

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

TAMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOME CARE

Monday May 23, 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: Chris Behrens Shannon Zoffka Jolynn Harger
Lori Johnson Sherry Parks, PA-C –via Zoom Mick Ferris – via Zoom
Heather Bombei –via Zoom Dr. Polly Hineman, via Zoom Bill Faircloth – via Zoom

Absent: Sally Custer

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Parks, Chair, at 12:03 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.

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

Dr. Hineman moved to accept the Minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting as presented. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Environmental Report:

Chris told the Board that he has been busy with septic permits, and pumper truck inspections. He will be starting on pool inspections soon.

Director's Report – Shannon Zoffka

Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI): The April meeting was postponed due to a scheduling conflict, the next meeting is May 24th. We will try to meet quarterly moving forward.

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

Supporting Kids in Prevention (SKIP): A fishing event will be held June 3rd at Cherry Lake. Several businesses will have tables set up with information, burgers and chips will be served, and the Diary Princess will hand out ice cream. Car Seats will be given out by a Certified Car Seat Installer.

We received 75 car seats, pack n plays, bike helmets and sunscreen through CPPC funds. These will be passed out during events in the month of June to promote safety.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP): No new news.

Human Resources: Dawn Jensen resigned effective May 16th.

Communicable Disease: There were no communicable disease cases in April, and 1 animal bite.

COVID:

COVID numbers remain low. We will be hosting booster vaccine clinics once a month beginning May 27th, as we have had an increase in interest lately.

Shannon has been approached by community members in regards to the hog confinement being constructed north of Toledo as well as the Wind Farm. These are both big concerns in Tama County currently, hog confinement concerns are dealt with at the State level and the Wind Farm concerns are under Zoning and the Board of Supervisors. These are not Public Health issues.

The next STI Clinic will be held June 6th. Linn County is also working on a program that would provide home testing, they will provide more information to us as that program is approved.

Maternal Health Program:

The Nest Class topic on 05/10/22 was Family Dinners. A celebration of Mother's Day was held with education provided on the benefits of eating together as a family. Statistics were shared, and discussion was held among attendees of basic crockpot use. Food insecurity issues were discussed and information was reviewed about local food pantries and food distribution dates. Crock pots were given out.

The infant formula shortage is a big concern for families with formula fed babies and they sought information about what to do.

Home Health:

An audit of time sheets and computer entries was completed for January-April 2022, the issues found will be discussed with staff. Due to findings, we will be going back to 07/01/21 for additional reviews, these reviews will be ongoing and done weekly with daysheet review.

Waiver: April: Six patients were served under the Frail and Elderly Waiver. There was 1 Maternal Health Home visit in April.

Financial Report:

For the month of April, Admissions increased and Skilled Nursing visits decreased. Home Health Aide visits and hours were up. Our revenue decreased for the month of April.

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

New Business

A. Dr. Hineman moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Services Order Form with Verizon Connect for Vehicle Tracking Subscription. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize BOH Chair to sign FY 21-22 Iowa Department of Natural Resources Contract #22ESDWQBTRGOT-0001-86 for Commercial Septic Tank Clean Inspections. Dr. Hineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize BOH Chair to sign FY 22-23 Iowa Department of Natural Resources Contract #22ESDWQBTRGOT-0002-86 for Commercial Septic Tank Clean Inspections. Dr. Hineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Dr. Hineman moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Engagement Letter with RSM US LLP for Cost Reporting Purposes. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign contract with Health Choices Plan. Dr. Hineman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None.

Future Meeting Dates: The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at Noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant