



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

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DATE: December 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

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

John Paschen, MD, Chair
Molly Lee, DVM, MPH, DACVMP, 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: Dr. John Paschen, Molly Lee, John Kluge, Betsy Matos, Sherrie Pleis, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio).
Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent: NA

Others Present: Heather Bombei, Jennifer Schmit, Peggy Ragner, Savannah Strahan, Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig (via zoom), Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Matos moved to add an agenda item, 7.7 Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Funds for BOH Members to attend Iowa Public Health Conference.

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Matos, seconded by Kluge to approve minutes from October 4, 2022 meeting. MCU.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Lee, seconded by Kluge to approve consent agenda. MCU.

5. Public Forum: None

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 YSS; Jennifer Schmidt

YSS is starting Assist Training for suicide prevention. Four staff members are being trained to teach the class and then will open the course up to the public. It is a 2-day, 16-hour course and geared for adults. Have the Hazelton Suicide Prevention for schools. Matos asked how they will advertise the course; once the trainers are trained they will start advertising. Strengthening Families is an 11-week course for families to connect. Tough Topics is a program for middle schoolers where they discuss anything the students have questions about- drugs, sexually transmitted infections, relationships. This takes place during class time and is held on a weekly basis.

6.2 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

Preparing for indoor inspections- tattoo parlors and indoor tattoos. There are two facilities operating without a license in Story County- one pool and one tattoo parlor. Pumper inspections have been completed. Johnston is working with Iowa DNR to arrange for PFAS testing in private wells under the Grants to Counties programs. Cory received a token of appreciation from Webster County for his guidance for the new sanitarian in Webster County. January is Radon Awareness Month; EH is planning promotional events for Radon Awareness and posts onto the county's website.

6.3 Story County Public Health; Les White, Treasa Ferrari

Influenza cases are moderately high in Iowa. There are supply issues with amoxicillin. Monitoring a group who arrived from overseas for Ebola. Matos asked how does the government know when you have been travelling. Pleis volunteered that scanning passports is likely how it is tracking. Matos would like to know for sure the process for tracking. Public Health (PH) will follow up with answering that question. Covid cases remain low. Paschen asked if there were any covid related hospitalizations to which it was replied there were a couple cases; not very many. Testing for Mpox is being phased out. Matos asked if PH will be changing their website to reflect the change from Monkey Pox to Mpox. Keys to Dementia was a great success. Matos asked about population health; PH has found that people in minority groups go to Des Moines for healthcare. Needs assessments are used to identify the top needs of the residents of Story County. Heddens shared that there is a grocery delivery service available.

7. Additional Items:

7.1 Discussion Of Guidance Memo From County Attorney's Office Regarding Position Statements; Dr. Paschen
Ethan Anderson of the County Attorney Office provided guidelines for the BOH to make public statements. Paschen stated that statements cannot be political. Paschen questioned if the statements need to be unanimous or a majority vote; it is a majority vote.

7.2 Discussion and Consideration of 2023 Board of Health Meeting Schedule

Dr. Paschen asked if Tuesday afternoons worked best for the Board; Fridays would be better for his schedule. Pleis, Lee, and Matos all stated that Tuesday afternoons are best for them and have set up class schedules to accommodate Tuesday afternoon meetings.

Motion by Matos and Seconded by Kluge to approve 2023 meeting schedule; (Aye: Kluge, Pleis, Lee, Matos; Nay: Paschen). Motion carried (4-1).

7.3 Discussion and Consideration of Environmental Health Administrative Position; Kimberly Grandinetti

Grandinetti stated that EH is working to fill the administrative assistant position. To avoid calling a special meeting to approve the hiring of the administrative assistant the BOH can authorize Grandinetti to hire staff and take to county Supervisors for approval prior to the effective start date.

Pleis moved to give hiring privileges to Grandinetti with the BOH affirming the hire at the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Lee. MCU.

7.4 Discussion and Consideration of Proclaiming January 2023 as Radon Awareness Month; Kimberly Grandinetti

Pleis moved to Proclaim January as Radon Awareness Month, seconded by Lee. MCU.

7.5 Discussion and Consideration of Environmental Health Department Fee Schedule; Kimberly Grandinetti
EH's price for radon test kits went up so the test price went up to reflect that. Repair permits have been split between treatment and non-treatment with separate fees to better cover costs. The special inspection fee for pool inspections set forth by the State has been adopted to better cover costs.

Movement by Kluge to adopt fee schedule with second by Pleis. MCU.

7.6 Discussion and Consideration of FY 24 Environmental Health Department's Proposed Budget For Recommendation To The Board Of Supervisors; Kimberly Grandinetti

Discussion was had regarding the EH FY 24 budget. Discussion put on hold by Dr. Paschen so agenda item 7.7 could be discussed as it could impact the budget discussion. Discussion regarding the FY24 budget resumed after discussion of agenda item 7.7 closed.

Pleis moved to approve the presented FY24 budget with the additional \$2000 added to the BOH line item for training with second by Kluge. MCU.

7.7 Discussion and Consideration of Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Funds for BOH Members to attend Iowa Public Health Conference; Betsy Matos

Matos proposed that the Board budget for continuing education for BOH members. Discussion was had regarding the idea of providing continuing education funds for BOH members. Dr. Paschen suggested each member getting a set amount for continuing education. Lee suggested that BOH members try to cover as many topics as possible to share with other members. Heddens clarified that unused funds would go back into the general fund. Dr. Paschen suggested a total of \$2000 for BOH continuing education to be added to the FY24 budget as Grandinetti confirmed there was money in the FY23 budget to pay for Betsy to attend the Annual Public Health Conference.

Kluge moved to add \$2000 for BOH members' education and training for their role on the board to EH's FY24 budget with second by Pleis. MCU.

8 Comments

8.1 Staff: None

8.2 Board: Heddens informed the Board that there is a 7-day review by the Board of Supervisors to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for county employees. Lee asked if any Board of Health Members would like to take over the radio segment every Tuesday at 7am, Paschen volunteered. Dr. Paschen reminded Board of Health Members that they would be voting on officers at the next meeting. Heather Bombei clarified that BOH must have an active MD or DO as a member.

9 Adjournment

Pleis moved to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Kluge, MCU

Dr. Paschen adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.


Approval of Minutes

CHH *2/7/23*
Title and Date