Equipment Inspections Between Iowa DNR and Story County Board of Health; Kimberly Grandinetti

This is a three-year contract; fees have changed but does not affect EH's budget.

Motion by Pleis and seconded by Lee. (MCU)

7.2 Discussion and Consideration To Change The Date For The 2023 Board Of Health Meeting From August 1 to August 8; Kimberly Grandinetti

Discussion was had regarding changing the August meeting date. Matos stated that she would be unable to make it that day. All other board members can be present.

Motion by Pleis and seconded by Lee. (MCU)

7.3 Discussion Regarding The Role Of The Board Of Health In Legislative Issues and Becoming More Proactive With Issues Concerning Public Health; Dr. Paschen

Discussion was had regarding the role of Boards of Health (BOH) in public issues. Examples included gender affirming care, gun safety, and raw milk. Various opinions were volunteered by Board members. Dr. Paschen stated that the BOH should be the vision of public health. Dr. Paschen pointed out that private well sampling is protecting the ground water- public health encompasses innumerable aspects. It is hard to stay ahead of legislation due to meeting every other month while legislation sometimes moves very quickly. Dr. Paschen posited to the Board if they should put out statements regarding legislation affecting public health. Matos agreed with the need to advocate but feels that it should be done as an individual citizen, not as the BOH. Matos continued that County Attorneys have given direction as well as Supervisor Heddens regarding the statements the BOH can make. Matos volunteered concern for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (DEI) programs provided by the state/state universities will be cut. Dr. Kluge asked about HHS realignment. Matos explained the reorganization within the state agencies. Lee found a webinar on IHPA Leadership Academy addressing Advocacy and Public Health. Lee continued that the Board should not mention specific pieces of legislation making but rather makes statements focusing on the health aspects of an issue. Heddens reminded the board that the County Attorney's Office has put out memos on the role of the BOH. The BOH is advisory to the Board of Supervisors (BOS); statements needs to specifically tie to public health. Dr. Paschen stated that no one knows what legislation may come up and it would be advantageous to have a strategy already in place.

8. Comments

a. **Staff:** Johnston noted that June is Pride Month and that the BOS has issued a proclamation reflecting that.

b. **Board:** None

8 Adjournment

Kluge moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Pleis. (MCU)

Dr. Paschen adjourned the meeting at 3:24 PM.



Approval of Minutes



Title and Date