



# STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

## Minutes

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**DATE:** October 10, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:59 PM

**PLACE:** Public Meeting Room – Story County Administration  
900 6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**Others Present:** Jennifer McEnvoy, Mickie Shubiu, Kallie Kennel, Andrea Dickerson, Jane Esterly-Rettig, Heather Bombei, Savannah Strahan, Treasa Ferrari, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston, Allie Hoffman (Recording Secretary).

**1. Call to Order**

Paschen called the meeting to order at 1:59 PM

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Pleis, seconded by Lee to approve minutes from August 8, 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 Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA), Megan Thompson:**

Not in attendance, wanted to let Board know that WIC will remain open in the event of a government shutdown. Newsletter included in agenda packet.

**6.2 Update on Tobacco Grant and IPN Grant: Jennifer McEnvoy, Prevention Specialist, Community & Family Resources (CFR); Mickie Shubiu, Prevention Supervisor, CFR.**

McEnvoy presented an update on the Tobacco Grant and the IPN Grant alongside Shubiu. During the presentation McEnvoy educated the Board about rechargeable E-Cigarettes and disposable E-Cigarettes. Dr. Paschen questioned the disposability of E-Cigarettes and McEnvoy answered that “yes, so you use it and then throw it away.” Dr. Paschen asked where CFR is based from? McEnvoy stated she works out of CFR’s Ames office. Dr. Paschen then continued by asking if CFR is a statewide organization or just in Central Iowa? Shubiu then stated CFR actually has a couple different service areas; Boone, Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Story, Webster, and Wright counties. They also serve Hardin, Franklin, and Kossuth Counties. Shubiu also let the board know that CFR merged with Prelude in Iowa City so that Prelude is now CFR and the added counties for CFR coverage include: Louisa, Jefferson, Johnson, and Washington. Heddens inquired about CFR’s marketing for their newer program MyLifeMyQuit? McEnvoy answered by going into schools and presenting the information about the program. If a student is caught with a substance, the school can enroll the student in MyLifeMyQuit opposed to suspension or being expelled. Red Ribbon Week is a week-long program that teaches kids about drug and tobacco prevention. Project Alert is a science-based prevention program also offered by CFR. Shubiu recapped an update of what CFR is doing in their other prevention departments; CFR has received several grants from HHS and the main one is the State Opioid Response Grant. Another concern that CFR is working on is gambling, CFR is trying to work with Iowa State University on implementing policies within the University. Dr. Paschen volunteered that he appreciates the information and likes the concept that it is not just vapor, it is aerosol. Paschen went on with “It might just seem like semantics but it’s a good point.” Matos questioned how many people who get treated with Narcan end up using opioids again? Shubiu responded that it depends on if the person goes into treatment or not. Matos inquired about who would pay the ambulance bill if an overdose victim is taken to a hospital? Shubiu replied that she believes if the patient has insurance the patient’s insurance is billed. Settlement money from opioid companies has gone to all the counties for them each to figure out the most effective ways to utilize the money to combat the opioid crisis. Matos then questioned who in the county decides where the money goes? Heddens answered this with the Board of Supervisors, the Board is holding work sessions in regards to the opioid crisis settlement dollars that we are receiving, Story County is getting a total of \$3 million dollars that will come over the course of 10-15 years. Lee inquired about the programs CFR has and to what ages they are provided? McEnvoy described the program “Red Ribbon” to be available to grades 3-5 and even middle schoolers and the program “Project Alert” to be available to grades 7-8. Shubiu also added that CFR will go into schools to talk with students as young as the schools will allow and have age appropriate material. Report included in agenda packet.

**6.3 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Andrea Dickerson, Director of Treatment Programs; Kalli Kennel, Manager of Mental Health & Wellness Education Programs.**

Dickerson and Kennel provided the update for YSS. YSS has a Partnership with CICS (Central Iowa Community Services), so YSS serves all the counties CICS oversees as well (15 counties). Kennel described their Hazelden Lifelines program for suicide prevention. They teach this program to 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and hope to reach 500 students. The ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) program is taught to adults for successful suicide intervention and has the option Safe For Now. Pleis questioned if the ASIST program can be used for teachers as CEUs? Kennel shared that it is up to the schools to make that decision for teachers. Lee questioned YSS on how they are sharing these programs with community members? Kennel shared that YSS

has information about these programs on Newsletters and they reach out to community members to share this information. Matos asked if it is possible for YSS to send the BOH, BOS, or Story County Public Health the information on these programs to be able to share it on one of our websites? Kennel replied that YSS' printer was broken today and she was unable to bring it in but can email it. Heddens inquired about the next ASIST training being on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>? Kennel responded that multiple groups offer these trainings and the next available YSS training is on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Report included in agenda packet.

**6.4 Iowa Department of Human & Health Services (HHS); Heather Bombei.**

Update from Bombei on HHS realignment. The consultant's report is due in October and more will be known at that time. Matos inquired about Equity and DEI programs? Bombei responded saying that they are expanding the hiring for new positions within the Health Equity Department to acquire more staff. Report included in agenda packet.

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

White provided an update on the succession plan for her role since she is retiring on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Her new replacement will come to the next meeting to be formally introduced. Heddens inquired about if the new Covid vaccines were both available for Pfizer and Moderna? Ferrari stated that Both Pfizer and Moderna are available yet it depends on the location. Dr. Paschen brought up the concerns of payments for the Covid vaccine and asked about Walgreens being different for billing for the Covid vaccine. Ferrari replied that she was unsure how Walgreens was handling it different from other pharmacies. Dr. Paschen responded that due to their direct contract with the government they are able to bill the vaccine differently. Esterly-Rettig replied that Walgreens would still bill the same. Dr. Paschen expressed concerns still due to people still getting charged for the vaccine so about \$140. Esterly-Rettig stated that it is due to people not checking with their insurance first because some insurance companies only allow you to go to certain places or they need to go to Bridge Access Program if they are uninsured or if their insurance does not cover the vaccine. Dr. Paschen was also concerned due to the fact that insurance companies have to pay for the vaccines due to the Affordable health Care Act yet people should still check with their insurance since the government paid for it last time and just handed it out and it is different now. Ferrari brought to our attention that PH and Primary Healthcare are the only places in Story County that are a part of the Bridge Access Program. Heddens asked if PH is seeing anybody that wants to get the RSV vaccine along with other vaccines? Ferrari responded that PH will not be carrying the RSV vaccine for adults but will have it for their VFC program. Matos went back to PH's report to question item #4 which said that planning is underway for an impactful Juneteenth's Day celebration and was wondering if the planning started now? Esterly-Rettig replied that it took place, the report must not have gotten updated. PH has their Heart Core member starting on Monday; they will host her for 11 months as she takes on projects about promoting hypertension reduction, smoking cessation, food and nutrition, scarcity, etc. She is employed by the American Heart Association. Report included in agenda packet.

**6.6 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti**

There was a complaint about a therapy pool that is not under SCEH's jurisdiction. EH has referred the complaint to the state agency authorizing therapy pool waivers. Johnston is doing a wonderful job with Grants to Counties (GTC) for outreach and just this quarter Johnston has completed 105 water samples, a little less than the total for all of last year's water sampling. The ARPA grant was listed as on the report as submitted in April of 2021 but Heddens corrected that it was to be submitted in April of 2022. Heddens also proceeded to ask about the grants requirements for people to be able to receive help from it. Grandinetti answered this question by stating the requirements to be: age of home, nonexistent or failing system, the location being in a rural area that does not have a sanitary sewer. There are no financial requirements for this grant. There were about 12 applicants that ended up submitting applications. Heddens questioned whether this money had to be utilized by 2026? Grandinetti affirmed it must be spent by 2026. Matos inquired if EH has purchased a new vehicle? Grandinetti replied that she has been unable to identify a vehicle that meets SC Go Green

Initiatives and also fits within the budget. Heddens stated that after her ride along EH really does need a new vehicle. Matos also stated that the mental wellness and general well being of the employees is another factor to consider in terms of needing a newer vehicle. Dr. Paschen, Grandinetti, Esterly-Rettig, Matos, and Heddens discussed the IV rehydration storefronts like Hydraboost and if they have to be under a medical personnel's supervision. Hydraboost is under a nurse practitioner who works at Mary Greeley.

**7. Additional Items:**

None.

**8. Comments:**

Staff: None.

Board:

Heddens – The next Opioid work session is October 16<sup>th</sup> and then October 30<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are open to the public.

Lee – Lee asked for volunteers to help cover the monthly morning radio show.

Paschen – Election of Officers will be held at the February meeting. Reappointment will not be done until the County's organizational meeting in February.

**9. Adjournment**

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

**Dr. Paschen adjourned the meeting at 3:12 PM.**

  
Approval of Minutes

  
Title and Date