



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MINUTES

DATE: March 4, 2008	*Jane Halliburton, Chair	2010
	John Kluge	2008
CALL TO ORDER: 4:31 p.m.	John Paschen, V. Chair	2008
	Mark Speck	2009
LOCATION: Administration Building 900 Sixth Street, Nevada	Dorathy Twedt	2009
ADJOURNMENT: 5:24 p.m.	*Absent	

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Don Nolting, Director; Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Specialist; Angie Huisman, Recording Secretary; Terri Olinger; Deb Beelner; Judie Hoffman; Eileen Mullan

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

Agenda was amended to add the Consent Agenda item: Affirmation of signature of Chairperson for amendment to contract for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to increase funding from \$17,566 to \$26,760.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

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

Ms. Eileen Mullan of Homeward distributed her quarterly report.

Ms. Mullan summarized the financial data included in the report including the transfer of funds from the homemaker fund to other areas in which they are needed and compared the transfers to the similar ones in past years.

Dr. John Paschen asked if the transfer is common due to fiscal year allocations. Ms. Mullan

affirmed, adding that the transfers have occurred somewhat earlier than usual, but do typically occur in this way.

Mr. Mark Speck asked for clarification to why the homemaker fund does not get utilized. Ms. Mullan responded that the homemaker fund usage has decreased due to a multitude of other programs offering similar services.

Dr. Paschen asked for a summary of what the homemaker program offers. Ms. Mullan responded that it is a personal care and environmental program that is similar to companion care, without the transportation benefits.

Mr. Speck asked for further clarification about the ways in which funds can be shifted. Ms. Mullan elaborated on her summary, noting the difficulty in changing the ways in which funds are allowed to be transferred.

Ms. Margaret Jaynes asked for clarification about an increase in funding for the lead program that was listed on the consent agenda. Ms. Mullan did not have specific details about the increase, but referred Ms. Jaynes to Ms. Patsy Beese and offered to get more information at another time.

Ms. Mullan introduced Ms. Deb Beelner as a new public health nurse, summarizing her experience with both hospice and other public health services.

Ms. Terri Olinger distributed the report for immunization clinics.

Ms. Olinger described the expansion of the immunization clinics, including dates, locations, and times.

Ms. Olinger discussed an increase in the usage of the clinics and attributed it to the elimination of the service from the MICA program.

Ms. Olinger informed the Board that Ms. Cecilia Nassiff has joined Homeward and described her experience as a nurse.

Ms. Olinger discussed a new alarm purchased to protect the vaccines from spoiling due to temperature changes while they are refrigerated, adding that one refrigerator is due for replacement.

Dr. Paschen asked for the cost of a replacement refrigerator. Ms. Olinger responded that they are approximately \$4500.00.

Ms. Twedt asked if the vaccines are required to be kept frozen. Ms. Olinger described the differences in the vaccines that are to be kept frozen and the vaccines to be kept refrigerated, noting that both are monitored and tested.

Ms. Olinger gave the statistics for the flu season vaccinations, noting that the volume is lower due to the availability of the vaccine at other clinics.

Dr. Paschen asked for an update about the Flumist vaccine. Ms. Olinger informed the Board that the clinics haven't given Flumist to adults, but want to begin doing so, adding that the supply of the vaccine ordered was not received.

Dr. Paschen added that McFarland Clinic encountered the same problem and attributed it to the

change in regulation allowing the vaccine to allow dosage to children as young as age two.

Mr. Speck asked for the age range in which Flumist can be taken. Dr. Pachen responded that the age range is currently 2-50 years old.

Ms. Olinger summarized the other vaccines provided.

Dr. Kluge asked if the flu vaccine is required prior to beginning school. Ms. Olinger responded that it is not, to her knowledge.

Dr. Kluge asked if it were proposed. Ms. Olinger responded that she is not aware of a proposal, adding that it may be required of some daycares and preschools.

Dr. Paschen commented that the variables in getting the vaccine could prove difficult to monitor and administer. Ms. Olinger agreed, adding that the enforcement would be a large task

Further discussion continued about the flu vaccines, timeframe, and flu seasons.

Ms. Olinger described the senior health program, adding that a survey was distributed and results should be available at the next meeting.

Ms. Olinger added that the funding for the program is exhausted and new funding has begun.

Ms. Olinger detailed the disease report, as distributed.

Ms. Olinger discussed the Center for Disease Control (CDC) grant trainings listed in the report, adding that most are training, meeting and exercises that coordinate activities and work with emergency management and other agencies.

Dr. Paschen complimented Homeward on their good work.

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

Mr. Nolting distributed the quarterly report.

Mr. Nolting discussed the permits for the fiscal year including 2007 and 2008.

Mr. Nolting summarized wastewater permits, non-public well program, and recent referrals for nuisances and health hazards.

Mr. Nolting discussed the field work and violations that have occurred.

Mr. Nolting summarized the remainder of the report as distributed.

Mr. Nolting noted that each well reported is per project, adding that many geothermal wells listed may occur on one site.

Mr. Nolting added that the nuisances listed are for 2008 only.

Mr. Nolting described the referrals from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the lack of violations.

Mr. Nolting listed the conferences and meetings that have been attended as well as upcoming events that are planned, noting the importance of the regional meeting that all staff will attend on March 20th.

Mr. Nolting discussed some concerns about legislative changes that will go into effect for the department, adding that an opinion from the County Attorney's Office may be required regarding the time of sale inspections required.

Dr. Paschen asked how the changes will affect the department. Mr. Nolting described the few counties that have a program and the nature of the legislation aimed toward the counties that do not, noting that the added regulations are not as restrictive as the existing program.

Mr. Nolting further discussed the changes and the differences along with how they may affect the department.

Dr. Paschen asked for clarification to how the proposed law is less restrictive. Mr. Nolting further detailed the current regulations and the proposed changes, noting a concern about the type of transfers that are exempt under the state's proposed regulations and the problems that this could cause.

Further discussion took place regarding the current and proposed regulations.

MOTION: Recommend that the Health Department continue to use the adopted regulations that are more restrictive than the proposed legislative changes. Kluge / Paschen (MCU)

Mr. Nolting discussed a past issue with the Onion Creek Farm and the violation, requesting that the Board determine whether they want action taken by the Department.

Discussion about the case occurred.

MOTION: Recommend that the Health Department pursue the violation of the Joe Lynch property to require the wastewater treatment system become compliant despite property use. Speck / Kluge (MCU)

Further discussion continued about the Onion Creek Farm history and the variance request that has not been remedied.

3). Story County Tobacco Task Force – Judie Hoffman

Ms. Judie Hoffman of the Story County Tobacco Task Force presented her quarterly report.

Ms. Hoffman discussed the progress in which the parks in the City of Ames are to become tobacco free, including the Park and Recreation Commission meetings attended and scheduled meeting in which a vote will be taken.

Dr. Paschen asked for clarification by giving an example scenario in which a person violates the tobacco free policy, asking for repercussions of the violation. Ms. Hoffman described the lack of "tobacco police" adding that it is likely that no enforcement will occur, but signs will be posted and will send message.

Ms. Hoffman described the benefits of the tobacco free policy on the trails and parks, noting that it is not just cigarette free, but all tobacco products.

Mr. Speck described tournaments and leagues that will benefit the most from the policy. Ms. Hoffman commented on the example, adding that the referees at events are in favor of the policy and that children tend to play with the butts of cigarettes.

Further discussion continued about the benefits of the policy and the added incentive to quit smoking.

Ms. Hoffman added that some bars on campus have been cooperative with the Taskforce and that seven (7) have gone smoke free for different intervals and for the Great American Smokeout.

Ms. Hoffman distributed a new brochure outlining all places in Story County that are smoke free.

Ms. Hoffman added that the new legislation is to go into affect on July 1st, and that her grant ends on the same date.

Dr. Paschen and Ms. Hoffman discussed the letter to local school districts as described in the previous meeting.

Ms. Twedt asked to be reminded which schools were already tobacco free. Ms. Hoffman did not recall each school, noting that Ames and some others are not.

Further discussion about the locations effected by the proposed law continued.

Ms. Twedt asked to whom complaints should be directed. Ms. Hoffman was not sure at the that time.

Dr. Paschen explained the reason the letter to schools has not yet been sent and asked if Ms. Hoffman would still like it sent in light of the new law. Ms. Hoffman responded that she would like it sent if it has already been drafted.

Dr. Paschen read the draft letter aloud and the Board and Ms. Hoffman expressed their approval.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

None.

STAFF AND BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board directed Angie Huisman, Recording Secretary, to prepare the letter provided by Dr. Paschen onto letterhead for distribution to the school districts.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:24 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Title and date