



PUBLIC HEALTH

Dave Koch, Director

Board of Health
Tatiana Izakovic, MD, MHA
Michael P. McLaughlin, PhD
Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS
Bonnie D. Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA
Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
December 18, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
4:00pm

Call to Order: Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Michael P. McLaughlin, PhD; Bonnie D. Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA; Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS; ABSENT: Tatiana Izakovic, MD, MHA.

Staff: Dave Koch, Director; Kate Klefstad, Clinical Services Manager; James Lacina, Environmental Health Manager; Kristin Meyer, Business Manager; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Becky Hackett-Leas, Dental Hygienist; Lakeshia Jackson, Clerk II; Susan Denny, Secretary II.

Others Present: Lynn Rose, Assistant County Attorney, Mary McCarthy, private citizen

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pollock to approve the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes with two edits; seconded by Rubin. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: January 15, 2020 in Conference Room 214B at the Health and Human Services Building.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None.

New Employee Introductions: Klefstad introduced Lakeshia Jackson, Clerk II, Clinical Services. Koch congratulated Sam Jarvis, former Emergency Preparedness Planner, as the new Community Health Manager. Koch informed the BOH that now a manager for Community Health has been hired, Sam will be recruiting for the vacant Health Planner and Emergency Preparedness Planner positions. Second round interviews for the Environmental Health Specialist position are scheduled for December 19, 2020. An additional Environmental Health Specialist position will also be available, possibly employing finalists from the current round of interviews for both positions if BOS approves the request.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **Clinical Services I-Smile Program:** Hackett-Leas, Public Health Dental Hygienist and Coordinator for the I-Smile at School program presented an overview of preventive dental services provided by JCPH to school aged children. The program uses classroom education for dental hygiene and nutrition education for second, third and sixth grade students. They also obtain consent and release forms with the help of teachers and school staff to administer dental sealants, fluoride treatments, and dental screenings. The goal for completed consent forms is 85%. JCPH Dental Hygienists transport mobile equipment to ten qualifying schools in Johnson County and three qualifying schools in Iowa County. Schools qualify for the program based on 40% or greater free-reduced lunch participation. Hackett-Leas summarized the statistics for the 2018-2019 program and incentives for participation, including teacher vouchers from The Teacher Store, a non-profit affiliated with the Linn County area Credit Union. They also partner with the University of Iowa Dental College and Public Health Club, where dental students are given opportunities to perform dental care and gain experience with the added benefit of creating community awareness in the dental program. Hackett-Leas responded to BOH member questions regarding procedures for sealants and fluoride treatments, teacher education, consent percentages and challenges such as language barriers. Klefstad explained the new dental voucher program for uninsured and underinsured children.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Applications, Contracts and Agreements:

- **19-29 Family Council Planning of Iowa, Title X Family Planning Services** – Klefstad and Koch discussed with BOH members the proposed participation in Title X Family Planning Services. Klefstad provided BOH members with an overview and reading material describing the program. She described program family planning services and reproductive health care for low income clients through Title X of the Public Health Service Act. Funding for the program is administered through the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Family Planning Council of Iowa (FPCI). Johnson, Iowa and Washington Counties fall under the purview of FPCI. Klefstad described recent changes to the program resulting in Planned Parenthood withdrawing from Title X funding. She presented subcontractor services associated with the program, funding and timeline estimates, additional support programs and a proposed JCPH Clinic Model as well as financial projections. Planned meetings for collaboration with community partners, other Title X program directors, and county health departments are being scheduled or completed. Klefstad informed BOH members of the application and contract cycles beginning with a January 31, 2020 deadline for three months of initial support. Discussion followed regarding expectations, staffing needs, expected revenue and sliding scale income, cooperation with Planned Parenthood and other health departments, outreach, technical and space considerations. It was decided to delay a motion to proceed until the January 15, 2020 BOH meeting when there will be more information available. Klefstad will provide more materials to BOH members prior to the next BOH meeting.

OTHER

NACo Housing & Health Action Learning Cohort: Koch informed BOH members that Johnson County is one of five U.S counties selected for the National Association of Counties (NACo), Housing and Health Action Learning Cohort (HHALC). Johnson County Social Services Director Lynette Jacoby initiated the grant. The Johnson County four member team will include Koch, Jacoby, BOS member Rod Sullivan and Sara Barron, Executive Director of Affordable Housing Coalition. Koch described three goals, work plans and timelines. Koch will focus on the third goal

related to Public Health. During the ten-month cohort period, counties will participate in virtual and face-to-face opportunities to explore housing affordability, disparities, funding opportunities, safety, stability and location impacts for residents. Support for the cohort is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The first of three face-to-face cohorts was held in Florida in November, but Koch was unable to attend. He discussed the first draft of goals and participation plans related to the Johnson County team, especially to improve health outcomes for the Johnson County residents through assessing social determinants related to housing. He described action items to achieve goals, including increasing awareness and capacity, use of training tools, research funding opportunities, such as Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes, and evaluating health disparities in Johnson County for disproportionate populations. Koch is planning to attend the second face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C in March which coincides with the NACo 2020 Legislative Conference. Rubin suggested Koch contact Denise Attard Sacco, Community Health Consultant, IDPH regarding Health Impact Assessment. Koch added there is a possibility of continued opportunities with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation related to health and housing initiatives. Rubin provided another contact, Eric Tate, University of Iowa College of Engineering.

- **Legislative Updates:** Koch reported meeting with Representative Mary Mascher, Senator Joe Bolkcom and Representative Dave Jacoby. Koch is proactively reaching out to local elected officials to increase awareness of public health issues. Koch and Wallace attended the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) Legislative Forum in Ankeny, Iowa on December 5, 2019. Priorities at the forum included support for Public Health funding, promoting health in all policies and protecting Iowa immunization rates. The three legislators Koch met with commented on the importance of immunization. IDPH supports bills to strengthen the Smoke Free Air Act. NACCHO focus areas included environment, energy and land use and Public Health related issues such as enhancing County behavioral and health services, mental health and public safety issues and public lands. Locally, Koch added there was discussion regarding increasing sales tax to provide funding for the Trust Fund for Waterways and Trails; BOH members issued a position statement in support of this trust. Koch is working on scheduling a meeting with Representative Bobby Kaufmann as well. Koch asked BOH members to update him if they hear of more information related to legislative issues.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: Rose is working with Lacina on waste water regulation updates.

Members, Board of Health: Rubin reported the State Hygienic Lab (SHL) has issued notice it will stop Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) testing on major bacteria because they are now moving to whole genome sequencing. Rubin stressed the magnitude of the decision. She also reported the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a quick test for Ebola and she anticipates Iowa labs making use of it.

Director: Koch reported highlights including Domain 4: Water quality fluoridation progress in Iowa as well as recognition of a Johnson County community. Domain 7: Funding has been awarded again for Integrated Testing Services (ITS) program. Also, the Association of Food & Drug Officials (AFDO) funding was received for Environmental Health. Domain 10: JCPH Epidemiologist Maysa Ahmed has been working with IDPH to access local data records. She has

Johnson County Board of Health Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2019

gained access after a lengthy process to three important data sets and is hoping to access two other data sets, including Vital Records. Rubin asked if access might include other counties we service. Koch responded that to his knowledge, it would be only Johnson County. He will update the BOH when he receives more information.

Koch shared a list of long term employees recognized by the BOS, for years of service.

Rubin reported receiving a letter from a private citizen regarding a sewage issue. She asked for guidance on how to respond when letters are received by BOH members. Rose responded that if the issue was resolved legally then it is not necessary to respond to the individual, but recommends staff send a letter to acknowledge receipt of the letter, either as an individual or on behalf of the BOH. Rubin asked for clarification on recordkeeping and confidentiality. Rose recommended keeping the letter at the JCPH offices for two years. Dave added he and several others had also received a copy and has filed it with JCPH records. Rubin would like an agenda item added for approving a policy or procedure when letters are received, Rose suggested developing a policy to retain the letter for two years or longer from the date of the last reported event.

Wallace adjourned the meeting at 5:26 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

January 15, 2020

Signature on File

Date

Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, Chair

Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II