

**DRAFT MINUTES  
STORY COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

<b>DATE:</b> December 4, 2007	*Jane Halliburton, Chair	2007
	John Kluge	2008
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b> 4:30 p.m.	John Paschen, V. Chair	2008
	Mark Speck	2009
<b>LOCATION:</b> Administration Building 900 Sixth Street, Nevada	*Dorathy Twedt	2009
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b> 5:58 p.m.	*Absent	

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:** Don Nolting, Director; Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Specialist; Catherine Bazylinski, Environmental Specialist; Angie Huisman, Recording Secretary; Jane Larkin; Denise Denton; Laurie Page; Judie Hoffman; Eileen Mullan; Mark Steffen; Leanne Harter; Charlie Dissell

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**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA as amended:** Kluge / Speck (MCU)

Amended to remove the Additional Item regarding the Election of Officers that will be scheduled for the first meeting of the next calendar year per Code of Iowa.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 4, 2007 Kluge / Speck (MCU)

Approved as amended to correct that neither Cathy Bazylinski nor Margaret Jaynes were present at the meeting as stated in the minutes.

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**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None comments.

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**QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:**

**1.) HOMEWARD Health Services – Eileen Mullan and Terri Olinger**

Ms. Eileen Mullan, Homeward, distributed the annual report.

Ms. Mullan summarized the report as distributed and offered to answer any questions.

Dr. John Paschen asked if any plans had been proposed for the excess budget money for the homemaker line item. Ms. Mullan responded that nothing specific had been decided yet, but that bioterrorism preparation and training is likely what most will be spent on.

Dr. John Kluge commented on budget cuts.

Ms. Mullan informed the Board that she would be presenting the communicable diseases report for Terri Olinger in her absence. Ms. Mullan then distributed the report.

Ms. Mullan listed the report details and offered to answer any questions.

Ms. Mullan added that the Health Alert Network that has been discussed at multiple previous meetings is up and running.

Ms. Mullan described a new test called quantiferIm that is being utilized for the detection of Tuberculosis, noting the accuracy and expense of the test. Dr. Paschen asked if the test is more sensitive than the test previously utilized and if it is a blood test. Ms. Mullan responded that both are accurate, adding that Ms. Olinger would be able to provide additional information about the test at the next meeting.

Ms. Mullan summarized the floor plans for the PODs for pandemic sites for some communities as well as memorandums of understandings that have been distributed.

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## **2). Story County Health Department Regular Report – Don Nolting**

Mr. Don Nolting distributed the quarterly report to the Board.

Mr. Nolting then summarized the report, adding that it is consistent with past years for the season.

Mr. Nolting further detailed the report including site evaluations, annexations, improper wastewater treatment systems, and other such items.

Mr. Nolting described a two (2) day wastewater treatment workshop to be attended by the Health Department staff.

Dr. Kluge asked for the status of the situation pertaining to Joe Lynch and Onion Creek Farm. Mr. Nolting responded that it is unknown if the matter has been resolved and gave a brief summary of the request, noting that the item is pending a response from the Iowa Department of Public Health from a Mr. Dan Olson.

Mr. Speck discussed the situation and the alternative system compliance. Mr. Nolting responded that the property is in violation and that enforcement against the violation may be necessary.

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## **3). Story County Tobacco Task Force – Judie Hoffman**

Ms. Judie Hoffman distributed a draft copy of the new smoke-free dining guide to the Board.

Ms. Hoffman described the increase in hotels that have become smoke-free, adding that 90% of

hotels are now smoke-free.

Ms. Hoffman informed the Board that the Great American Smokeout took place in November.

Ms. Hoffman summarized the assistance of the Iowa State University group of students assisting with the smoke-free campaign, adding that six (6) campus bars have agreed to be smoke-free for one (1) day per week.

Ms. Hoffman discussed the slow progress being made at Story County Hospital, adding that the hospital has a committee to help.

Dr. Paschen described limitations set by Medicare, adding that hospitals and grounds must be smoke-free in order to receive funding. Ms. Hoffman was unaware of such requirements and would check into the rules that govern such. Dr. Paschen offered to aide Ms. Hoffman in the regulations location.

Mr. Speck asked for the progress of the smoke free cities. Ms. Hoffman responded that the Ames library has opted to be smoke-free.

Dr. Paschen discussed the regulation in the Legislature that would allow cities to adopt ordinances to be smoke-free.

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#### **4.) Youth and Shelter Services – Jane Larken**

Ms. Jane Larkin distributed reports to the Board.

Ms. Larkin discussed the year end report, detailing the tobacco program and grants.

Ms. Larkin added that the grant requirements have changed and the school districts are being asked to adopt a tobacco free policy, adding that Ames, Nevada and Colo-NESCO have adopted such policies and other school districts have been contacted regarding them.

Ms. Larkin requested that the Board draft a letter to the school districts regarding the tobacco free policies. The Board discussed the potential policies and the effects of such policy.

Ms. Larkin distinguished the difference between a tobacco free policy and a smoke-free policy.

Dr. Kluge and Ms. Larkin discussed the ways in which the policy is announced and enforced.

The Board and Ms. Larkin discussed the details of the letter to be drafted. Dr. Paschen offered to draft the letter.

Ms. Larkin discussed other places, such as fairs, festivals, and events, which have been contacted about adopting a tobacco free policy.

Ms. Larkin detailed the results of the survey taken at the different festivities, noting that most people were in favor of tobacco free activities.

Ms. Larkin summarized the progress of the tobacco free policies at youth sports facilities and other outdoor parks and recreation areas.

Ms. Larkin discussed the “just eliminate lies” (jel) group and summarized their purpose as a teen taskforce.

Dr. Kluge asked if Ames Parks and Recreation is smoke-free. Ms. Larkin responded that they have not yet adopted a tobacco free policy.

Dr. Paschen discussed the letter to be sent.

Ms. Larkin summarized some of the other programs in the report such as Talking About Touching, Too Good for Drugs, and Project Alert.

Ms. Larkin discussed the success with the different programs at the different age appropriate levels.

Ms. Denise Denton summarized the secondary program known as SAAG that has been ongoing for over twenty (20) years, noting that the purpose is to prevent juveniles from being in adult court and re-offending.

Ms. Denton discussed the statistics of juvenile reoffenses.

Ms. Denton provided details about the program cost, benefits, and lack of residency restrictions.

Dr. Paschen asked for clarification to the abbreviation SAAG. Ms. Denton clarified that it stands for substance abuse awareness group.

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## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

### **1. Budget Review – Don Nolting**

Mr. Nolting summarized the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 (FY09), noting that the Auditor has recommended that they keep the budget the same.

Mr. Nolting added that the vehicle and legal notification budgets have increased due to costs rising beyond staff control.

Mr. Nolting added that the budget for the department is not large, therefore percentages of increase may appear to be high.

Mr. Nolting discussed the groundwater protection fund, noting that all of what is budgeted must be spent.

Mr. Nolting explained the increase in the dues and memberships line item caused by the increase in membership fees for some associations.

Mr. Nolting summarized the salary increase and how the item is to stay the same, noting that the annual cost of living increase awarded to employees is calculated separately.

The Board and Mr. Nolting discussed employee salaries and the controlling parties of such being the Board of Supervisors.

The Board and Mr. Nolting discussed the mileage reimbursement and the way in which it is utilized.

**MOTION: Recommend approval of the FY09 budget as presented to the Board of Health by staff to the Board of Supervisors. Kluge / Speck (MCU)**

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2. Training on changes to Chapter 80 of the *Code of Iowa* – Laurie Page

Ms. Laurie Page presented a brief training on the changes to Chapter 80 of the *Code of Iowa*.

Ms. Page detailed the highlighted sections of the regulations beginning with the definitions.

Ms. Page continued to discuss the highlighted changes throughout the *Code of Iowa*.

Dr. Kluge discussed the retirement age and protection for such.

Dr. Paschen asked for clarification to the 20% of grant money allocation for child abuse prevention. Ms. Page clarified the statewide percentage of 20% is of 85% and detailed the way in which that is calculated.

Dr. Paschen discussed the increase in reported cases of child abuse, adding that more available money at the state level is beneficial.

The Board, Ms. Page, and Ms. Mullan discussed case management, the County's role, and the funding available.

Ms. Page offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

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3. Adoption of 2008 Calendar

Dr. Paschen requested that the proposed September meeting be moved to the following Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday the day prior to the typical first Tuesday.

**MOTION: Adopt the 2008 calendar as amended. Kluge / Speck (MCU)**

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4. Election of Officers for 2008

This item was removed from the agenda and will be on the next agenda.

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5. Discussion of potential health effects related to Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (C-WECS) – Leanne Harter

Ms. Leanne Harter, Story County Planning and Zoning, gave a brief history of the three (3) Commercial Wind Energy Systems (C-WECS) as well as the *Land Development Regulations* that regulate them.

Ms. Harter described the process for which C-WECS follow to obtain a Conditional Use Permit.

Ms. Harter detailed the locations of the two larger C-WECS applications.

Ms. Harter summarized the potential health concerns brought forth by the public at the meetings, specifically the “shadow flicker” effect.

Ms. Harter defined the criteria that the applicants must meet by citing the Land Development Regulations.

Dr. Paschen summarized the “shadow flicker” being similar to a strobe light or a reflective hub cap on a moving car, noting that the effects are limited to persons prone to epilepsy and can be effectively controlled by medications.

Ms. Harter affirmed the description, clarifying that the request for information is from the Board of Adjustment and no action is required by the Board of Health.

The Board and Ms. Harter discussed the other concerns about C-WECS including noise, property values, migratory birds, and bats.

The ground clearance and specifications of the turbines was discussed.

Dr. Kluge asked if any other research has been collected. Ms. Harter informed the Board that Mr. Mark Steffen of Enervation LLC is in the audience and may have further information.

Dr. Paschen thanked Ms. Harter for the update and information.

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## 6. Discussion of proposed changes to the *Story County Land Development Regulations* regarding Ordinance No. 110 (of Story County) – Leanne Harter

Ms. Harter distributed a sample plat of survey, noting that it is for demonstration only and is not being targeted for criticism.

Ms. Harter briefly summarized the history of the *Land Development Regulations*, specifically the platting standards for land divisions.

Ms. Harter described the distributed plat noting the identification of suitable locations for wastewater treatment on the plat.

Ms. Harter discussed the difficulty in which the Planning and Zoning and Health Departments face when reviewing proposed land division plats, noting the lack of enforcement abilities on the matter.

Ms. Harter discussed the role of the Board of Supervisors for the land division plats.

Ms. Harter summarized some suggested ways in which to address the locations being on the plat, including a statement on the face of the plat and a signed statement from the Health Department.

The Board and Ms. Harter discussed the benefits of implementing such actions.

Ms. Harter noted that a fee could be implemented and the ability to enforce on violations would be beneficial to both departments.

Mr. Nolting described what home builders typically expect.

Mr. Nolting further discussed the variables for sites and the additional burden and liability that could be placed on the County.

The Board discussed the position of both the Health and Planning and Zoning Departments.

Further discussion took place regarding ways in which verification could be obtained by the Planning and Zoning Department from the Health Department and the applicant's responsibilities.

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**STAFF AND BOARD COMMENTS:**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:58 p.m.

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Approval of minutes

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Title and date