



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

[DRAFT] Minutes

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DATE: February 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 2:02 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
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: NA

Others Present: Peg Ragner, Sierra Stevens, Krissy Burma, Claudia Schmutz, Les White, Chloe Jaeger, Eric Adelmund, Treasa Ferrari, Laura Merrick, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston, Hayley Nelson (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order

Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kluge, seconded by Matos to approve minutes from December 6, 2022, meeting. MCU.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

5. Public Forum:

Laura Merrick introduced herself as a retired faculty member of Iowa State University. Merrick conveyed their desire to be in conversation with environmental health and other groups to learn more as part of their internship while pursuing a Masters of Public Health. Paschen welcomed Merrick.

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Community & Family Resources Presentation On Prevention Efforts; Claudia Schmugge, Prevention Specialist

Schmugge shared data that led to their approved 2-year work plan. The Iowa Youth Survey (IYS) provided substance (alcohol, tobacco, cannabis) abuse data among students in Story County. Paschen asked whether presentations on substance abuse are age-specific; Schmugge confirmed Community and Family Resources (CFR) education is tailored to different age groups. Paschen asked where CFR gets its funding and how their work dovetails with the work of Youth and Shelter Services (YSS). Schmugge said CFR's funding comes from Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS), and CFR works closely with YSS.

6.2 Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA); Sierra Stevens, WIC Coordinator

Stevens explained MICA provides clinics most weekdays in Ames and once monthly in Nevada, and said participation has been steady through first part of fiscal year with a slight drop in January. Jana Larsen, maternal, child and adolescent health coordinator, provided an update on MICA's maternal health program. Krissy Burma shared 2021 data about Story County children.

Paschen asked about the number of dental chairs available at Primary Health and the availability of dentists. Matos asked whether patients have to be a particular socioeconomic status to participate in maternal health or lactation programs and how patients find out about the services. Stevens responded WIC has income guidelines (185% of federal poverty level), but families receiving SNAP or Medicaid, or FIP automatically qualify; and in instances where only the mother or child have Medicaid, the whole family qualifies. Stevens explained some families learn about the program from their primary health provider, others learn from informational calls made by program staff to inform people of the benefits they have. Stevens said MICA receives weekly reports from state WIC consultants and reaches out to people who are eligible for Medicaid and fall within WIC's guidelines. Larsen explained the maternal health program has no income guidelines but that approximately 90% of their referrals are from WIC.

6.3 YSS; Peggy Ragner

Ragner reported on Youth and Shelter Services (YSS) Prevention programs. The Story County Prevention Policy Board (SCPPB) met regularly with variable attendance. The committee is working on the We Can Prosper Grant. YSS previously received a We Can Prosper mini-grant that is currently allowing them to complete an assessment of the Story County community's needs to inform the development of a data-backed 12-month plan for YSS's future prevention work.

Pleis asked about how adults know about the mentorship program. Ragner responded they work with their marketing department and hold regular orientations and community events. Matos asked about evaluation for the We-Can-Prosper Grant. Ragner explained they survey the coalition and coalition members, then look to see if data from sources such as the Iowa Youth Survey, Iowa Health and Human Services, etc. matches the anecdotal data they collect. Paschen asked what the data for Story County opioid deaths is. Ragner did not have that information on hand. Paschen asked about the youth recovery campus. Ragner announced the project has broken ground.

6.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

Indoor pool, tattoo and tanning facility inspections are currently underway and should be completed before outdoor pools and septic season begin. There have been some illegal waste dumping and illegal burning in unincorporated areas. January is Radon Awareness Month; EH publicized free radon kits via social media. Johnston is working to ensure maintenance contracts are in place in accordance with code. Staff received training on income verification for a new grant application approval. Hayley Nelson started in her position as administrative assistant on January 4. Johnston passed her septic installer test. Cory is getting ready to do his Certified Pool Operator (CPO) recertification. Matos will be attending the Annual Public Health Conference in Ames with Grandinetti in March.

Matos inquired about solutions for PFAS if testing shows it is present. Grandinetti explained RO filters may be able to remove PFAS, but that waste would need to be disposed of safely. The state is currently primarily focusing on data gathering at this juncture.

6.4 Story County Public Health (PH); Treasa Ferrari

Ferrari shared the Unlocking Brain Fitness program for dementia prevention has been popular. PH and Primary Health Care have been seeing a lot of immigrants and undocumented children from Ukraine coming in for inoculation. OneAmes is a partnership between The Bridge Home and Ames Elks Lodge that provides lunches to homeless people on the 1st and 2nd Mondays of each month. The Ames chapter NAACP health committee will be sharing a video – Between Us. About Us. – which features black doctors, nurses, researchers, community health care workers, etc. dispelling misinformation about COVID vaccination. Ferrari has done some searching to learn about food deserts in Story County- most Story County communities have food pantries. Paschen requested an explanation of the slide with the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Summary. Les White approached the microphone and explained it is the state’s plan for health for the next few years. Paschen asked for the COVID numbers. White replied there were three people hospitalized. Matos asked about flu and norovirus cases. Ferrari said there have been no schools with greater than 10% illness-related absenteeism since Christmas.

7. Additional Items:

7.1 Election Of Officers For Story County Board Of Health; Dr. Paschen

Motion by Kluge and seconded by Matos to nominate John Paschen as Chairman and Molly Lee as Vice-chair: (Aye: Kluge, Pleis, Matos, Heddens). MCU.

7.2 Discussion and Consideration of School Voucher Programs In Iowa; Dr. Paschen

Discussion was had regarding actions the board might take in response to legislation surrounding school voucher programs in Iowa. No motion made.

8 Comments

8.1 Staff: None

8.2 Board: Board members joined Heddens in welcoming Hayley Nelson as the new Environmental Health Administrative Assistant. Lee asked if any Board of Health Members would like to ~~take over~~ the KHOI radio segment every Tuesday at 7am, Pleis volunteered.

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9 Adjournment

Kluge moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Pleis. MCU.

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


Approval of Minutes

CHAMBERLAIN 4/4/23
Title and Date