



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Special Meeting Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: March 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Administration Building, 2nd Floor

Dr. John Paschen, Chair

Mark Speck, Vice-Chair

Dr. John Kluge

Dr. Louisa Tabatabai

Dr. Molly Lee

Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)

*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Keith Morgan, Rose Kluge, Heather Bombei, Treasa Ferrari, Les White, Keith Linda Murken

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None

4. COVID-19 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Les White, Treasa Ferrari, and Sherri Zook provided a briefing on the the current Covid-19 situation. Many items were shared and discussed including:

- ◆ Number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa and school closures.
- ◆ Current communication is being made with daily updates with Public Health, Emergency Management, Mary Greeley Medical Center, Story County Medical Center, and Iowa State University.
- ◆ Preparations taking place to respond to a positive COVID-19 case in the County.
- ◆ Ensure contact and quarantine processes are implemented, conducting trace-back assistance to positive individuals to identify the source and other potential infected personnel.
- ◆ Ensuring Story County Medical Center is optimized to meet potential increased utilization.
- ◆ How frequently the Board would like to be notified. Paschen stated public health should notify him regularly and he will forward information to the Board by email.
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- ◆ There is an expected impact on Story County until June 2020.
- ◆ Lack of disinfection supplies may require public health to acquire and prioritize distribution of supplies. Paschen asked if McFarland was in need of supplies if they would be available from Public Health. White stated that there would be a process to determine who would receive needed items.
- ◆ Possibility for Story County BOH being required to implement area quarantines if someone with a positive test was not willing to self quarantine. Paschen asked how that would be done with meetings only being every other month. Heather Bombei stated that she would recommend someone check with the Story County Attorney to see how the process would work for the Board of Health. Paschen was interested in finding out if the Board could have authority to quarantine, and possibly a line of succession of Board members to make the decision without calling a meeting.
- ◆ Assignments of Individuals (Jurisdictional Executive - Board of Health, Incident Commander (Board of Health, Support Agencies - Mary Greeley Medical Center, Story County Medical Center, Medical Coalition and ISU)
- ◆ Concept of Operation Phase 1: Prevention/Mitigation (Developing a joint information system to distribute for guidance/information. (Email contact list for key stakeholders, identify Public Information Officer, social media, press conference procedures)
- ◆ Ensure critical facilities and services have adequate disinfection supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE). (Kluge asked who contacts would be at the schools with the schools being closed. Keith Morgan stated the superintendents could be contacted, but that someone would need to be monitoring messages.)
- ◆ Ferrari went through steps for what Public Health would do in the event of a positive test in Story County. (Special planning meetings are held daily at MGMC to determine potential impacts to the overall medical system.)
Phase 3 High Risk locations and Medical Facilities. (Loni Pringnitz, Story County Medical stated that there has been discussion with MGMC about options for availability of beds.
- ◆ Keith Morgan stated he would be available to present training to the Board to review the code and incident command structure, and current plans with modification. Training will be held March 20, 2020 at 4:00 in the EOC.
- ◆ Heddens asked how Public Health is receiving information from IDPH. White stated that health alerts are received daily as new communications are available and they are able to call IDPH at any time with questions.
- ◆ Who is currently being tested and if the time will come that physicians will be allowed to test anyone. White stated that at this time her understanding is the supply issue is why testing is limited. Heather Bombei stated that IDPH has been doing their best to keep up at the national level and notify public health departments.

Heddens asked for clarification on when the next board meeting should be. Paschen stated that the first thing needed is for guidance about quarantining from the County Attorney, and then felt that after the quarantining training Friday a decision could be made at that time if a special meeting is needed before the regular April 7, 2020 meeting.

Kluge asked if there is a way to be informed of information regarding only Story County, rather than the entire

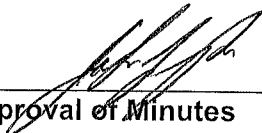


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State or Polk County. White stated that MGMC website has a question and answer section and the IDPH and CDC websites are the best sites for current information, as well as the 211 phone number. There is not currently a resource that provides only information about Story County.

Molly Lee stated that veterinary resources could be considered for PPE.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** 8:25 p.m.


Approval of Minutes

Chair 4/14/20
Title and Date