



**STORY COUNTY  
BOARD OF HEALTH**  
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
900 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

## Minutes

**AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING [WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV](http://WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV)**

**DATE:** April 7, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Originating at Administration Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Health Director (phone); Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT:** Keith Morgan, (The following were present by phone) Heather Bombei, Leanne Harter, Ethan Anderson, Terry Potter, Jody Stumbo, Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Denise Denton, Vanessa Burnett, Linda Murken, Denise Denton

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Paschen read the special note to public: Due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via conference call to listen to the meeting. Board of Health members are also present by conference call.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

**Motion by Speck, Second by Kluge to approve agenda with amendment to add an item for Discussion and Consideration of Public Health Emergency Declaration.**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes:** Tabatabai, Lee, Kluge, Speck, Paschen

**Nays:** None

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 4, 2020

March 16, 2020

March 24, 2020

March 30, 2020



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**Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to approve the minutes.**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes: Tabatabai, Speck, Kluge, Lee, Paschen**

**Nays:**

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Terry Potter asked about an agenda item that he would like to comment on. Paschen stated that comments may be made during discussion of that agenda item. Vanessa Burnett asked questions about how to contact the Board, about separating populations who have the COVID-19 antibodies versus those who do not, improving testing rates, and about PPE. She also asked if there is a plan for expansion of a joint information center. Paschen stated that a good time for her questions would be when Public Health gives their report and that Stephanie Jones will provide information regarding contact for the Board, and will review the webpage for possible clarifications.

**6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

**Issuing A Press Release To The Citizens Of Story County Regarding Keeping COVID-19 Positive Cases Low**

Discussion took place on the Board of Health submitting a Press Release regarding COVID-19 to Story County Residents. The Board supports the Draft Press Release, written by Board member Molly Lee, and also suggested the addition of the IDPH and CDC websites. Additionally, Paschen said that the press release should be signed by the BOH chair, with contact information being for the Environmental Health Department so that Paschen's personal contact information is not shared. Jones will forward any comments or questions that are received to the Board.

**Motion by Speck, Second by Kluge**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes: Tabatabai, Lee, Kluge, Speck, Paschen**

**Nays: None**

**Recommendation To Governor Reynolds To Issue A Shelter-In-Place Order**

Paschen provided an overview on the item, which is to determine whether or not there should be a recommendation made to the Board of Supervisors to recommend to the Governor that a shelter-in-



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place order be issued for the State. Tabatabai provided information and statistics with emphasis being made on the importance of sheltering-in-place. Discussion took place on the difference between sheltering in place vs what is currently being ordered, on the state being divided into regions for the basis of determining sheltering-in-place, and on the punishment to those violating orders being enforced by a simple misdemeanor. Ethan Anderson stated that at this time the Governor's Emergency Proclamation does allow enforcement of crimes as a simple misdemeanor. Additional discussion took place regarding the process for making the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; and, whether or not to place parameters on an order so that certain exceptions could be made. Paschen does not feel the Board should provide exceptions, as that should be decided by the Governor. Linda Murken asked Anderson for clarification on the process. Anderson clarified that the Board of Health would need to make a recommendation by either resolution or a motion to the Board of Supervisors asking them to consider making a recommendation to the Governor to issue a statewide shelter-in-place order.

**Motion by Tabatabai, Second by Lee to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a request be made to Governor Reynolds for the issuance of a shelter-in-place order.**

### **VOTE:**

**Ayes Tabatabai, Lee, Kluge, Speck, Paschen**

**Nays None**

### **Revisions To Public Health COVID-19 Medical Surge Plan and COVID-19 Positive Individuals That Have No Home To Return To**

Les White, Director of Story County Public Health, presented a draft plan to the Board for informational purposes. White went through the items that she would like to remove/replace in the Draft Medical Surge Plan. White stated the reason for the changes are related to discussion of the agenda item for individuals that test positive and have no home to return to. White provided information that is currently taking place with a local motel as an option to house individuals during recovery. Discussion took place on the current lack of widespread testing and on the contact being made with group homes and senior facilities regarding plans in the event that there is a positive case within a facility.

Jody Stumbo with Emergency Residence Project asked if there is confirmation from the motel for housing homeless individuals during recovery. White stated that the process with the motel is just beginning and that there will need to be an agreement reached.

### **Responsibilities Related To A Medical Overflow Facility**

White stated that if Mary Greeley Medical Center would be filled beyond their capacity, they would need another hospital to be used as an overflow facility. White stated there are many questions to be answered such as whose license would be used for an overflow facility and who would be responsible for staffing and supplies.

Terry Potter with AMOS asked if the homeless population has been provided information about COVID-



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19, and asked what plans are in place for the homeless population, in general, to assist with notifying them about current developments. White stated she has been in contact with Stumbo and educational information has been provided to the homeless population. Anderson asked for clarification on agreements that have been made for the surge plan. Keith Morgan stated authorities would need to identify how arrangements would be formalized. Anderson stated that the concern is how this would all come together and what discussions are taking place with Mary Greeley, Story County Medical, and local law enforcement. Morgan stated that he is the Planning Officer for the incident command structure along with White under the Board of Health. The incident command will need to decide who this should be shared with and at what level it should be approved. White stated that this is just the beginning of the process for the surge plan and once input is gathered and plans are in place, the information would be brought back to the Board of Health at a future meeting.

### **Local Public Health Services FY21 Application**

Les White stated the application is standard procedure and that approval is needed by the Board to apply for the grant.

**Motion by Lee, Second by Tabatabai to apply for the FY21 Local Public Health Services Grant.**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes Tabatabai, Lee, Kluge, Speck Paschen**

**Nays None**

### **Discussion and Consideration of Public Health Emergency Declaration – Keith Morgan**

Morgan stated there is a need for direction from the Board of Health to begin the process for qualifying for a public assistance grant through FEMA for certain situations where individuals are affected by the COVID-19 disaster. Morgan stated that they are trying to ensure that costs can be covered through this program. Anderson stated that he would recommend tabling this item until a future meeting. Anderson is not sure this can be done and would like to check with the Attorney General's Office and feels the BOH may be precluded from acting on this item. Anderson feels the state proclamation should suffice and at this point Anderson does not see the need or authority to make this declaration. Morgan stated that his only concern is that this is the process to get the reimbursement for the needs. Morgan stated they could try submitting the state proclamation with a statement from the County Attorney to the state. Morgan is looking to the BOH to see if they want to pursue getting the documentation turned in and things set up for non-congregate sheltering to be included. Morgan stated that the item would be on hold pending further information from Anderson.

**Motion by Tabatabai, Second by Kluge to table this item until the next Board of Health Meeting**

**VOTE:**

**Ayes Tabatabai, Lee, Kluge, Speck Paschen**

**Nays None**



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**7. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

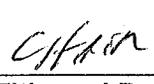
- a. **Story County Public Health** Teresa Ferrari stated there have been 6 positive COVID-19 cases in the county and 1 active TB case. White provided information about how personal care and homemaker services have changed due to COVID-19.
- b. **YSS** Denise Denton stated that staff is still working with schools using video conferencing to continue providing services. Denton talked about alcohol use and marijuana use and stated that detoxing could be an issue during the pandemic due to individuals not being able to go out.
- c. **Story County Environmental Health** Margaret Jaynes provided a written departmental report and stated that staff is currently working from home with limited contact with other individuals during inspections.

**8. COMMENTS**

**Staff:** None  
**Board:** None

**9. ADJOURNMENT** 3:34 p.m.

  
Approval of Minutes

 5/19/20  
Title and Date