



PUBLIC HEALTH

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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

December 9, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

5:00 pm

Call to Order: Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Staff: Sam Jarvis, Acting Director; Kristin Meyer, Business Manager; James Bechtel, Systems Analyst; Susan Denny, Secretary II. VIA TELECONFERENCE: Dave Koch, Director; Kate Klefstad, Clinical Services Manager; James Lacina, Environmental Health Manager;

Others Present: VIA TELECONFERENCE: Lynn Rose, Assistant County Attorney; Molly Roberts, Kalona News present for COVID-19 update.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Rubin to approve the November 18, 2020 meeting minutes; seconded by McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: January 20, 2021 at 4:00 pm in Conference Room 214B at the Health and Human Services Building and by teleconferencing (ZOOM).

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None

New Employee Introductions: None

DISCUSSION: Wallace announced McLaughlin's retirement from the Board of Health after two terms of service. BOH members and staff thanked McLaughlin for his service and also for serving as the only Iowa member on the board of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), demonstrating McLaughlin's industry and commitment to the BOH and to public health. McLaughlin was presented with a plaque from Johnson County Public Health. McLaughlin expressed his honor and enjoyment at having served on the Johnson County Board of Public Health.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Applications, Contracts and Agreements:

- **20-26 Request for Proposal:** Community Partnership for Tobacco Use Prevention and Control – Wallace reminded BOH members this is an updated proposal. Jarvis informed BOH members the RFA process was initially started in December, 2019, but was shifted for a year due to the pandemic and other factors. The proposal is essentially similar to last year’s proposal within a one hundred dollar difference and includes Iowa, Poweshiek, and Johnson Counties. Susan Vileta, Health Educator, has continued working with Iowa and Poweshiek counties, even throughout the pandemic. Rubin asked why Iowa and Poweshiek counties are included in the proposal. Jarvis explained the two counties are long established service areas of Johnson County.

Motion by McLaughlin to approve the request for proposal Community Partnership for Tobacco Use Prevention and Control; seconded by Rubin. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

- **20-25A FY22 Budget Summary** Jarvis noted there is a 10% increase in employee salaries and benefits for FY22 due to the administration bargaining unit not recertifying.

- **20-25 FY22 Proposed Budget:** Wallace asked for a motion to approve the FY22 Proposed Johnson County Public Health Budget, which has been reviewed in detail by the BOH and advance it for presentation to the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 14, 2020.

Motion by Rubin to approve the FY22 Proposed JCPH Budget; seconded by McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

Wallace added Jarvis informed him that the BOS is aware of the budget and expects they will approve.

- **COVID-19 Update:** Jarvis updated BOH members on rapid changes in COVID-19 recommendations. He informed BOH members that Community Health is coordinating stress relief activities for staff, in anticipation of a larger case load of COVID-19 cases in December. Jarvis reported an increase of six additional contact tracing staff and two resignations. Rubin asked if CT staff, who are university students, are leaving to return home for the winter break. Jarvis responded students are remaining at their posts. Jarvis also reported the state is updating methodology of death data to align with national reporting. JCPH is expecting 170 thousand vaccination doses by the end of December, noting the state has provided a tentative schedule on how those doses will be released. JCPH and partners are preparing processes to distribute vaccine. Wallace asked if JCPH foresaw possible administration or distribution issues for the county, regardless of quantity of doses received. Jarvis responded the limited vaccine supply, cold storage temperatures, time constraints, and other factors such as readiness of partners etc., factor in for a zero-waste strategy. Wallace asked if the number of sites and man-power to administer vaccinations, were set to prevent hold-ups. Jarvis does not anticipate problems with those issues due to the limited supply and partnerships pharmacies and hospitals. Rubin asked about site security being increased and clarified her concern for staff safety rather than vaccine storage security, and whether Emergency Management has anything in place for increased security, if need be. Jarvis replied there was nothing specific at this time, but can introduce discussion on the subject.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: Rose had no report, but mentioned county attorneys’ offices are still contacting her for language regarding face-covering regulations.

Members, Board of Health: Pollock had nothing to report, but thanked McLaughlin for his service.

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McLaughlin expressed thanks and added serving on the BOH was a great experience.

Rubin reported a conversation with Dr. Wallace, Koch, and Jarvis regarding herself and Pollock meeting regularly with Meyer as a subcommittee on finance to learn more and offer support on the financial picture of the department and better understand financial trends and other issues. To date they have had one phone conversation and will have another meeting next week. Rubin also thanked McLaughlin for his service.

Wallace reported attending the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) legislative forum usually held at the State Hygienic Lab building, but this year was held remotely by zoom. He has attended for more than 15 years. Wallace was reasonably impressed with the legislators that attended and stated they were very receptive to the IPHA. He commented that the IPHA has been very good at maintaining relationships with various legislators on both sides of the aisle on issues affecting public health across the state. He suggested using local BOH to influence legislation and legislators.

Rubin asked if there was any conversation about trying to assure that the need of public health issues nationally, even after the pandemic. Wallace replied not directly, the focus was on individual issues such as clean water and state issues rather than national issues. He also commented on public health allocation provided in the Affordable Care Act. When it was enacted, the allocation was in the range of fifteen billion dollars, specifically for public health initiatives. Repeal of the ACA supported by some legislators in Washington would be dangerous, short-sighted, and harmful to all states, not just Iowa. At the time of his research, Iowa had forty-three million dollars in allocations after the first eight years. He added this is another national issue influencing Iowa, but it is not talked much about.

Director: Acting Director Jarvis reported on Domain One. Recently the internal vaccine planning team launched a local vaccine survey for healthcare workers. The survey results showed that many healthcare workers were excited about receiving the vaccination, despite hearing reports from other entities and state partners. The JCPH internal vaccine planning team expected approval rate would be around 20%, but results showed 50% in favor of vaccination. This team also received comments that will help to guide communication and analysis in the future.

Debbie Ackerman, Clinical Services Data Specialist is a certified Child Safety Passenger Safety Technician. She partnered with Johnson County Empowerment for a clinic over the weekend which was well received and fifty families were served.

Wallace adjourned the meeting at 5:23 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

January 20, 2021

Date

Signature on file

Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, Chair

Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II