



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Dr. John Paschen, Chair
Molly Lee, Vice-Chair
John Kluge
Betsy Matos
Sherri Pleis
Lisa Heddens (Ex-Officio)

Minutes

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DATE: June 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 2:02 PM

PLACE: Public Meeting Room- Story County Administration
(900 6th St)- Nevada, Iowa

Special Note to the Public: This meeting is also being offered via Zoom. Instructions to join can be found at the bottom of the agenda.

1. Call to Order

Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dr. John Paschen, Molly Lee, Betsy Matos, Sherrie Pleis, Lisa Heddens.

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent: John Kluge

Others Present: Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig, Sherry Zook, Kinvose Chescing, Megan Thompson, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Taylor Jorgensen, Laura Johnston (Recording Secretary).

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Matos, Seconded by Lee to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Pleis moved to pull Approval of Minutes from Consent Agenda. Seconded by Lee, MCU.

3.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Lee, Seconded by Pleis to Approve Consent Agenda. MCU.

Consideration of %5 Cost of Living Adjustment approved by BOS effective 7/1/22:

Laura Johnston @ 18.59/hr, Kimberly Grandinetti @ 3,331.73 bi-weekly, Taylor Jorgensen @ 27.21, Matthew Cory @ 30.89.

Step increase for Matthew Cory @ 31.52 effective 7/31/22.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pleis, Seconded by Lee to approve minutes from 4/5/22 and 5/6/22 meetings. MCU.

5. Public Forum: None

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Story County Public Health; Les White, Treasa Ferrari, Jane Esterly-Rettig, Sherry Zook

Public Health and Funding has changed with a new focus on “Population Health” known as Public Health 3.0. Public Health 3.0 is to focus on racial disparities in health care and access to care. Discussion was had regarding the implementation of this new focus.

PH provided information on various programs including Link, Keys to Preventing Dementia, Make it OK, and Mental Health First Aid.

PH is continuing senior health clinics and promoting Covid-19 vaccinations with pediatric doses ordered. Heddens asked for more information about Covid cases. Hospitalizations are down, but cases in hospital staff are up.

6.2 Community And Family Resources; Claudia Schmugge

Community and Family Resources (CAFR) is funded through the Tobacco Control Grant and Integrated Provider Grant. CARF has several programs for elementary to college students addressing drug use, problem gambling, alcohol abuse, and nicotine usage. County specific data was not available by the time of the meeting but state-wide data shows that e-cigarette use is down. Heddens asked that when the Story County data becomes available that Schmugge forwards it to the Board.

6.3 Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA); Megan Thompson

Starting July 1st, 2022 lead testing will become a priority within MICA. Dr. Paschen asked for more information regarding the dental health program and how much community support there is from Story County dentists. MICA offers a voucher program to help afford dental care. It has been difficult in Story County to find dentists to participate and there is an additional need.

Women, Infants, Children (WIC) participants have drastically increased. Speech and Hearing referral rates are trending upward.

MICA is currently writing grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Matos asked about lead testing; she has heard that renters who have high lead levels are evicted rather than lead mitigation and wondered if there any legal recourse for these renters. Discussion was had on lead testing and allowable levels. Heather Bombei of IPHD, dialed into the meeting. Bombei stated that IDPH website has a lot of good information about lead testing. Dr. Paschen asked that someone from IDPH come give a presentation about lead levels. Grandinetti's office will follow up with this.

6.4 YSS; not present, report was submitted to the Board with the agenda packet.

6.5 Story County Environmental Health; Kimberly Grandinetti

The water infrastructure grant has been successful. Heddens asked if the funds from the septic grant is a set amount, and if so, what is the max. It was not allocated, but first come, first serve. Heddens further inquired how much a new septic system costs; to which it was replied that they can range from \$10,000 to \$23,000, depending on the type of system. EH helped IDPH with a tattoo convention and discussion was had about the convention.

Discussion was had about the recently passed Iowa Pumper Bill. EH has a new part time Administrative Assistant, Laura Johnston. Heddens asked what hours she is working; as of right now Laura is working four 5-hour days, 9AM to 2PM but are subject to change.

Matos asked what a Time to Transfer (TOT) is, which is a required inspection when selling a property with a septic system, ensuring the system both exists and is working properly.

Grandinetti attended the Public Health conference and was elected a Member At Large to the Board of the Iowa Environmental Health Association. Grandinetti gave a presentation to the Iowa Realty Realtors on Time of Transfer.

7. Additional Items

7.1 Discussion and Consideration Of Contract For Conducting Land Application Site Inspections, Record Reviews, And Septic Cleaning Equipment Inspections Between Iowa DNR And Story County BOH- Kimberly Grandinetti

Discussion was had regarding contract.

Motion by Pleis, Seconded by Lee to Approve Contract. MCU.

7.2 Discussion and Consideration of Various Memberships for BOH; Kimberly Grandinetti

Discussion was had regarding the membership of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) and the National Association of County and City Health

Officials (NACCHO) both would include the Board and departments under the BOH and focus on environmental, public health, and boards of health activities. NALBOH be a \$300 for an annual membership NACCHO is \$560 annually. Pleis inquired if NACCHO would be more appropriate because the focus is on a city and county level. NALBOH is more focused on boards of health and the issues they deal with, and offers training for staff members. Paschen stated that NACCHO sounds like the more practical option and questioned whether it was a prudent use of taxpayer dollars to purchase memberships to both associations. Lee concurred with this statement.

Motion by Pleis to approve membership to NACCHO. Seconded by Lee.

7.3 Discussion Of Political Activities for Board Members- Dr. Paschen

Discussion was had regarding the BOH making political statements with examples of, “The Story County Board of Health agrees with the legislation...” or “We are not in favor...” Dr. Paschen stated that he envisioned statements coming from the Board, not individual board members. Dr. Paschen does not envision the Board of Supervisors being involved with the Board of Health’s statements. Paschen has consulted with the legal department and continues to confer with them on this issue. Pleis expressed concern that the Board could potentially be seen as pro/con on issues and what the BOH can legally state. Pleis in agreement with statements is support of or against particular legislations. The Board Members will continue to contemplate this agenda item.

7.4 Discussion and Consideration of DNR Pumper Contract; Kimberly Grandinetti Pulled from agenda due to mislabeling. Attachment was for Story County Housing Trust Grant was mislabeled on the agenda and this agenda item was tabled. The Board asked Grandinetti to set up a special meeting if it could not wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

8 Comments

8.1 Staff: None

8.2 Board: None

9 Adjournment

**Matos moved to adjourn meeting, Seconded by Pleis, MCU.
Dr. Paschen adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.**

Approval of Minutes

Title and Date