



## **QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:**

### **1. Story County Health Department Regular Report – Margaret Jaynes**

Ms. Margaret Jaynes, Interim Director, presented the quarterly report via slide presentation as well as the FY11 proposed budget; both items are part of the official minute record and are on file in the Health Department.

Mr. Mark Speck asked if testing was performed once or twice per year. Ms. Jaynes replied that it is done twice.

Ms. Jaynes discussed the presentation to the group of realtors and the discussion regarding requirements that occurred.

Ms. Jaynes discussed the higher number of geothermal wells than anticipated as well as some problematic well tests that included e.coli results.

Ms. Jaynes summarized the three (3) new lead cases in the quarter, noting the carry-over of seven (7) cases.

Dr. Paschen asked if the properties discussed were being kept vacant. Ms. Jaynes affirmed.

Mr. Speck asked if the properties were located in the County or within a city. Ms. Jaynes replied that they are city rental properties.

Mr. Speck asked for the requirements for abatement. Ms. Jaynes explained that the lead regulations were not officially adopted by the County and that enforcement has been through the landlord tenant regulations in place. The process that is followed and the requirements of enforcement were further discussed. Ms. Halliburton suggested Assistant County Attorney Stephen Owen be contacted regarding the adoption of an Ordinance, offering to initiate contact about the matter.

Mr. Speck asked how many of the properties were being used as a residence. Ms. Jaynes replied that three (3) were, noting the very poor condition of one property. Ms. Jaynes described the deficiencies of the property and the difficulties in enforcement due to its status as being purchased on contract and location within the City of Ames. Further discussion regarding jurisdiction and enforcement abilities continued.

Ms. Jaynes described a template created to adopt lead regulations as well as the previous concerns comparing affordable housing and enforcing lead laws. Ms. Halliburton suggested a coordinated effort to be consistent with city regulations. Ms. Jaynes noted unincorporated areas need for regulations as well. Ms. Halliburton clarified that it would fall under County ordinances.

Further discussion about the regulations needed and how they will comply with other entities as well as their enforcement continued.

Ms. Jaynes discussed the incomplete lead inspections law and the necessity of a legal opinion regarding whether or not the department should continue to do the inspections without charge. Mr. Speck asked if there were others performing the same inspections and asked approximately how long an inspection takes to perform. Ms. Dorathy Twedt added that there are other entities performing the inspections for a fee. Ms. Jaynes estimated that each inspections takes approximately three to four (3-4) hours, noting that some less detailed inspections only require approximately two (2) hours. Ms. Jaynes asked if a fee should be charged. Ms. Halliburton agreed it should. Ms. Jaynes expressed

concern over a fee being too high and causing people to skip doing the necessary inspections due to cost. Mr. Speck commented that regardless of affordable housing the lead is still a dangerous concern. Ms. Twedt discussed the timeframes in which lead paint had been used and a list of inspectors available as well.

Ms. Jaynes suggested a thorough review of the lead issues be performed and that the information be presented at the next quarterly meeting with an invitation to Stephen Owen be extended prior to the meeting. Ms. Halliburton agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. Owen.

Ms. Jaynes summarized the complaints received as outlined in the presentation.

Ms. Jaynes noted the frequency of the mold inquiries and the requested involvement by IDPH resulting in a letter being drafted that aided in the ability to receive public housing assistance.

Dr. Paschen asked for the type of molds being inspected. Ms. Jaynes explained that it is general household mold that is typically found in problem areas of homes and that the landlord in this instance is abating the problem.

Ms. Jaynes summarized the high volume of complaints received about the foul smell, concluding that it was caused by a soy byproduct being spread on fields by Heart of Iowa Coop. Ms. Jaynes, added that they ceased the application and were investigating the cause of the odor that had never occurred with the product previously.

Ms. Jaynes expressed concern at the length of time the department has been at two (2) full-time employees. Ms. Halliburton noted that the Sanitarian job description was completed and that the other positions had not all been finalized, offering to check on the status of them.

Ms. Jaynes noted that an intern has been identified for summer availability.

Ms. Jaynes summarized the meetings attended recently as outlined in the presentation.

Ms. Jaynes also summarized the training attended in Okobojo for NEHA and the pictometry training received.

Ms. Jaynes noted that she will not pursue a grant application with Homeward as neither staff have available time to prepare the application.

Ms. Jaynes discussed the proposed FY11 budget as distributed, noting that the Auditor's Office has requested that departments hold to the average amounts of the past four (4) years.

Ms. Jaynes pointed out some highlighted changes, specifically that the vehicle maintenance and fuels line item has changed due to the pool car situation and the increased cost to use personal vehicles and reimbursement for such.

Ms. Jaynes requested that the staffing be maintained at either three (3) full time or two and three-quarters (2  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) full time and still include the office coordinator position shared with Planning and Zoning at 20%.

Ms. Halliburton noted that under additional items a special meeting be scheduled for the consideration of the proposed budget. Ms. Halliburton noted that the preliminary budget would need approval prior to December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Paschen asked if any of the special meetings could be handled via email instead. Ms. Halliburton pointed out that Ms. Twedt does not use email and that conference calls can be used for attendance but that it has limitations.

Ms. Halliburton discussed the operating budget and personnel budgets and noted their differences, pointing out the different options in staffing combinations. Ms. Halliburton also pointed out that the office coordinator position is funded from both rural services and general funds. Ms. Halliburton added that the personnel budget be viewed as positions and not individuals. Ms. Halliburton described the recommendation by the Board of Supervisors to base their recommendations on a needs based cost benefit analysis and then provided an example thereof.

The Board discussed the scheduling of a special meeting, deciding that it will be held December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in this location.

## **2. Homeward Regular Report and H1N1 Update – Eileen Mullan and Terri Olinger**

Ms. Eileen Mullan summarized her budget report as distributed and is part of the official minute record and is on file in the Health Department.

Ms. Mullan discussed the upcoming community needs assessment progress and collaboration by several entities for a much lower cost than the assessment in 2005. Ms. Mullan noted its due date has been moved from 2010 to 2011.

Ms. Mullan discussed the recommendation letter for the planning grant and the benefits thereof.

Ms. Mullan also described the medication voucher program and discount card that has been initiated to assist the uninsured and underinsured. Ms. Mullan noted that the program is limited to those with chronic conditions such as diabetes, cholesterol conditions, prenatal, and high blood pressure. Ms. Mullan noted that the card has been distributed to clients and that it provides a ninety (90) day supply with a \$3.00 copay that can be waived if certain requirements are met, adding that one card can be issued for an entire family.

Ms. Mullan summarized the health promotions program offered to new mothers recently discharged from a hospital for checkups.

Ms. Mullan noted that this program has received a cut in funding and that this state money had been used inappropriately. Ms. Mullan described the change in the program and how they are working with the State to form a solution that will serve the needs of the community while still meeting funding requirements. Ms. Mullan noted that they have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the plan and that they need to cease to use the funds for the previously used purpose.

Mr. Speck questioned the timeframe in which newborns receive a doctor checkup similar to that of the service being provided by Homeward. Dr. Paschen explained the various checkups for infants and the timeframes for such. Dr. Paschen noted that the checkups performed do not assist mothers with breastfeeding issues due to lack of lactation experts that Homeward can provide.

Ms. Mullan explained that the state is concerned with paying for services that insurance companies already cover.

Ms. Mullan noted that funds have been reduced in many areas and that this is one of the many areas that have been affected.

Dr. Paschen expressed frustration with the issues involved with insurances, physicians, and Title 19 relating to the need for lactation specialists for breastfeeding mothers.

Ms. Mullan added that the uninsured and underinsured contract with Youth and Shelter Services has also had funding cuts and it has created challenges to how to ensure everyone has access to healthcare.

Dr. Paschen described the importance of successful breastfeeding for infants and the lack of specialists available to mothers. Ms. Twedt asked if he knew the amount of mothers that do breastfeed their infants. Dr. Paschen estimated it at 86%, noting that it is very high and that it is attributed to Homeward's success. Ms. Mullan stated that she wishes to see the program continue and will have more information in March. The Board continued to discuss the overall benefits of mothers breastfeeding infants.

Ms. Mullan discussed the performance measures as distributed and is part of the official minute record and is on file in the Health Department.

Ms. Mullan asked about one question regarding whether or not the required amount of meetings are being met. Ms. Halliburton described the requirements of the *Code of Iowa* for the Board of Health meetings and the inclusion of any special meetings.

Ms. Twedt asked if the performance measure is for the agency or the Board. Ms. Mullan replied that it is for the Board. The Board and Ms. Mullan further discussed the amount of meetings held and the applicable requirements thereof.

Ms. Terri Olinger distributed the final draft of Chapter 137 regarding local public health governance, noting it contains references to Chapters 77-8. Ms. Mullan stated that it is her opinion that compliance is met, but requested that the Board review the regulations.

Ms. Mullan noted that each annual contract requires a performance measure be submitted and offers additional funds as incentive for timely completion, specifically that \$500 will be received for completion of this measure. Ms. Mullan indicated that it will be brought back at the next meeting for action.

Ms. Mullan distributed an annual report. Dr. Paschen questioned who completes the report. Ms. Mullan replied that it is herself, Ms. Olinger, and Ms. Patsy Beese with the assistance of others as needed.

Ms. Olinger summarized her report as distributed and is part of the official minute record and is on file in the Health Department.

Ms. Olinger commented on how busy the H1N1 vaccination clinics were and continue to be.

Ms. Olinger described the planning efforts for other vaccination clinics such as TPAP.

Dr. Paschen asked if HPV or other vaccinations will be offered. Ms. Olinger replied that they will not be at this time.

Ms. Olinger summarized the seasonal flu vaccine amounts and the planning for clinics to be scheduled.

Ms. Olinger described the one home visit in rural Slater for high lead levels, affirming the same observations as Ms. Jaynes had previously discussed about the living conditions and circumstances

of the residence and family. Ms. Olinger added that they have been requesting a specific type of test and that the agency in which the tests are performed have continued to do a different type of test, noting that transportation for the tests is difficult for the family.

Ms. Halliburton asked if the property is in unincorporated Story County. Ms. Jaynes affirmed, adding that it is also a rental property.

Mr. Speck questioned the authority over rental properties in the County. Ms. Jaynes explained that the family has no income or other place to go and that there is often no electricity or water to the residence. The Board and Ms. Jaynes discussed the specific limitations of the lack of regulation in the rural areas as well as the complications of this particular case. Ms. Halliburton asked if the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Community Services had been contacted. Ms. Olinger replied that MICA is involved and agreed that DHS should be called.

Ms. Olinger commented that the increase in high level test results is likely attributed to the increase in testing.

Ms. Olinger continued with discussion of the report distributed regarding TB control and other reported diseases.

Ms. Olinger reported on the H1N1 vaccine total doses received and dispensed, noting that the largest shipment is expected tomorrow containing 3900 doses. Mr. Speck asked if it is the vaccine or the mist. Ms. Olinger replied that most of the doses being received are in the mist form due to their faster production time and increased popularity.

Ms. Olinger reported on the seventeen (17) hospitalizations attributed to H1N1.

Ms. Olinger explained that the planned vaccination clinics at the school were cancelled due to lack of vaccine and that other clinics will be scheduled as vaccine amounts and need is determined.

Dr. Paschen asked if how the order processing of the vaccine works. Ms. Olinger explained the many aspects that contribute to who and where gets the vaccine and how much each get, providing examples such as Marshall County and Johnson County (containing the University of Iowa teaching hospital). Ms. Halliburton commented on the good job Homeward has done in informing the public about H1N1 and the clinics. Further discussion continued regarding the action thus far and potential for continued needs and emphasis on communication. Also discussed was the potential debriefing regarding the aspects that did and didn't work well, an example of modifying plans such as Polk County did, as well as the contract with Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for various services and their appreciation of such.

Ms. Olinger summarized the success of the two clinics held thus far and the intent to use the Scheman building again for its many benefits provided at a low rental cost.

Ms. Olinger discussed the expiration of the antivirals that were received and the extension granted by the Federal government authorizing the extended usage of them. Dr. Paschen asked if they will be distributed at patients offices or pharmacies. Ms. Olinger clarified that they aren't samples and they will be distributed through pharmacies due to their prescription requirement.

### **3. Youth and Shelter Services Regular Report – Gerri Bugg**

Youth and Shelter Services was not present.

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

### **1. Status of Board of Health Requests**

Ms. Halliburton commented that the personnel discussions will be deferred to the next meeting that was previously decided to be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, adding that today was the deadline for receipt of applications for the Sanitarian position and distributed the applications received to each Board member.

Ms. Halliburton described the alternatives for action by the Board for the next meeting such as closing the application process, proceeding with interviews of some or all applicants, extending the deadline to gather more applications, or begin recruiting procedures for applicants.

Mr. Speck asked if the interviews would be closed. Ms. Halliburton described a human resources review tool that is offered by HR OneSource at a cost of \$125 per use, noting that funding is available for this use if the Board chooses to use it.

Ms. Halliburton commented that Mr. David Hanson will be at the County on both the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup>, suggesting any questions be forwarded to her to be answered by him. Ms. Halliburton again explained the human resources review tool that is offered, clarifying that it is not an interview. Mr. Speck requested more information be provided to the Board regarding the tool.

### **2. MECCA Problem Gambling Service presentation of services – Julie Fox**

Ms. Peg Naylor presented in place of Ms. Julie Fox. Ms. Naylor described their work as a subcontractor for MECCA and her capacity with CFARI for gambling treatment in both Boone and Story Counties.

Ms. Naylor explained the lack of treatment options and the increase in gambling licenses.

Ms. Naylor described the barriers for which people often do not seek treatment for gambling addiction, with particular attention to the lack of understanding and stigma about the problem.

Ms. Naylor noted the difficulties in overcoming gambling addiction if the person has multiple addictions such as combining gambling with alcohol or drugs, adding that the legalization of gambling can make it harder to overcome than illegal drugs.

Ms. Naylor stated that the treatment program is currently funded by the 0.5% of gambling profits, pointing out that it goes to the general fund.

Ms. Naylor added that gambling treatment is different than substance abuse treatment in that it is only available as outpatient and that their program now offers transitional and subsidized housing for patients with particular needs.

Ms. Naylor also described the crisis services and outpatient treatments that are offered free for four (4) sessions before requesting payment, and that they have a sliding fee scale.

Ms. Naylor described the unique issue with gambling clients is recognized by IDPH that it affects more than just the individual, therefore a program has been established that helps everyone effected by the illness and not just the person with the addiction.

Ms. Naylor commented on the 1-800-BETS-OFF hotline and its decreased funding.

Ms. Naylor added that it has become popular for restaurants and bars to include video style gambling machines as well as the wide availability of lottery/lotto tickets. Mr. Speck commented on the difficulties that arise when alcohol and gambling are combined.

Mr. Speck asked how the funding was changed to go to the general fund. Ms. Naylor replied that the legislature has the authority to make those changes. The legislature and changes were discussed further.

**3. Adoption of 2010 Calendar**

Tabled to the next meeting.

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**STAFF COMMENTS:**

None.

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**BOARD COMMENTS:**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:15 p.m. Twedt / Speck

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Approval of minutes

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Title and date