

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

TAMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOME CARE

Monday February 28, 2022 – 12:00 P.M.
Meeting held via Zoom - Tama Co. Annex Building

Due to heightened potential public health risks related to the COVID-19 virus, all Tama County Board of Health meetings will be held electronically through ZOOM or by phone conference until further notice.

Present: Micki Ferris –via Zoom Shannon Zoffka Jolynn Harger
Lori Johnson Bill Faircloth – via Phone Sherry Parks, PA-C –via Zoom
Heather Bombei –via Zoom Dr. Polly Hineman, via Zoom Chris Behrens
Sally Custer – via Zoom

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Parks, Chair, at 12:01 p.m.

Sherry Parks read the following statement:

Per Iowa Code, Chapter 21.8, Electronic Meetings, the Tama County Board of Health will conduct meetings via zoom or by phone conference due to circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical. With 2 members of the BOH being medical providers and/or EMS providers in the county it is impractical to meet due to heightened potential public health risks related to COVID-19 including continued virus activity in our State, electronic meetings is our safest option.

Micki Ferris moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Dr. Hineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Micki Ferris moved to accept the Minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting as presented. Dr. Hineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Environmental Report:

Chris has finished his CIOWTS training. He has been working on locating alternative systems in Tama County and making sure that the annual maintenance contracts are on file for homeowners with these types of systems.

He will be taking the Certified Pool Operator training this week.

Director’s Report – Shannon Zoffka

Shannon welcomed Sally Custer to the Board. Sally met with Heather Bombei and Lori on March 16th for Agency and Board orientation.

Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI): Most of February we were focused on our DIA Survey Plan of Correction.

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA): No new news.

Supporting Kids in Prevention (SKIP): Zoom meetings were held in January and February. We are working on plans for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Some of the plans include: billboards, yard signs, and pin wheels. They are also working on a family fishing event, dependent on location availability.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP): We took part in a Coalition wide Drill on February 1st. Radios were the only means of communication.

Human Resources: As of February 25th, we have collected all the needed documentation to be in compliance with the CMS COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate.

Communicable Disease: There were no communicable disease cases in January, and one animal bite. Linn County will be holding the second STI Clinic at our office in the lower level, this afternoon.

COVID:

On February 16th, the State of Iowa's Public Health Disaster Emergency Proclamation expired. Negative results are no longer reported, therefore we do not have the capability to know a positive percent rate for our county. We continue to monitor the DOMO information provided by IDPH, this does show us positive cases daily, which are only positives detected in a medical setting, not home tests.

Current case count is 4364 total cases since the beginning of March 2020, last meeting the total was 4076.

Although the Emergency Proclamation has ended, we still have strict rules within the agency for infection control measures via DIA and OSHA, which include screening in, masking and social distancing. In case of illness healthcare workers have strict guidelines to follow as well. That is why we continue to meet via Zoom.

COVID Vaccine: We continue to stock Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, and Pfizer pediatric for ages 5-11. Due to the low demand for vaccine we will not be hosting more clinics. We will be scheduling a time this spring to clean out the juvenile home after utilizing since January of 2021.

Maternal Health Program: Nest classes were held on January 11th and February 15. The topics included: Influenza Update, Immunizations, Tylenol and Ibuprofen dosing, and SIDS presentations by MICA and LSI.

Home Health:

DIA conducted a Recertification and Infection Control Survey here January 22nd – 24th. We had no deficiencies in the emergency preparedness or infection control portions of the survey. We had 4 total deficiencies sighted. We submitted and implemented our plan of correction and received approval of our correction plan from DIA. The deficient areas include the drug regimen review process, home health aide plan of care, documentation guidelines not being met by contracted employees and updating a bill of rights when new services are added to existing clients. Given the obstacles of the past two years and the implementation of a new EHR system, Shannon felt the survey went very well.

Waiver: January: Seven patients were served under the Frail and Elderly Waiver. There were 0 Maternal Health Home visits in January.

Financial Report:

For the month of January, Admissions and Skilled Nursing visits were up from the previous month. Home Health Aide visits and hours were up for the month of January. Our revenue decreased in January.

Dr. Hineman moved to approve the Financial Report. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Dr. Hineman moved to Approve the Finance Committee Recommendations regarding the changes to the Sliding Fee Scale, effective 03/01/22. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Homelink Participating Provider Agreement. Dr. Hineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Addendum to Rehabilitation Services Agreement between Tama County Public Health & Home Care and Millennium Therapy. Dr. Hineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Heather Bombei asked if there was any status updates on a Board of Health member to replace Duane Backen. Bill Faircloth said there was no potential member yet.

Future Meeting Dates: The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2022 at Noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant