



Story County Board of Health

MINUTES

DATE: September 9, 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 (4:34)	2009
ADJOURNMENT: 5:23 p.m.	*Absent	

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Don Nolting, Director; Angie Huisman, Recording Secretary; Terri Olinger; Patsy Beese; Gerri Bugg; Janelle Durlin

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Kluge / Speck (MCU) (Paschen and Twedt absent)

1. Approval of June 10, 2008 Minutes – removed
 2. Approval of Agenda – as amended
 3. Affirm the action of the Chair signing the annual Public Health Services Addendum for FY08-09
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PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

1) HOMEWARD Health Services – Terri Olinger and Patsy Beese

Ms. Terri Olinger distributed her quarterly report.

Ms. Jane Halliburton requested an update regarding Flu clinics. Ms. Olinger described the process, organization, and scheduling of the flu clinics.

Ms. Halliburton asked for the current fee amounts. Ms. Olinger responded that Flu vaccination injections cost \$25.00 and Pneumonia vaccination injections cost \$30.00.

Mr. Don Nolting questioned how requested less common immunizations are handled. Ms. Olinger described the types of immunizations they distribute and the way in which referrals are made for others. Ms. Olinger also described the cost implications of wasted vaccines and their valid shelf life. Mr. Nolting

and Ms. Olinger continued to discuss vaccinations.

Ms. Olinger outlined the information as distributed in her report.

Ms. Patsy Beese presented the final report for local health for FY08, noting that all funding available has been used and described the ways in which funds were transferred using alternative plans.

Ms. Beese summarized her report as distributed.

2) Story County Health Department Regular Report – Don Nolting

Mr. Nolting distributed the quarterly report.

Mr. Nolting described the activities of the department, noting that it had been abnormally busy in recent weeks considering the time of year.

Mr. Nolting added that funding for the Grants to Counties program had been made available for use and this could contribute to the increased activity.

Mr. Nolting described the increase in inspection requests and permits, as noted in the report.

Mr. Nolting summarized the other aspects of his report as distributed, noting that the violations line was not correct.

Mr. Nolting attributed the increase in well water testing to concerns regarding the recent flooding.

Mr. Nolting informed the Board that Ms. Cathy Bazylinski attended a national conference in Tucson, AZ recently.

Mr. Nolting described the upcoming three day conference in October that all staff will attend.

Dr. John Kluge questioned the status of the Lynch property as heard at previous meetings. Mr. Nolting responded that Mr. Lynch has been notified of the deadline of the 28th, adding that some latitude will be given due to weather and ground conditions.

Ms. Dorathy Twedt asked for the amount of funds reimbursed for well plugging. Mr. Nolting responded that there is up to \$400.00 for plugging and up to \$600 for rehabilitation work, noting that it is similar to previous amounts. Mr. Nolting added that funds were depleted by the beginning of December the previous year and expects this year to be similar.

Ms. Halliburton described a document she brought back from an annual conference and distributed to the Board, adding that more information may be found at the NACo webpage.

3) Youth and Shelter Services Regular Report – Gerri Bugg

Ms. Gerri Bugg, distributed and summarized the report.

Ms. Bugg noted that over 3,800 youth were served last year through programs at all school districts including grades kindergarten through fourth and seventh through eighth, noting that a program for fifth through sixth graders is being considered.

Ms. Bugg described the many ways in which they are always busy, noting that more details are included in the report.

Ms. Bugg discussed the various ways in which they work with the community to become tobacco free and not just smoke free. Ms. Bugg summarized the process in which a community festival is surveyed and

results are distributed.

Ms. Bugg informed the Board that they have been awarded a five year grant for \$125,000 for anti-drug coalition, adding that a long range plan of issues to be addressed is being formulated. Ms. Bugg described the various ways in which the money may be distributed for use.

Ms. Bugg described a proposed campaign to encourage families to eat meals together, describing the decreased risk of using drugs in those families that eat meals together at least three times per week.

Ms. Halliburton described some staff changes at the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the challenges it poses in trying to get grant information circulated to the correct individuals, thanking Ms. Bugg for her persistence. The Board all agreed.

4) Mid-Iowa Community Action's Health Program Update – Janelle Durlin

Ms. Janelle Durlin distributed a packet of information to the Board.

Ms. Durlin described the WIC program that serves over 1,500 children and pregnant women and has been underway for over 31 years. Ms. Durlin further described the nature of the program as a nutrition education program that offers vouchers that are taken to a store, adding that fresh fruit and vegetables vouchers are likely to be added.

Ms. Durlin described the Living with HIV program that has been underway since 2000, offering services to 15 of 31 residents who live with either HIV or AIDS and were diagnosed in Story County. Ms. Twedt asked if students are among those served. Ms. Durlin affirmed.

Ms. Durlin added that the amount of newly diagnosed cases of HIV or AIDS has reached a record high last year in the amount of 127 newly diagnosed cases. Mr. Speck asked what Ms. Durlin attributes the rise to. Ms. Durlin responded that it is difficult to pinpoint, speculating that a decrease in condom use, more people getting tested and becoming aware may be factors.

Ms. Durlin summarized the Child and Adult Care food program, specifically that it reimburses providers for meals. Ms. Durlin added that they currently have 60 providers participating, adding that it does not provide total reimbursement, but that it helps.

Ms. Durlin described the Maternal Health Education program, noting that it currently serves 84 women and that it averages 120 per year. Ms. Durlin pointed out that it is not a doctor office, but does provide education to pregnant women.

Ms. Durlin described the early periodic screening program, CARE for KIDS, and the way it receives a monthly list of persons newly eligible for Medicaid. Ms. Twedt commented on the difference between Hawk-i and Medicaid and requested additional brochures for the programs.

Ms. Durlin summarized the Hawk-i program, noting that 489 are currently enrolled and estimate that over 300 more are qualified. Ms. Durlin detailed some of the many benefits of the program. Ms. Twedt asked for brochures and described her promotion of the program to others.

Ms. Durlin described the Healthy Childcare Iowa program, adding that it is new to Iowa and is used to help providers increase their level for safety and health issues by a Registered Nurse (RN) visiting the home and providing a lengthy assessment that can increase a monetary stipend to the providers.

Ms. Twedt commented on her recent food pantry meeting discussion about the rating system and the likelihood of those utilizing the food pantry to be able to utilize other services.

Ms. Durlin described the local food pantries, adding that they are not under the purview of her office. Ms.

Durlin did comment that in the month of August, 311 families were served; further explaining that it is a large increase considering that the children are back in school. Ms. Durlin added that there is little to no food available to supply families and that the Stuff the Bus food drive is scheduled for the near future.

Ms. Durlin described the information fact sheet distributed about the Story County Dental Clinic. Ms. Durlin emphasized how it has grown and the need it is filling, adding that they are booking appointments out two months. Ms. Durlin described the struggle of the clinic due to the very low Medicaid reimbursement rate versus the high operating cost. Ms. Durlin added that the dental advisory board is in the process of setting up a fundraiser to help call attention to the clinic and its participant's needs. Ms. Durlin expressed concern that the clinic may not be able to sustain itself much longer unless financial assistance is obtained. Mr. Speck asked if donations to the clinic are tax deductible. Ms. Durlin affirmed. Further discussion about the clinics fees, equipment, expenses, staff, and reimbursement rates occurred. Ms. Durlin also commented that the need is much larger than anticipated at the time the grant was applied for. Mr. Speck asked for clarification to who qualifies for treatment at the clinic. Ms. Durlin explained that anyone uninsured or who has Medicaid qualifies, including students and persons from other countries. Ms. Halliburton added that the County has increased security at the clinic due to some safety concerns for both employees and participants. Mr. Speck commented that it is a requirement of students to carry insurance. Ms. Durlin commented that she has spoken to ISU Student Health about the issue and that they assure her it is a priority. Mr. Speck commented that it is the same response received from the department for many years. Ms. Durlin commented extensively on the need of the services, including students. Ms. Halliburton suggested that an invitation be extended from the Board of Health to ISU to come meet with the Board regarding the issues discussed. Mr. Nolting suggested that the amount of students using services should be identified prior to the meeting. The Board all agreed that the issue is important and the difficulties it puts on other agencies.

Ms. Durlin discussed the need to provide prenatal care for women in Story County. Ms. Durlin described the progress made in setting up a small clinic in Ames, including donated services and equipment.

Ms. Twedt asked the approximate percentage of uninsured people that are students. Ms. Durlin estimated that approximately 50% are students and the other 50% are undocumented.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Health meet with ISU and other groups to discuss the insurance issue to help ensure that all students have the required health insurance. Speck / Kluge (MCU) (Paschen absent)

Ms. Halliburton offered to draft a letter to invite the appropriate groups to an upcoming Board of Health meeting. The Board discussed the option of scheduling a special meeting.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Ms. Halliburton discussed the third item on the consent agenda, specifically the requirements of contracts and that they don't typically align well with the scheduled meetings of the Board.

STAFF AND BOARD COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:23 p.m. Kluge / Speck (MCU) (Paschen absent)

Approval of minutes

Title and date