



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

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DATE: December 3rd, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

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

Molly Lee, DVM, MPH – Chair
John Paschen, MD – Vice-Chair
Mike Badger
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: Molly Lee, John Paschen, Mike Badger, Sherrie Pleis, Betsy Matos, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio).

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Jane Esterly-Rettig, Eric Adelmund, Sherry Zook, Jamie Ibarra, Treasa Ferrari (zoom), Mindy Speake, Krissy Burma, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston, Allie Hoffman (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order

Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Matos to approve agenda as submitted. Motion passed on voice vote, Pleis: not present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Matos to approve minutes from October 1st, 2024 meeting as amended. Motion passed on voice vote, Pleis: not present.

4. Consent Agenda

None.

5. Public Forum:

None.

6. Program Education:

6.1 HeartCorps Presentation; Jamie Ibarra & Jane Esterly-Rettig

Ibarra and Esterly-Rettig gave an overview of how PH's partnership with HeartCorps (HC) works. Heddens questioned how long the term with HC is? Ibarra stated that it depends, the last member had her term cut short due to getting accepted into Medical School. Otherwise, it is from August to May and in the summer, May to August. Lee asked how Ibarra plans to sustain the programs she has established after she leaves? Ibarra answers that the HC member before her left all the program information and her contact information in case of questions. Ibarra plans to add her current and future information to that past information. Matos wondered if Ibarra is an ISU or Grandview University student? Ibarra is an ISU student studying Kinesiology. Matos inquired why only juice and water are allowed in the fridge at PH? Esterly-Rettig replied that there was some concern about foodborne illness. Matos questioned what One Ames is and where it is located? Esterly-Rettig answered that One Ames is a collaboration between the Bridge Home & the Elks Club. One Ames serves a meal twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Elks Club across from the Ames Library, they also have education & resources available. Lee wondered if Ibarra has kept track of how many people she has reached through the programs? Ibarra stated that she submits a monthly evaluation and so every month she tries to keep track during that time for the evaluation.

***Pleis arrived at 2:10 PM**

7. Agency and Departmental Reports:

7.1 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Mindy Speake

Speake provided the update for YSS. Lee inquired about the new lack of funding for YSS' community based mentoring program and where the funding came from before? Speake relayed that the funding was a grant called M+ and YSS did not reapply for it. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7.2 MICA; Krissy Burma

Burma provided the I-Smile update for MICA. Paschen asked if the 5,922 children enrolled in Medicaid is for Story County? Burma affirmed that to be correct. Paschen then wondered who the one dental office is that works with Medicaid? Burma replied that it is Primary Health Care. Paschen inquired if the Fluoride in the water is naturally occurring or added in? Burma responded that most is naturally occurring, and it usually states if naturally or added in, but it was not this time so either it was natural or not enough added in. Matos queried that if bringing a certificate of dental screening to school is required by the state, why are people not participating? Burma stated that the state cannot enforce it and so therefore it depends on the school. Matos questioned if it mattered for public vs private school? Burma answered that both types are included so it does not matter. Paschen asked Burma if she has any thoughts about this issue regarding dentists not accepting Medicaid? Burma replied she wants to raise awareness about MICA and the I-Smile program and close the gap with preventive services, but she does partially understand why some providers do not take Medicaid. Matos inquired if MICA has any demographics on the kids not getting services? Burma replied that kids who qualify for Medicaid are the ones not getting services because dentists will maybe complete services for free but will not do services for Medicaid reimbursement. Burma can refer the kids to the MCOs to let them know there are issues and the MCOs can see that they need to get out there and help. Discussion between the Board about why dentists are not taking Medicaid, how the state should do more, and how Iowa is doing better than other states because Iowa has plenty of dental providers. Lee questioned if there are any kind of grants of financial aid that would be able to provide vouchers or another option for Medicaid patients to get services? Burma replied that MICA has vouchers, mostly for uninsured kids, that pay at the Title V rate, slightly lower than the Medicaid rate, which is easier because the dental offices then get paid directly from MICA without a lot of paperwork due to no insurance claim filing. Delta Dental also has a program for offices where if 50% of their

patients are on Medicaid, they get a grant to help pay for their practice. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7.3 Story County Public Health (PH); Eric Adelmund, Sherry Zook, Jane Esterly-Rettig

Adelmund, Esterly-Rettig, and Zook provided the update for PH. Pleis asked Who all is attending the City's meeting? Lee answered that the attendees are all listed at the end of the document. Matos questioned if anyone from PH had contacted Terrones? Esterly-Rettig replied that she had reached out and then attended the Narcan training with her at the Overdose Awareness Event. Matos then inquired if Terrones is involved in trying to convince pharmacies to carry Narcan? Esterly-Rettig answered that she is not involved as it is a policy check with MGMC to make sure the pharmacy approves. Matos asked if PH knows what other local Public Health departments are doing with regards to homelessness? Esterly-Rettig responded that PH has a close relationship with Dallas County Public Health and their action plan involves education and using health navigators to help people find the resources available. Matos then inquired if there is a grant to pay for social workers or if Health and Human Services (HHS) is doing anything to increase the number of social workers? HHS has grants to hire community health workers and just recently announced a program similar to HeartCorps, but it is AmeriCorps, public health workers, and some of those people can be used for health navigation to better pinpoint the homelessness problem. PH is exploring the option to participate in the new HHS program. Matos wondered if MGMC includes all of PH? Esterly-Rettig and Adelmund stated that no, there are so many different departments in MGMC. Adelmund also explained that MGMC has two different vehicles for transportation, through the ARCH program, to the Bridge Home and other shelters. The ARCH program also has a social worker available. Matos questioned whether the PH office would be a part of the list for places people can go to for help with filling out paperwork? Adelmund replied that PH is looking into it as this is more for a health navigator and HHS is working to get more available, so PH is making sure that the funding is available and ready to support this program. PH is also making sure they would have the room to house another person as well. Lee inquired if Dallas County Public Health has any health navigators right now and if so, where do they get funding from to employ them? Esterly-Rettig replied that since Dallas County Public Health is a bigger department than Story County's they have had the ability to have health navigators for about two years now but not sure about their funding. Matos asked PH how involved they are with One Ames and if they interact with homeless people when they are there? Esterly-Rettig answered that PH goes to offer education and flu vaccines, Ibarra goes often to offer education. PH stated that they have interacted with the homeless at One Ames. Matos and Heddens discussed Erin Rewerts from Story County General Assistance (GA), she is the director and also works in Veterans Affairs as part of her job. Matos, PH, and Heddens discussed PH's relationship with Friendship Ark (FA), the extensive waitlist FA has, criteria for getting housing through FA, and funding/other concerns. Matos asked Heddens if the BOS discusses these concerns? Heddens responded that the Board themselves have not discussed this but through Central Iowa Community Services, Heddens is on the Governing Board, the Board is aware of it and it is funded through Medicaid since state law prohibits counties from providing any funding for mental health and disabilities. Matos questioned if PH has taken any de-escalation training? Esterly-Rettig and Adelmund responded that they have in the past and that MGMC makes employees take a de-escalation training that is about 8 or more hours long. Discussion between the Board and PH about Des Moines' new city rulings to push out homeless population and how to manage the population coming into Story County. Paschen inquired when the next of these discussion was to be held? Heddens replied that the next one is on December 6th. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

Grandinetti provided the update for EH. Matos inquired that if a business does not have a permit to tattoo then they cannot operate, correct? Grandinetti stated in response that yes, if they are not registered than no but EH is working with the Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing (DIAL) to work out the closure process. Matos questioned if it is listed anywhere that the business is no longer registered? Johnston and Cory replied

that there was a website but it is now taken off the website so it is no longer active or available. Grandinetti also commented that since EH is contracted with DIAL, EH has to work with them to complete the closure process and it takes some time. Paschen inquired if there is a certificate given to tattoo, tanning, and pool businesses for passing inspections that has an expiration date? Grandinetti informed the Board that inspection reports are given that has the date the inspection was completed as well as any violations. Discussion was then had between the Board and EH about how the public can find the information, tattoo parlors required to show permit and inspection report on a public wall, and what the county can do to have more restrictive regulations. Matos asked who creates the ordinances? Grandinetti and Cory responded that we have a pool ordinance as well as state code and the local tanning ordinance refers to state code. Lee asked if EH runs into this issue often where businesses do not reregister and still operating? Grandinetti stated that typically once EH reaches out about it the business gets right on it and gets it righted, however, in this case it's a business that is open by appointment only, within another facility, and hard to reach after multiple attempts. Heddens questioned whether these inspections are only once a year? Grandinetti confirmed that generally yes, unless complaints arise. Heddens asked for clarification on that even if something is posted, there could still be complaints and another inspection would be necessary? Grandinetti affirmed that is correct. Matos wondered who EH reports this to? Grandinetti explained that for Pools and Tattoos EH reports to their representative at DIAL. Agency report included in agenda packet.

8. Additional Items:

8.1 Discussion And Consideration For Environmental Health Policy For Mobile Devices Department policy for mobile devices such as cell phone and laptop use for staff.

Matos questioned if HR has a policy EH could utilize? Grandinetti replied that HR has their own onboarding and offboarding policies but this is a department specific one for our office. Grandinetti asked if the Board would like all policies to come to them? Discussion between Board and Grandinetti about the policy and how the Board appreciates seeing the policies to be another set of eyes to look at it and another approval system for each policy. Board also wants the director to have final say and discretion when it comes to the policies. Matos questioned if any employees had seen the policy before this meeting? Grandinetti stated that no they have not.

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to approve Mobile Device Policy as amended. Motion passed on voice vote.

8.2 Discussion & Direction To Confirm Date Of Special Meeting To Approve Environmental Health Budget For FY26; Molly Lee

Best date and time for all voting members per survey sent out is Friday December 13th at 3pm.

9. Comments:

Staff: None.

Board:

Matos: Has my application gone through?

Heddens: Yes, it has. Both you and Dr. Pleis will be reappointed.

Paschen: I am working on two statements, one being about gun related violence, and two being about health issue with state bans on transgender youth care and Story County residents' care and here is an article about it.

Matos: PH has free gun locks.

Paschen: Yes, something is being done but we should make a statement for the public.

Lee: Bring comments and concerns to next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Paschen moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Pleis.

Lee adjourned the meeting at 3:33 PM.



Approval of Minutes

BOH Chair 2-4-25

Title and Date