



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV.

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

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, 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, Betsy Matos, Sherrie Pleis, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio).

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent: Molly Lee, John Kluge

Others Present: Andrea Dickerson, Les White, Chloe Jaeger, Eric Adelmund, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig, Laura Merrick, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Paschen noted that on page 3 of the February minutes, 8.2 states Lee asked if any Board of Health Members would like to take over the KHOI radio segment with the corrected statement, "Lee asked if any Board of Health Members would like to fill in on the KHOI radio segment..."

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Matos to approve minutes from February 2, 2023 meeting with correction. MCU.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Matos to approve consent agenda. MCU.

5. Public Forum: none.

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Andrea Dickerson

Dickerson shared an update on the behavior health programs within YSS. Behavioral Health continues to be in high demand. In February staff was trained in Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for children. This is a 12 week group course. Residential Treatment facility will be moving to the Ember Campus outside of Cambridge. The campus is 52 acres with 2 residential buildings and a shelter. There is room for expansion with a focus on young adults 18- 24. Matos questioned how are high emotion students identified; referrals are made by the school. Dr. Paschen asked if there openings for behavioral health appointments. It depends on the needs of the individual but usually within 2 days. The appointment would be virtual. Pleis inquired if the residential program was built with room for expansion. YSS is considering how many beds they would want on a campus but there is room on the property for additional housing. Dr. Paschen asked if YSS has to be approved for beds and if so, how. They do have to be approved for the number of beds from the state, and there is

6.2 Story County Public Health; Les White, Treasa Ferrari

Public Health has been working on Emergency Preparedness. They have been working with County Emergency Management Services. White attended the Story County Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update Project Meeting. This plan is required to be updated every 5 years with FEMA. Dr. Paschen asked what is the emergency plan for the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI)- there is not one at this time. Paschen asked if Hilton Coliseum is tornado proof. Matos volunteered that part of Hilton is a place to shelter. Ferrari has been working with the Central Iowa Health Care Coalition and has been working on radiation exposure. Matos inquired about shutting down nuclear reactors in Iowa- how is PH in those counties part of that decision. White replied that they are unsure how other counties approach these situations. All staff attended the Public Health Conference. This week is Public Health Week. Rettig gave an update on unstable housing- they are working with Bridge Home in Ames to provide flu shots and information. They meet twice a month at the Elks Lodge. PH continues to develop a relationship with the NAACP and are preparing for Juneteenth. PH hopes to have free sunscreen to hand out at RAGBRAI. Other staff have joined a community group focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Paschen asked about the realignment of Public Health- do county governments consolidate with this plan. Heddens replied that counties do have that option at this time. White added that they were not given any information about the realignment.

6.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

Radon awareness month went well; Environmental Health (EH) gave away more radon tests than the prior year. EH is tracking the results for those who got a test. EH is looking into grants to help defray the cost of mitigation systems. Septic season is gearing up. Application packets for the new grant are available and they have received two applications thus far. There are low interest loans available for septic systems but there are no financiers in Story County to offer these loans. Grandinetti is reaching out to lenders. Tattoo and tanning inspections are underway and will be finished when indoor pools inspections are finished. Paschen asked how long tattoo and pool inspections last. Cory volunteered that it varies greatly; pools can take 15 minutes to two hours depending on the condition of the facility. Tattoo inspections are generally quicker. Paschen asked if specialists ever encounter aggression or people uncooperating? Cory said that it does happen, but not too often. Grandinetti added that with a previous specialist she had calls verifying the validity of the specialists' credentials; facilities in Story County are familiar working with Cory but do question new staff on occasion. Matos inquired if Heartland Services' new building will have a pool; EH has not received any information regarding a new pool. Pools have 10 days to submit a corrective action plan (CAP) to address deficiencies noted upon inspection. The CAP outlines how deficiencies will be addressed and by what date. EH worked with Drain Tech and Waterloo to host an open house for installers, realtors, and other county sanitarians. Story County has started a DEI committee and Johnston is the co-chair of that committee. Johnston attended a tattoo workshop, Grandinetti attended the Public Health Conference. Grandinetti has been asked to give

another presentation to realtors about Time of Transfer (TOT). EH will be hosting another open house for a Waterloo install at a later date. Merrick asked about Grants To Counties. Grandinetti said that contracts are renewed annually and runs July 1 through June 30.

7. Additional Items:

7.1 Discussion and Consideration of Amended Pool and Tattoo Inspection 28E Contract Between Iowa Department of Human and Health Services and Story County Board Of Health Updating the Geographical Boundaries; Kimberly Grandinetti

This is an update to the existing Pool and Tattoo Contract. Polk County has contracted Story County to assist with tattoo inspections for the Middle of the Map Tattoo Convention. Dr. Paschen asked if contracts could be written with more general geographical guidelines. Grandinetti stated that the State writes the contracts.

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Matos to approve. MCU.

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

EH is continuing to work on filling the open administrative assistant position. Grandinetti asked the Board to give hiring privileges for Grandinetti and the Board of Health will approve at the next meeting.

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Matos to approve. MCU.

8 Comments

8.1 Staff: None

8.2 Board: Dr. Paschen will be gone for the month of May.

9 Adjournment

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

Dr. Paschen adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.


Approval of Minutes


Title and Date