



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

900 6TH STREET

NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

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DATE: August 2, 2022

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Molly Lee, Vice-Chair

John Kluge

Betsy Matos

Sherri Pleis

Lisa Heddens (Ex-Officio)

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Public Meeting Room- Story County Administration
(900 6th St)- Nevada, Iowa

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

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

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent: John Kluge

Others Present: Lesla White, Treasa Ferrari, Kevin Officer, Kimberly Grandinetti, Morgan Struchen, Mark and Deborah Blaedel, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pleis, Seconded by Matos to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Matos, Seconded by Pleis to approve minutes from 6/7/22 and 06/24/22 meetings. (MCU).

4. Public Forum: None

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Consideration Immunization Services Contract Between Iowa Department Of Public Health And Story County Board Of Health Extending Contract Through June 30, 2023

5.2 Consideration Of Funding Agreement For The IDPH Local Public Services Contract Of FY23 Public Health Services Contract Extending through June, 2023

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Story County Public Health; Les White, Treasa Ferrari

There have been 10 cases of Monkey Pox in Iowa. Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) updates case numbers every Tuesday morning. There has been one negative test in Story County. If there were to be a case Public Health would reach out to the medical provider to get case information. If the case was contracted sexually the case would go to a specific team within IDPH. The case would go into voluntary quarantine and Public Health would call twice daily to check on symptoms. The case would be offered treatment. No one in Iowa has decided to receive treatment. IDPH would do contact tracing and vaccines would be offered to those considered high, intermediate, or low risk. The vaccine goes to Story County Public Health (SCPH) and the medical provider or SCPH would administer the vaccine. The vaccine and treatment are both two injections given 28 days apart. Preventative vaccination is not being looked at at this time. There have been no cases in Story County. Dr. Paschen stated that the vaccine is a modified small pox vaccine. Matos asked how to determine who is high risk and followed up specifically asking about hotel staff who might be in contact with contaminated linens. SCPH is not aware of any hotel exposures. Matos inquired about bodily fluids left on soiled linens and was informed that the virus can survive for 15 days but the viral load is very small. Matos inquired about Iowa State University (ISU) residency staff risk levels, to be sure are they are given correct information regarding testing. Dr. Paschen stated that the disease requires fairly intimate contact and that there have not been any deaths in the United States. Dr. Paschen asked about the turnaround time for a test, which is 24 to 48 hours.

6.2 YSS; Feleecia Watkins, not present. Report was submitted to the Board with agenda packet.

Dr. Paschen was happy to see mental health information was included.

6.3 Community and Family Resources- Claudia Schmutz (Not Present) Report was submitted to the Board with the agenda packet.

6.4 Story County Environmental Health; Kimberly Grandinetti

All 2022 contracts have been completed and fulfilled. All calendar contracts are in full swing. Waiting on IDPH for the pool and tattoo contract which should be coming out soon for fiscal year 2023. Septic Grant information is still pending with 6 still outstanding. Story County Housing Grant is getting underway with staff training and will be getting underway. Story County is revamping job descriptions and she will be sharing those with the Board when they become available. Interviews for the Environmental Health Specialist position will be August 8, 9, and 10. Grandinetti noted she would be on vacation the week of August 15.

7. Additional Items

7.1 Discussion and lead presentation; Kevin Officer, IDPH

Childhood lead poisoning prevention program presentation included in agenda packet. Officer discussed trends in blood lead testing which peaked at 43% in 2008 for Story County with Iowa peaking in 2009 at 35.2%. 2020 numbers show Story County at 23.6% and the state at 22.6%. Dr. Paschen asked for clarification because lead testing is supposed to be done before age 2 or at most, kindergarten. Officer 1-year olds are being tested near 80% with 2-year olds closer to 43% are being tested. Pleis asked what the recommendation is, which is at 1 and 2 years of age. It is required testing for children under Medicaid. The blood levels are generally low in 1-year olds and those families are unlikely to be retested at 2 years. Dr. Paschen clarified that the recommendation is lead testing at 1 year of age and 2 years of age. Pleis asked if it was more important to test older children, especially of those who move around a lot. Matos inquired what happens when a child tests high. Dr. Paschen volunteered the process for his practice. The Center of Disease Control updated the Blood Lead Reference Value from 5 to 3.5ug/dL in 2021. Officer overviewed a chart detailing the steps for when a child has elevated blood levels. Levels of 20mcg/dL and higher warrant more medical testing; in most cases the child has ingested something. Dr. Paschen asked what the percentage of children tested get chelation therapy; that information was not readily

available. Matos stated that some parents are afraid of having lead testing done because if it is from the environment they may be evicted from their residence. Officer replied that it is not legal to evict based on lead levels due to Iowa code. Dr. Paschen asked if there was any legal recourse for families requiring landlords to abate the lead source. Officer stated that in the code there is a requirement for lead hazards must be repaired and if families leave the residence they are not allowed to reoccupy until the lead source has been abated. Pleis asked if PH would go into homes of children with high blood levels to identify the source, Officer replied in the affirmative. To date, no instances of elevated levels have been associated with water. Dr. Paschen asked Heddens to look at Story County's ordinance to see what SC procedure looks like. Cory stated that the county dropped the ordinance when they dropped the contract. Heddens agreed. Officer stated that Story County didn't renew the contract due to the very low numbers of elevated blood levels and it wasn't cost effective for the county. Heddens asked if the counties under contract with IPDH for lead testing had any additional authority? IDPH authority only extends to make sure children are tested and if an elevated level is detected to work with the family. IDPH doesn't have any authority in regards to housing and little funding is available to help families remedy lead sources. 21.74% of children in Story County were tested for lead ages 0- 6 years of age. Greater number of 1-year olds are tested than 2-year olds, and greater still than that of 3 years of age. Discussion regarding the data on page 12 of the presentation was clarified by Board members. Dr. Paschen expressed concern that 1-year olds weren't being tested at the rates they should be. Matos asked for clarification on the Medicaid requirement and the rates of those kids; those numbers are similar to non-Medicaid children. Cory offered an explanation of the data. Dr. Paschen stated that Medicaid isn't checking if children are tested, and neither are schools. Dr. Paschen asked why race is asked on lead level forms. Officer said it is Iowa Code in Chapter One. County report cards are updated annually, usually in the fall and are available online. Heddens asked if the data on slide 14 was Story County or Iowa; it is for Iowa. Officer continued that there are updated guidelines and the creation of a Childhood Advisory Work Group. Each year IDPH reviews guidelines to see where improvements can be made. Matos asked if there was a Lead Proclamation Day. Officer replied that Lead Awareness Week is usually the third week of October.

7.2 Discussion and mental first aid presentation

Community and Family Resources is offering Mental First Aid classes which is a systemic approach to teaching people helping those struggling with mental health. The course is offered to anyone and has continuing education credits. There is also a child course and will be a teen program coming out soon. Classes are offered in person and virtually. The adult course is 6 hours, 2 hours of prework and comes with a 2-year certificate. The youth is 5 hours and also has the prework. The adult course offers 7.5 continuing education credits and the youth course comes with 6.5 continuing education credits. Flyers were left with Board members. Dr. Paschen inquired as to the cost to which it was replied that the course is 100% grant funded and there is no fee for the course. Computer access is required for the course. Matos asked how many people have taken the class thus far; since January 115-120 people have taken the course. The goal is 200 by the first of October. One August course is already full so another date will be made available.

7.3 Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(1) – “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

Pleis moved to go into closed session with a Second by Matos, MCU.

The Board went into closed session at 3:10 PM.

The Board came out of closed session at 3:25 PM.

7.4 Consideration Of The Environmental Health Director I Year Performance Review
Pleis moved to approve the Environmental Health Director 1 year Performance Review and Seconded by Lee. MCU.

8. Comments

8.1 Staff: Grandinetti thanked her staff and the Board for their support when her father passed away.

8.2 Board: Heddens stated that on August 9th Youth and Shelter Services is having a ground breaking for a new building near Cambridge at 10AM.

9. Adjournment

Pleis moved to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Matos, MCU.

Dr. Paschen adjourned the meeting at 3:29 PM.


Approval of Minutes

C. H. Allman 1/9/3/20
Title and Date