



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

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DATE: August 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 2:01 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, Sherrie Pleis, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio).

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent: Betsy Matos

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

Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

5. Public Forum:

None.

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Savannah Strahan

Not present. Report included in agenda packet. BOH would like information about the behavioral and mental health programs.

6.2 Story County Public Health (PH); Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig

White provided an update on the realignment. Information is still limited; a virtual townhall meeting was attended. Consultants for Health and Human Services (HHS) is Health and Management Professionals. White is attending a round table discussion with Director Garcia later in the week and will email the BOH a summary of the meeting. The consultant's report is to due in October; more will be known at that point. White send the BOH a survey as well as a survey for providers. A community needs assessment is being repeated, a company may be contracted to help with the assessment. Heddens inquired as to if White felt that the realignment consultants were receptive to concerns? White replied that it was not the consultant's position to be receptive but to record answers and supply them to HHS. Heddens also asked if transportation issues are part of the needs questionnaires. Transportation is included, but the questionnaires are not yet finished. Heddens went on that she is working with HIRTA and would like to be included in the townhall meetings. White said she would invite the BOH and Board of Supervisors (BOS) to the townhall meetings. Dr. Paschen questioned how would the survey for consumer best be disseminated; should providers provide to their Title 19 patients? White agreed that Title 19 patients would be a good audience. Dr. Paschen asked White if she has heard about regionalization? White said that she has heard about that, Heddens included that the mental health and disabilities regions may change, they may change to judicial districts. Dr. Paschen asked if they offer the HPV vaccination at 9? PH said they do offer it. Dr. Paschen asked about flu and covid vaccinations and PH said there is no new information available. Same with the RSV vaccination. Dr. Paschen asked if they are seeing covid cases; White replied said they haven't been doing much covid testing nor inoculations. Discussion was had regarding department updates; report and presentation included in agenda packet.

6.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

All pool inspections are completed; there were 7 immediate closures and 6 county ordinance closures with a total of 205 violations cited. Septic grant from Story County Housing Trust has had one system installed. Other applicants who did not meet the income requirements were referred to low-interest loan programs. More grant promotion will be done. Johnston has been working on Grants to Counties promotion and has increased the utilization of grant funds from previous years. Tanning inspections are underway. Grandinetti confirmed with staff that all tattoo facilities are now in compliance. Cory interjected that the zoom meeting was going to expire shortly. The admin position is still open and interviews are taking place. Once the administrative assistant is hired the department will have more time to dedicate to promotional and out reach work. Dr. Paschen clarified that once a candidate is identified that Grandinetti had previously been authorized by the BOH to offer the position and have it confirmed at the next scheduled meeting to avoid having a special meeting. EH, in conjunction with Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC), hosted a soil class. 25- 30 people were in attendance, including Johnston. Grandinetti was available to join for part of the day. Lee rode along with EH staff for a day. Supervisor Heddens has scheduled a day to ride along with staff. Grandinetti volunteered that Matos would like to do a ride along and invited all other board members to schedule a time to spend the day with staff if they would like. Grandinetti taught 2 Time of Transfer classes for realtors, about 60- 65 people were in attendance and asked to do another training in the fall. Grandinetti is working on that presentation. Grandinetti was involved in a stakeholder meeting regarding the realignment for Environmental Health programs that are not part of a PH department. There were many questions regarding EH programs and who we report to. EH is more code enforcement that service driven; EH reports to Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) more as many programs overseen are not under HHS. Environmental Health is advocating for a spot at the table regarding the realignment- so far EH has not been included. Grandinetti will keep the BOH and BOS informed of realignment information as it becomes available.

7. Additional Items:

**7.1 Discussion and Consideration of Proclaiming September as Septic Smart Week; Laura Johnston
*Motion by Lee and seconded by Pleis. (MCU).***

7.2 Discussion and Consideration Of August Being National Immunization Month Support Statement and Proclamation; Dr. Paschen

Dr. Paschen posited to the BOH if a position statement in favor of vaccinations, in light of the Governor's Proclamation, could be construed as lobbying? Cory closed and restarted the zoom as time had expired at 2:32pm. The BOH held their comments until the recording was back up. Dr. Paschen wrote a statement in support of the Governor's Proclamation of August being National Immunization Month. Pleis stated that vaccinations are so important and the statement was a clear support of a public health measure. Lee stated that lobbying is a call to action or referencing a specific policy, of which this statement does neither. Kluge inquired as to what the vaccination requirements for school are currently. Dr. Paschen and PH replied that 2 MMR, 2 chicken pox, 4DTAP, tetanus in 7th grade, and Meningitis in 7th and 12th grades. The HPV vaccination is not required. Dr. Paschen asked if the vaccination position statement could be posted to the county's website. Johnston replied she would have the county's website support staff add it to the homepage. Dr. Paschen also asked if we could do a press release; Cory replied that the county does have an email list for press releases. Dr. Paschen wondered if the Ames Tribune might do a story on the importance of vaccinations. Johnston will call the Tribune.

Motion by Kluge and seconded by Pleis. (MCU).

7.3 Closed Session Per Iowa Code 24.5(l)- "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.

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Lee to go into closed session. (MCU).

The Board went into closed session at 2:41 PM.

The Board came out of closed session at 3:08 PM.

**7.4 Consideration Of The Environmental Health Director 2 Year Performance Review.
*Pleis moved to approve, seconded by Kluge. (MCU).***

8.0 Comments: None.

**9.0 Adjournment
*Pleis moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Lee. (MCU).***

Dr. Paschen adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.


Approval of Minutes


Title and Date



