

**DRAFT MINUTES
STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**

DATE: September 4, 2007	Jane Halliburton, Chair	2007
	John Kluge	2008
CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.	John Paschen, V. Chair	2008
	Mark Speck	2009
LOCATION: Administration Building 900 Sixth Street, Nevada	Dorathy Twedt	2009
ADJOURNMENT: 5:54 p.m.	*Absent	

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Don Nolting, Director; Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Specialist; Catherine Bazylinski, Environmental Specialist; Angela Huisman, Recording Secretary; Janelle Durlin; Joe Lynch; Kris Watson; RoxAnne K. Redling; Terri Olinger; Patsy Beese; Judie Hoffman

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Kluge / Speck (MCU)

Approved as amended with the addition of a third item, the approval of addendum to the Story County Public Health Agreement.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

1.) HOMEWARD Health Services – Patsy Beese and Terri Olinger

Ms. Terri Olinger, Story County Public Health Nurse, informed the Board about the training of new personnel.

Ms. Olinger discussed an immunization auditing meeting in the fall of 2007.

Ms. Olinger summarized the flu clinic schedule and vaccine status.

Ms. Olinger added that a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) grant from Sam's Club for the flu vaccine distribution to persons that cannot afford the vaccine.

Ms. Olinger discussed the lead program, including activities, booths, events, and their locations.

Ms. Olinger discussed a case of Tuberculosis in Story County.

Ms. Olinger summarized the disease report as distributed to the Board.

Ms. Olinger added that staff has undergone training in preparation for the disease surveillance system to be processed electronically rather than manually prior to the end of 2007.

Ms. Olinger summarized other grants and the status of funding and other statistics.

Ms. Olinger informed the Board that there is an opening for a Public Information Officer and requested any recommendations to fill such position.

Ms. Jane Halliburton responded that the Board has no specific recommendation at this time, adding that the Emergency Management Commission is aware of the vacancy and suggested working together to coordinate efforts to fill the position and locating a trained person with an experienced entity.

Ms. Olinger summarized a pandemic planning meeting that was attended in August.

Ms. Olinger concluded by discussing the necessity of a planner over the past few years and requesting funding for such position be considered.

Ms. Halliburton stated that the request for funding for the planner would be forwarded to the Emergency Management Commission and should be handled jointly.

Ms. Patsy Beese, Homeward, informed the Board that the fiscal year ended on June 30th, adding that all funding was utilized.

Ms. Beese distributed a report and detailed the ways in which the funding was used as outlined in the report.

Ms. Beese added that no increase in funding is expected for the next fiscal year.

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

Mr. Don Nolting, Story County Health Department, summarized a report distributed to the Board.

Mr. Nolting noted an increase in geothermal wells, as well as an increase in site evaluations.

Mr. Nolting described meetings and conferences that were attended.

Ms. Halliburton discussed a mailing received from National Association of Counties (NACo) regarding water quality issues. Mr. Nolting described the current process including Geographical Information System (GIS) tracking.

Ms. Halliburton asked Mr. Nolting to brief the Board on the background of an application received by Mr. Lynch regarding an alternative on-site wastewater system.

Mr. Nolting outlined the rules and procedures that regulate the systems, adding that regulations

in place are at a state and federal level.

Mr. Nolting discussed the role of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the adopted regulations.

Mr. Nolting outlined the standards and procedures followed to ensure compliance with regulations.

Ms. Halliburton asked for a summary of the appeal process. Mr. Nolting described several scenarios and likely outcomes, again stating the rules and processes outlined by the adopted regulations.

Discussion continued about existing rules and the lack of procedure for appeals and variance requests.

Mr. Joe Lynch, 3700 Onion Creek Lane, Ames, distributed a letter submitted to the Board and summarized the background of his proposal and the regulations that are applicable.

Mr. Lynch described the types and volumes of wastewater and the proposed treatment and disposal system designed and endorsed by an engineer.

Mr. Lynch added that it is his interpretation that the current regulations allow for alternative systems.

Mr. Lynch informed the Board of his credentials as a civil engineer and introduced Dr. Johanshir Golchin.

Dr. Johanshir Golchin, 515 Oliver Circle, Ames, described the proposed system and his interpretation of the regulations and how they allow for new technology and alternative systems such as the one proposed.

Dr. Golchin discussed his credentials, involvement with the EPA, association with Iowa State University (ISU), new technology advances in wastewater treatment, differences in wastewater and grey water, and other aspects of the proposed system.

The Board and staff discussed the property owner's responsibilities for the wastewater treatment system in the event of property sale or transfer.

Discussion continued about regulations, authority, and the scheduling of an alternative meeting.

The Board requested Mr. Lynch and Mr. Nolting continue working together, in addition receive written approval and information from the State of Iowa.

Ms. Halliburton specified that another meeting will be scheduled if necessary.

3). Story County Tobacco Task Force – Judie Hoffman

Ms. Judie Hoffman, Story County Tobacco Task Force, updated the Board about the events and activities the Task Force has been involved in recently.

Ms. Hoffman discussed the local control resolutions and bills in the senate to allow such

resolutions.

Ms. Hoffman summarized the work with local parks and sports facilities to become smoke free facilities.

Ms. Hoffman informed the Board that the sale of toy cigarettes and similar items will be prohibited at Scandinavian Days in Story City.

Ms. Hoffman described the joint effort with an ISU student group to encourage bars and restaurants within the City of Ames to offer at least one night a week to be smoke free.

Ms. Hoffman updated the Board on the Story County Medical Center approval of a plan to become a smoke free facility, adding that there are details regarding long term care facility patient rights and possible agreements with businesses that offer smoke free nicotine products.

Mr. Speck asked for an update on the North Grand Mall becoming smoke free. Ms. Hoffman responded that she has no new information since the previous meeting, adding that the mall has offered to move the ash trays further from the entrance and that she intends to meet with a mall representative again.

4.) Youth and Shelter Services – Gerri L. Bugg

No representative was available to present a report.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. MICA Programs Presentation – Janelle Durlin

Ms. Janelle Durlin, Mid Iowa Community Action (MICA), distributed packets and gave a brief summary of the programs and the services that MICA offers:

Women Infants and Children (WIC) – serves approximately 1,400 women with children under the age of five (5) and have low household incomes by offering food vouchers and health information.

Child Health – serves approximately 2,200 children by providing dental and blood screens to those without insurance.

Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) – contact is made to children under the age of twenty-one (21) that are recently enrolled in a Medicaid program to inform them of rights and benefits that are available to them, over 1,200 children were contacted in fiscal year 2006.

Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (hawk-i) – a state and federally funded program which MICA promotes with outreach efforts to provide low and no cost health insurance to children of working families, as of July 2007 256 children were enrolled in the program in Story County.

Maternal Health (MH) – an educational program for women before and after pregnancy that are uninsured, providing assistance in addition to regular physician visits, there are currently forty-

two (42) participants enrolled in the program in Story County.

Living with HIV – the program assists individuals and families who are dealing with HIV by aiding in transportation to doctors, a support group, annual fundraiser, and assistance with basic necessities, currently there are 19 participants. Ms. Durlin noted that the number of persons with HIV reported in the packets is deceptively lower than actual numbers due to the reporting methods.

Central Iowa Safe Kids – has certified child safety seat technicians and offers educational services for families about child safety requirements for safety seats, fifty-eight (58) car safety seats have been fitted in the past year.

Food Pantry – many food pantries are available in Story County and have seen a recent increase in use, a listing of local pantries and free meal providers was distributed in the packets.

Ms. Dorathy Twedt commented on the recent increase in food pantry usage, suggesting the increase may be attributed to the summer vacation months without food programs at the schools. Ms. Durlin concurred that such reason may have an effect on the increase.

Ms. Durlin summarized the services that the Story County Dental Clinic provides and expressed the need for additional dentists, adding that there is a wait list of more than two hundred (200) people.

Ms. Halliburton asked for more information about the prenatal care provided and if there are enough providers. Ms. Durlin responded that the prenatal care provided is for uninsured women that meet the income guidelines, adding that the number of uninsured people is rising.

2. Report to Board regarding request for joint meeting with Story County Medical Center Board of Trustees – Chair

Ms. Halliburton discussed the difficulties in scheduling a date to meet with Mr. Todd Willert.

Ms. Halliburton noted the request for a letter of support from the Story County Board of Supervisors and offered to provide a copy of the letter to the Board of Heath members and then summarized the letter.

The Board discussed the Story County Medical Center further.

STAFF AND BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Nolting informed the Board about the upcoming conference the staff will attend in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, noting that this regional conference is usually further away.

Mr. Noting added that he will discuss the meeting at the Board's next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:54 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Title and date