



Story County Board of Health

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: March 2, 2010	Jane Halliburton, Chair	2010
	*John Kluge	2011
CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.	John Paschen, V. Chair	2011
	Mark Speck	2012
LOCATION: Administration Building 900 Sixth Street, Nevada	Dorathy Twedt	2012
ADJOURNMENT: 6:23 p.m.	*Absent	

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Angie Huisman, Recording Secretary; Margaret Jaynes, Interim Director; Cathy Bazylinski, Environmental Specialist; Denise Denton; Heather Bombei; Terri Olinger; Erwin Klaas; Eileen Mullan

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes: July 7, 2009, December 1, 2009, and January 19, 2010
3. Approval of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Contract #5880L11 Amendment #1 for FY10
4. Adoption of Performance Measure FY10 LPHSC
5. Approval of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Contract FY11

Remove item 2, no minutes. Speck/Paschen (MCU) - Kluge absent

PUBLIC FORUM: Opened: 4:32 p.m. – Closed: 4:32 p.m.

Erwin Klaas, 1405 Grand Avenue, Ames.

Mr. Klaas shared with the Board of Health that he is working on learning about sustainable communities and is approaching the Board of Health to see if the public health section is also interested in the topic, stating sustainability involves more than environment, social equity and various aspects of social and economics. Mr. Klaas commented that public health sector should be involved in the discussion as well.

Mr. Klaas outlined strategies being started through AMIS which is starting this discussion. He discussed role of public health officials and his attendance at a smart growth conference in Denver wherein the point was raised wherein 50% of mortality rates being attributed to poor urban design and it's affects.

Ms. Jane Halliburton requested that Mr. Klaas bring back suggestions to the Board of Health regarding sustainable practices.

QUARTERLY REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

1. Story County Health Department Regular Report – Margaret Jaynes

Ms. Margaret Jaynes presented information via a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the following:

- Numbers for December, January and February, indicating field work was a little slow, which allowed time for some catch-up work.
- "Grants to Counties" monies are done for the fiscal year, so that will begin again in July.
- Interviews for an intern will be occurring, and would work with the human resources staff to clarify remaining questions.
- Referenced the table prepared after the last meeting regarding workload.
- Addressed staff compensation, and what was thought to be short-term, was now going on nearly one year now, wondering if negotiations could begin to discuss possibility of being paid more for doing more.
- Provided an overview of presentations given to various groups, including the township trustees as well as the septic contractor meeting.
- Working with someone in Johnson County to assist with developing figures to accompany regulations to help explain them better.
- Ms. Cathy Bazylinski attended EPA radon regional meeting; however Ms. Jaynes did not pursue training opportunity because of lack of support in favor of the training program by the Board of Health.
- Revising forms to simplify paperwork.
- Review DNR tracking system.
- Budget hearing is March 11, 2010.
- Radon screen presented and discussed the campaign underway.
- Complaints: well in Nevada with strong fuel odor plugged improperly; fumes in Nevada from leaky Kum and Go tanks; received university lab results, no heavy metals or anything, have base line we can see if similar product and stop putting on; received a few calls regarding tenant landlord disputes.
- Local ordinance regarding lead: 34% housing built prior to 1960 which means there is potential for lead poisoning. Statewide prevalence is 7% or 4x national average, but Story County is lower than that.

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

Eileen Mullan, Director, Homeward.

Ms. Mullan reviewed the work underway with the community needs assessment, including distribution of questionnaires, focus group sessions, and data analyses.

Ms. Mullan reviewed County health rankings conducted through the Robert Wood Grant Foundation and Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. The rankings are based on a model of population health improvements, programs and policies, and health factors all contribute to health outcomes. Ms. Mullan shared the rankings with the Board and stated the County ranked well.

Ms. Mullan discussed the health promotions update, stating the funding level is absent to continue to go with program and it will be dissolved as of March 1st, also stating that Mary Greeley is experimenting with a mother-baby program and using Medicare dollars as appropriate.

Ms. Mullan presented the budget for the Board's review.

Ms. Terri Olinger, public health nurse for MGMC, reviewed the regular Fourth Quarter Report 2009, which is part of the official record retained in the minute books on file in the Environmental Health office.

Ms. Olinger addressed the lead ordinance mentioned earlier by Ms. Jaynes, commenting it will be reviewed at lead coalition meeting scheduled in March and requested it be an upcoming agenda item for consideration. Ms. Halliburton requested that contact be made with other groups such as planning and zoning departments to achieve the needed results.

Dr. Paschen commented he was pleased clinics are still being held and asked the providers are notified when vaccinations are ceased so consistency exists.

3. Youth and Shelter Services Regular Report – Denise Denton

Ms. Denise Denton reviewed the Quarter 2 Report, which is part of the official record retained in the minute books on file in the Environmental Health office.

Ms. Denton also addressed Story County student involvement at the "Youth Speak Out on Substance Abuse" Day on the Hill.

Ms. Denton reviewed information from the Iowa Youth Survey and provided information regarding the major concerns from the results. This information is part of the official record retained in the minute books on file in the Environmental Health office.

Ms. Denton noted upcoming events, including the "kick butts days", health fairs, and town meetings on underage drinking.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. Status of Board of Health Requests

None.

2. Request for Letters of Support – Denise Denton

Ms. Denton stated there are two requests for letters of support for Comprehensive Prevention Grant and the Community Partnership Grant. Ms. Denton shared that they have already been notified that the Community Partnership Grant will be \$20,000 less than the previous year.

MOTION: Authorize preparation and submittal of letters of support. Paschen/Twedt (MCU)

3. Discussion/Action regarding local lead ordinance – Margaret Jaynes

MOTION: Request that the local lead ordinance be reviewed by the coalition and come back to the Board with recommendation. Paschen/Speck (MCU)

4. Discussion/Action regarding contracting staff assistance for the remainder of the fiscal year – Margaret Jaynes

Ms. Jaynes questioned whether the Board had thoughts regarding the table provided to them.

Ms. Halliburton stated that Mr. Dave Hansen has recommended that he would like an opportunity to meet with the subcommittee to discuss the information and the subcommittee could make a recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Halliburton noted the authorization has already been given by the Board, however, Mr. Hansen and the subcommittee would meet to discuss the specifics regarding dollar amounts and questions about interns.

Mr. Speck clarified that an intern candidate was being interviewed on Friday. Ms. Jaynes affirmed and followed up by commenting this was in addition to an intern.

Ms. Halliburton affirmed.

Mr. Speck clarified that Ms. Jaynes was considering an intern and a contract position. Ms. Jayne commented it would be an intern as well as some contract assistance.

Ms. Halliburton stated that Mr. Hansen would be able to discuss the contract assistance.

Ms. Jaynes questioned whether the Board would consider additional compensation for Ms. Bazylnski and herself. Ms. Halliburton indicated this as well would be discussed by the subcommittee and brought back to the entire Board of Health.

5. Discussion/Action regarding discontinuing the time-of-transfer inspections of exempt properties – Margaret Jaynes

Ms. Jaynes commented that she had presented to a Senate subcommittee meeting on time of transfer inspections early in the day.

Ms. Jaynes reviewed language in House File 2437, which now proposes that counties are not able to do time-of-transfer inspections of exempt properties. Ms. Jaynes shared that many spoke in favor of the legislation, including the IDNR and ISAC; she further commented she thought it pre-empts the county's home rule authority.

Dr. Paschen questioned the IDNR's position. Ms. Jaynes replied the IDNR looks at it from the bigger picture with many counties not have time-of-transfer program. Ms. Jaynes commented that the IDNR's position is that having this minimal program accomplishes baby steps and looks statewide to accomplish more.

Mr. Speck commented that there are few counties to have a time-of-transfer program. Ms. Jaynes commented that there were 20-22 counties before July 1st, however only eighth continued with it. The IDNR has stated there regulations have always pre-empted counties on this matter, and by continuing to conduct time-of-transfer as done by Story County, counties doing such practices are in essence breaking the law.

Mr. Speck clarified that time-of-transfer inspections will continue. Ms. Jaynes responded that state certified inspectors will be doing those, rather than the County.

Ms. Halliburton outlined the history of the basis of the changes to the time-of-transfer rulings and the exemptions as set forth.

Ms. Halliburton addressed the local home rule authority and the situation relative to the inspections. Ms. Halliburton stated the legislation did pass the house unanimously.

Ms. Halliburton outlined Mr. Owen's interpretation which essentially stated Story County no longer has the authority to enforce the time-of-transfer if someone else is doing it.

Ms. Jaynes shared information regarding numbers of systems since July 1st: 110, of which 40 were old or nonexistent.

Ms. Halliburton asked Ms. Jaynes to outline the process that would be followed for exempt properties if the County were to conduct the time-of-transfer inspections. Ms. Jaynes outlined the process.

Ms. Halliburton stated the matter originated because there are many properties where there is not a seller to pay for the inspection.

Ms. Halliburton asked who from ISAC spoke against the legislation. Ms. Jaynes identified those who spoke at the meeting.

Ms. Twedt asked the costs to conduct an inspection.

Ms. Bazylnski commented that counties that had systems in place cleaning up water and protect environment got penalized, not going to be doing any exempt at all state law. She further commented the department will be looking for new ways to accomplish such by thinking outside of the box.

Mr. Speck questioned whether if it is known that a property is discharging into a ditch whether that can be enforced. Ms. Jaynes affirmed.

Mr. Speck noted that education of the public is needed, similar to the radon tests now going along with sales of houses.

Ms. Bazyliniski noted it would be a good idea to do a homeowners seminar.

Ms. Bazyliniski further commented that there is a requirement on the disclosure statement regarding radon, and questioned whether this may be a similar approach.

Mr. Klaas addressed the assessment being conducted at the Hickory Grove watershed. Mr. Klaas also noted there is not an understanding of how many septic systems in Iowa are connected directly to agricultural tiles, and this cannot be corrected if inspections cannot be conducted. Mr. Klaas commented that there appear to be divisions at the IDNR that want to work towards positively addressing this while there are other divisions that do not want to address the issue.

Mr. Klaas commented that whatever steps the local public health boards can do to inform the State legislature should be taken.

Ms. Halliburton thanked Mr. Klaas for his commented and reiterated concerns related to tiles and water quality.

Mr. Klaas noted that entities have tried to figure out where bacteria is coming from, and it is has been very difficult to track and determine. Mr. Klaas stated that Mr. John Downing has noted one sure way to determine whether the source is human or not is to test for caffeine.

Dr. Paschen asked specific information regarding the legislation so that, if members of the Board wanted to speak to their legislators regarding the matter, could do such.

Ms. Halliburton clarified that the legislation is still in committee in the Senate at the time of the meeting, and questioned Ms. Jaynes as to whether the committee had take action. Ms. Jaynes noted the committee action was scheduled for the next day. Ms. Halliburton requested that Ms. Jaynes forward a copy of the information she presented to the Senate committee to the members of the Board.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: 6:23 p.m. Speck/Paschen (MCU)

Approval of minutes

Title and date