

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

TAMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOME CARE

Monday October 24, 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: Sally Custer – via Zoom Chris Behrens Jolynn Harger
Lori Johnson Heather Bombei – via Zoom Mick Ferris – via Zoom
Bill Faircloth – via phone Dr. Polly Hineman, via Zoom

Absent: Sherry Parks, PA-C Shannon Zoffka

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hineman, Vice- Chair, at 12:05 p.m.

Dr. Hineman 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.

Micki Ferris moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Micki Ferris moved to accept the Minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting changing the words Outbreak Campground to Outback Campground on page 1 in the Environmental Report. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Environmental Report:

Chris reported that he has been working on a mapping project. This is important to have for the Time of Transfer Inspections. This is done anytime a property changes hands.

Chris recently got Time of Transfer Inspection Certified. It was a 16 hour course.

Chris has been working on maintenance contracts for septic systems. Every system needs to have a yearly maintenance agreement.

Director's Report

In Shannon's absence, Lori Johnson gave her report.

Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI): The July 26th meeting was unable to be held due to scheduling and staffing conflicts. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25th.

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA): Shannon has continued working on tallying surveys from the general public. So far: mental health, elderly wellness, alcohol and drugs, violence, suicide, immunizations, STD's, drinking water protection, emergency planning, and access to health care were the top concerns.

Supporting Kids in Prevention (SKIP): The September meeting was held on the 22nd. Red Ribbon Week plans are being finalized and are being distributed to schools and daycare centers.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP): An in-person meeting was held in Ames on September 22nd. Shannon will be working on updating NIMS information and POD workbooks. Discussion was held about having future workgroups that focus on working with DME providers in the County to better understand how and what

they provide for oxygen dependent individuals during emergencies, where there is no electricity for extended periods of time.

Human Resources: Employees attended mandatory trainings on: Sexual Harassment, Cyber Security, Human Trafficking, ALICE and Safety Training. Claire Shefchik and Tracy Hathaway are providing CPR and First Aide training to all County employees.

Lori attended the Heartland Risk Pool training day provided by the County. FMLA, ADA, Cyber Security, Open Meetings, and OSHA were discussed.

Communicable Disease: There were no communicable disease cases in August and 2 in September. There was 6 animal bites in August and 1 in September.

Cards were created and provided to Police Departments in Tama County to provide to the owners of animals involved in a bite, so the owners know what they need to do in the 10 days following the incident. This is in hopes that this will help the owners returning our call and remaining in communication with us during the 10 day quarantine of the animal.

COVID: Tama County has continued to have a low transmission rate. There is low interest in the bi-valent booster, so we have not ordered any.

Monkeypox updates are provided by IDPH as needed.

Shannon attended the Public Health Collaborative in Cedar Rapids on September 13th. The day was focused on the 10 Essential Public Health Services.

Lori and Shannon continue to assist with Food Distribution each month.

The Tama/Toledo communities were awarded funds to implement 5210 projects. Region 6 has been working to develop a steering committee for the projects. This includes: TCPH, STC Schools, ISU Extension and Community Members.

The first Coffee Talks in the County began on October 12th. Topics covered included cold weather safety, flu shots, influenza, LIHEAP and agency information. 3 Coffee Talks have been held and 13 people attended.

Maternal Health Program:

A Nest Class was held this month. The topic was helping your child to manage their feelings. 8 families were in attendance.

Home Health:

Multiple trainings have been provided to the RN's to help them better understand and use the EHR.

Home Health is still under the CMS Mandate for COVID Vaccination, the masking requirement has been modified, and if the county is in low transmission mode, we don't need to mask. If the transmission rate returns to high transmission mode, all staff and anyone entering the building will need to mask until the rate decreases and for 2 additional weeks following the decrease in transmission. We are following the CMS Vaccine Mandate requirement for vaccinated and unvaccinated staff and the CDC Guidelines for Health Care Workers who are exposed to COVID or test positive. Staff will wear full PPE in homes of known positive cases. We monitor county transmission levels on the CDC website every Monday to determine masking need.

Discussion was held about if the Board of Health meetings could resume in person. Lori said that even if we planned to have an in person meeting, that it could change on the day of the meeting due to the change in transmission rate in the County. Watch for updates.

Mobile Unit:

We were given American Rescue Funds for our Maternal Health Program, SKIP, Community Outreach and to purchase a Mobile Unit for the County. This unit will allow us to take our outreaches and programs all around Tama County.

Micki Ferris asked if the mobile unit will be able for use if there is a county wide incident to assist EMS personnel. Lori said possibly. The purpose of this unit was for us to do outreach around the whole county, and not just the Tama/Toledo area.

Waiver: August: Four patients were served under the Frail and Elderly Waiver, and 5 for September. There were 4 Maternal Health Home visits in August, and 8 in September.

Financial Report:

Admissions decreased for the month of August and increased for the month of September. Skilled Nurse Visits increased for both months. August revenue increased from July, but decreased for September.

We have been having issues with our VA billing. Jolynn has been working with Matrix Care and Optum. We have been receiving payments, but are now receiving overpayments. This is glitch on Optum's end.

Micki Ferris moved to approve the Financial Report. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Contract #588AW86 – Grant to Counties, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 Contract Declarations & Execution Page. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Gladbrook Memorial Building Rental Contract for Quarterly Coffee Talk Presentations. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Sally Custer moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Proposal Acceptance Agreement with Matthews Specialty Vehicles for MSV Series 4000wb-33 (Gas) Unit. Much discussion was held regarding storage, upkeep and driving. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Sally Custer moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Marshalltown Community College Addendum to Clinical Training Agreement with Tama County Public Health regarding required immunizations. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant