



Story County Board of Health

MINUTES

DATE: March 3, 2009	Jane Halliburton, Chair	2010
	John Kluge	2011
CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.	John Paschen, V. Chair	2011
	Mark Speck	2009
LOCATION: Administration Building 900 Sixth Street, Nevada	Dorathy Twedt	2009
ADJOURNMENT: 5:47 p.m.	*Absent	

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Don Nolting, Director; Cathy Bazylnski, Environmental Specialist; Margaret Cemashko Jaynes, Environmental Specialist; Angie Huisman, Recording Secretary; Eileen Mullan;

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Paschen / Kluge (MCU)

1. Approval of December 2, 2008 Minutes
2. Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC FORUM: Opened: 4:32 p.m. – Closed: 4:32 p.m.
None.

QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

1. Story County Health Department Regular Report – Don Nolting

Ms. Margaret Jaynes, informed the Board that she completed her recertification for lead inspections last month. Ms. Jaynes added that she was made aware by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) that the County should not be offering the services for free because it should not be competing with private entities that offer the inspections for a fee. Ms. Jaynes suggested that a legal opinion be requested to determine whether or not the Department should be offering the services. Ms. Jane Halliburton agreed and recommended the request be sent to the County Attorney's office to Steve Owen. Ms. Halliburton described examples for which a change in procedure would be followed and the repercussions thereof. Ms. Jaynes asked who should send the request. Ms. Halliburton stated that she would contact Mr. Owen.

Ms. Jaynes added that a real estate lead inspection is typically assessed a fee of approximately two hundred dollars and that she is unaware of how that compares to other areas. Dr. Paschen asked who performs inspections. Ms. Jaynes replied that the IDPH has a list of certified inspectors, adding that she

is currently unable to perform inspections and that it is posing difficulties with area real estate firms in finding inspectors. Ms. Halliburton reiterated that she will have the issue looked at by the County Attorney's Office and that compliance to the law and ensuring citizen's access to services is important.

Mr. Mark Speck asked when and where inspections are occurring. Ms. Jaynes clarified that an inspection is mandatory if a child is identified as having high lead levels. Mr. Speck asked who pays for the inspection. Ms. Jaynes explained that the inspection is provided for free, adding that the property owner is responsible for any repairs to lead hazards.

Dr. John Kluge asked how the recent federal regulations may affect the need for inspections. Ms. Halliburton explained that it cannot be determined yet and described her upcoming NACo legislative conference in Washington DC, adding that there will be many questions asked regarding this and other issues with no guarantee of answers.

Mr. Don Nolting informed the Board that he has chosen to forego the typical report and discuss instead the new changes being implemented in state regulation.

Mr. Nolting distributed copies of the regulations being changed regarding time of transfer inspections, adding that they conflict with the current regulations in place by the County under the home rule authority.

Mr. Nolting discussed the ways in which the County's regulations are more stringent than those being imposed by the State, adding that despite changes to the regulations the County is still responsible for enforcing those regulations.

Mr. Nolting added that he is preparing to present the information to the County Attorney to check for conflicting information and provisions.

Mr. Nolting explained that he wishes to continue the existing program and maybe expand to be more involved and stringent.

Mr. Nolting added that discussion has occurred with Homeward regarding the need for protective health screening for registered contractors and plumbers, citing vaccinations and lead testing as examples.

Mr. Nolting discussed the liability issues surrounding the new regulations.

Mr. Nolting also noted the need to review and possibly modify the fees charged for the services, including the creation of an additional fee for the use of staff time to provide the information to third parties performing inspections.

Ms. Halliburton stated that the legislature is evaluating the proposal and that the final form will be available on July 1st, and that nothing is signed yet because they are in the midst of the legislative session. Ms. Halliburton summarized the status of the legislation and the process in which it follows.

Ms. Halliburton summarized the process required to amend the County ordinance.

Mr. Nolting and Ms. Halliburton continued to discuss the proposed changes, potential effective dates, and the process for modifying regulations.

Mr. Nolting added that the fees should be revisited regardless of the proposed changes.

2. Story County Health Department FY10 Budget Update – Don Nolting

Mr. Nolting described the budget as proposed, noting no significant changes and only a slight decrease on certain items.

Ms. Halliburton detailed the County's budget process, acknowledging that the Health Department's budget is already reduced and that nearly every item is required so no further reduction will be requested.

Ms. Halliburton also commented on the requested reductions countywide and the initial request for the Health Department to cut an additional ten thousand dollars, noting that the requested cut will not be forced upon the department.

Ms. Halliburton discussed the Board of Supervisors role in the budget process as well as the publication and procedures for the adoption of the budget.

Ms. Jaynes described the newly required training for each employee in the Health Department and the cost of \$650 per person for such certification. Ms. Jaynes expressed concern about the budget implications and the importance of such training. Ms. Jaynes and Ms. Halliburton discussed the process in which excess funds may be reallocated from other lines items within their budget to allow for the increased training requirements.

3. Homeward Regular Report – Eileen Mullan

Ms. Eileen Mullan introduced Ms. Heather Bombei of IDPH and Ms. Sherry Zook a new public health nurse working with Ms. Terri Olinger.

Ms. Mullan gave a presentation about the modernization act and the public health changes. The presentation included information about the goals of public health, Iowa local Boards of Health, the use of partners such Homeward, accreditations and standards, initiatives and funding opportunities, the Iowa public health standards, establishment of an advisory committee and evaluation process, funding appropriations, and additional information that is available as part of the minute packet. Ms. Mullan distributed a binder of the information to the Board.

Ms. Halliburton commented that it is her understanding that the legislation is moving forward in the process.

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

Ms. Mullan acknowledged that the budget is a concern for everyone, adding that a 1% reduction was made in January and that an additional 1% is currently on hold.

Ms. Mullan described the various areas that need more funding and the process for reallocating the funds from the homemaker line item, adding that the plan was filed with the budget initially.

Ms. Mullan added that Homeward received their donated vaccine refrigerator. Dr. John Paschen asked for additional details. Ms. Mullan further detailed the refrigerator and its temperature control and alarm systems.

Dr. Paschen asked if the schools have access to the IRIS system for immunization records. Ms. Mullan and Dr. Paschen described the program and its many benefits.

Ms. Mullan summarized the report on immunizations as distributed to the Board.

Ms. Mullan pointed out a decrease in the amount of flu vaccines distributed, noting that the reasons are attributed to the wide availability and the time of year.

Ms. Mullan commented on the good work McFarland Pediatrics did in getting clients tested and vaccinated.

Ms. Mullan noted the new surveys for satisfaction levels with senior clinics.

Ms. Mullan described the lead home visit listed in the report.

Ms. Mullan addressed the mass clinic exercise and their ICS300 and 400 completions.

4. Youth and Shelter Services Regular Report – Jane Larkin

Ms. Jane Larkin distributed the 2008 Street Drugs drug identification guidebook and other information to the Board.

Ms. Larkin noted that Ballard has adopted a tobacco free policy that was approved by the IDPH and that there are two remaining schools to adopt such policy. Ms. Dorathy Twedt asked which schools and Ms. Larkin replied that they are Collins-Maxwell and Roland-Story.

Ms. Larkin summarized the 2008 survey results recently received, as distributed to the Board and part of the minute packet.

Ms. Larkin commented on the many resources available for smokers to help them quit and that many of people are unaware of those resources.

Ms. Larkin discussed the anti-chewing tobacco campaign recently completed by the youth group, as well as other activities the teen taskforce has held and are planning to hold.

Ms. Larkin continued to discuss the taskforce and their role in adopting a uniform drug ordinance throughout the cities and counties in Iowa. Ms. Halliburton asked for clarification to the necessity of a local ordinance that is the same as the state ordinance. Ms. Larkin discussed the difficulties in prosecuting the cases under state law rather than local ordinance.

Ms. Larkin informed the Board that there are two businesses selling drug paraphernalia. Ms. Larkin and Ms. Halliburton discussed the inability to prosecute under state law.

Ms. Larkin described the sale of a not yet illegal drug called salvia at the local mall, as well as explaining the drug and its effects. Ms. Larkin also explained the need for legislation to ban the drug.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. Status of Board of Health requests

Ms. Halliburton described the letter drafted to Dr. Hill at Iowa State University as requested by the Board.

Ms. Halliburton asked the Board if they preferred the item go forward at the next scheduled meeting or if a special meeting should be scheduled. Dr. Paschen commented that a regular meeting should be sufficient.

STAFF AND BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Heather Bombei explained her role in giving Homeward technical assistance with the fiscal year 2010 public services contract.

Mr. Speck commented that he noticed a \$25,000 donation to the dental clinic by a Ms. Elaine Heaner and asked if the Board should send a thank you letter acknowledging the gift. Ms. Halliburton replied that the Dental Clinic Committee should prepare such letter and asked Mr. Speck to provide the address.

Ms. Halliburton commented on the role of the Emergency Management Commission letter regarding concerns about ambulance services in Story County during inclement weather and peak times. She added that permission has been granted to Colo to provide transport services.

The Board discussed the lack of input regarding hog confinements, noting that some citizens have expressed concerns regarding water conditions.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:47 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Title and date