

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting Held
May 7th, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.
Via Webex**

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Dr. O. Daniel Osaro	Present
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Present

Staff Present Shane McClintock, Director to the Board of Health
Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health

Others Present Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
Jocelyn Meyer, Bridgeview
Chance Kness, Emergency Management
Nancy Burns, Emergency Management
Angie Eacker, Community Healthcare
Michele Cullen, Genesis VNA
Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health Services
Becky Nowachek, IDPH
Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest
Leslie Mussmann, ASAC

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Roll call showed 4 members present. It was **moved** by **Morgan**, seconded by **Osaro**, to **APPROVE** the March 5th, 2020 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

Malcom noted the reason for Webex meeting versus in person is due to Covid-19. Mass gatherings are prohibited and the Board is following social distancing measures as put forth by the CDC and IDPH. **Becky Nowachek** noted she was in attendance from the IDPH and would gladly take back any questions to the state regarding Covid-19.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance** – No updates.
- B. Personnel** – No updates.
- C. Total Quality Management** – No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Environmental Services- McClintock** requested permission to attend an out of state conference for NEHA in New York on July 13th-16th. He noted that it could possibly be postponed or canceled, but requested permission to attend if that happens. It was **moved** by **Morgan**, seconded by **Osaro**, to **APPROVE** said request. Motion carried 5-0. **McClintock** stated that the Elvira project is waiting on bidding at this point. The county attorney would like each resident of Elvira to have a contract that the county will pay for the cost upfront and the resident would have to pay back. No one has done anything like this in the past. They are currently looking for resources to help with this. Once this is done, the bidding process can begin. He is still in hopes that it will be done this year. The Grants to Counties water testing program has been suspended temporarily during the pandemic. Once we reopen that program, **McClintock** would like to know if the Board has any input regarding safety other than masks and six foot distance. **Morgan** says she agrees with wearing a mask. **Malcom** stated she felt we should rely on guidance from the IDPH similar to those of restaurants and businesses. She also has high quality masks that **McClintock** could use and feels it is important to resume to ensure good water supply.
- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice**– Informational report submitted. **Cullen** noted they have been extremely busy working with IDPH regarding the Covid-19 response. She stated this situation has been very fluid. They have been a part of County EMC on Mondays and Thursdays working through PPE with them. They have done a fabulous job. In the beginning of the pandemic, they held a lot of informative meetings with businesses. They have gone through guidance regarding plans and attendance policy changes and screenings, etc. They are trying to make sure they are providing a safe business atmosphere. They have also been following up with complaints to provide guidance. **Cullen** said she has also been working with the County PIO with getting information out to the media and social media on mitigation methods and response methods. They have also been working with long term care. Staff is checking with them at least every other day to make sure their plans are in place. Their isolation units are ready to go in case of positives. She ensures they are following guidelines from CDC, DIA, and IDPH. They have also had a child care nurse consultant working with the childcare organizations and making sure they are following guidelines. Several have chosen to close but as we progress, several are starting to open. The contact investigation is a long process. If there is a positive, they are typically notified by telephone. That goes into the state database. Once the provider has notified the patient that they are positive, the contact investigation begins. They call the patient and go through demographics, history of illness, symptoms, duration etc. Then also asking who lives in the home, where they are employed, and who they have been in contact with. That would then be followed by calling their employment and making sure they are aware of what is going on and then going through business mitigation effort to see if anyone was exposed. Late yesterday afternoon, Governor Reynolds put a new proclamation out opening a few more things in the area. One of the highlights would be the opening of dentist offices. There are restrictions with this regarding providing their own PPE and

not rely on the state and local stockpiles with the EMA office. Statewide campgrounds will be opening. **Dan Srp** has been involved with the proper way to open county campground bathrooms. Those typically don't have a 24/7 staff, so the proper way to sanitize those bathrooms is in question. **Cullen** has been unable to find campground guidelines. Drive in movie theaters will be able to be open as well. Tanning facilities, medical spas, and social clubs are allowed to open as of 5:00 am on Friday, May 8th. **Cullen** said this has been a real team effort in our county and everyone has done a great job in trying to keep everyone safe. **Cullen** requested approval of any amendments from IDPH regarding the Covid-19 response. **Osaro** moved to **APPROVE** said request, **seconded** by **Morgan**. Motion carried 5-0. **Thiltgen** moved to **APPROVE** subcontracts for Public Health Services for fiscal year 2021, **seconded** by **Sullens**. Motion carried 5-0. **Irwin** questioned whether it was possible to open for campers who have their own facilities in them instead of opening public facilities. **Cullen** stated she and **Srp** had been discussing that and feels that it may be the best solution. She has yet to find any guidance on this. **Cullen** likes this idea as we wouldn't be liable for how often it gets cleaned. **Irwin** said Clinton County Conservation is losing money for not having them opened. **Irwin** questioned that when full time restaurants are not opening up, why is the county going to rush to open something that only runs about 4 months of the year anyway? **Thiltgen** noted the restaurants in DeWitt are not opening because they cannot conform to restrictions. **Cullen** said Clinton is about the same. Restrictions are tight and it's about keeping people safe. The numbers in our county have been pretty slow in going up. She noted last weekend, a lot of people were out. This weekend, the weather won't be as nice, so she is curious what the 10 and 14 day numbers do after opening up. **Cullen** approves of the slow opening versus everyone opening at once. **Nowachek** said she will reach out to state EOC to find guidance on campgrounds. **Morgan** asked when the first case came in and what are the numbers? The press release for the first case was on March 19th. The numbers yesterday were 51 cases with 43 of those recovered. 1 has died. 1 is currently in the hospital. Scott County has 260 positive cases, Dubuque 162, Jackson 5, Johnson 530, and Linn has 770. The last week in March, Johnson and Linn counties had fast growing numbers. Now theirs have slowed down. Linn County has had several long term care outbreaks. Black Hawk, Polk, and Woodbury counties have been the hot spots. Polk is the largest county in the state. Black Hawk and Woodbury have the packing plants which have had above 10% threshold. One had over 50% of employees report positive. **Morgan** asked for numbers on the regular seasonal flu. **Cullen** did not have it off hand. She said it was widespread up until the end of March and then the numbers started to drop. When the pandemic started, seasonal flu started to drop down. **Malcom** said a recent report in MMWR said when people starting wearing masks and practicing social isolation, the influenza season abruptly ended. **Morgan** said the seasonal flu typically ends about that time anyway. She also read that the virus does not live well where the sun shines upon a surface. **Malcom** noted that even in Brazil, positive cases are high. **Morgan** said that **Cullen** and her staff have done tremendous work; **Nancy** and the staff at Emergency Management as well. **Malcom** requested a motion to support a letter of thanks to these two entities. **Morgan** moved to **APPROVE** said letter, **seconded** by **Osaro**. Motion carried 5-0. **Morgan** noted a pediatric issue showing up in New York with several children having multiple

inflammations and they feel like it is connected with the virus. **Malcom** said it appears to be similar to Kawasaki disease which often comes after a viral infection. Kawasaki disease is classically in children under 5 and this is affecting children up to age 15.

- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC– Kaczinski** noted around March 19th, they received phone calls to try and limit the number of people coming into the office. They discouraged bringing the entire family. They were told there was paperwork at the USDA. They changed some of the requirements when doing appointments with people. The paperwork was signed around the last week of March and meant that people no longer had to be present for appointments. Thus, they started doing everything by phone and text. They had the right to waive height and weight demographics and finger pokes for the moment. No-show rates have dramatically dropped. The door is still open for those who are unaware of the change. Card pick up is also available in person or for formula exchange. The waiver has been signed until the end of May. No extension has been noted yet. There will be a Farmer's Market this summer. They are waiting to see if the waiver will be lifted at the end of May to see if people can come into the office. If it is extended, they are looking at filling out checks for people interested in receiving them. **Morgan** noted that Camanche Farmer's Market is planned to start May 20th, but checks usually don't come until June. Social distancing will take place. **Cullen** will send **Morgan** the guidance for Farmer's Markets and frequently asked questions. **Malcom** questioned how vaccinations were going. **Cullen** noted they are taking in office appointments. They hope to open additional clinics in August once we get through the pandemic a little further.
- D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT–** Not in attendance.
- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)-** Not in attendance
- F. Women's Health Services– Montgomery** said they are providing staff with PPE for seeing patients. They are encouraging social distancing and only coming in for appointments that are necessary. They also ask that no extra persons attend the appointment, and they don't have them wait in the waiting room. For April, numbers are down considerably, but through the end of March, the normal schedule took place. The Teen Success Program came to a halt due to the pandemic. **Alycia Cheek** has done fantastic work and completed more than what was expected for the community and teen programs. She is trying to do things online through Facebook, etc. Through the end of March, they noted higher than normal positive STD testing. A 12% positive rate was noted and they are working with the state to make sure those patients are being treated. **Montgomery** requested approval of claims for the second semester of Teen Success and 3rd quarter Rapid HIV Testing claim. **Osaro** moved to **APPROVE** the Rapid HIV claim, **seconded** by **Thiltgen**. Motion carried 5-0. **Osaro** moved to **APPROVE** the Teen Success claim, **seconded** by **Sullens**. Motion carried 5-0. Approval was granted unanimously for **McClintock** to sign said claims.
- G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** **Mussmann** said regarding the treatment programs for ASAC, beginning April 1st, they were allowed teleservices for

outpatient services. All services are now being provided by phone. The MAT Clinic is still providing medication assisted treatment services daily. The counseling is what is on lockdown. Both Hightower and King House have requested that their programming remain open. Early in March, a few residential programs across the state had positive cases which lead to a need to find service places for the people in the programs. It is a priority to keep those going if possible. There is a protocol for any new people that come in. They must go on a 7-day separation quarantine at a minimum before they can come into the residential program with the other patients. If you are not a patient support representative that is already a part of the program, the services are being provided by telephone. No actual end date is in place yet.

- H. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center– Meyer** noted that services are still being offered onsite but also doing teleservices. The majority are choosing to do them via telephone. 100% of their intakes for new clients are being done in person, however, due to insurance reasons. The intake therapist and front desk staff are all wearing PPE, but not requiring the clients to wear it. Some providers have their own rules regarding PPE. Therapy sessions are occurring over the phone at about an 85% rate. No in-home services are allowed right now. Psychiatric service providers are all tele site already. For the 25% of clients that are still coming in, the staff is using proper PPE. About 30% of the therapy staff are choosing to work from home. 100% of case managers are working from home. 40% of the integrated staff are working from home. They moved on April 2nd into the new building and its is beautiful and working well. **Morgan** questioned new referral numbers, but **Meyer** did not have that info on hand. She stated the case load is certainly down right now, however. The first week they moved into the new building, their internet and phones were down for several days which definitely impacted this.
- I. **Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)-** Not in attendance.
- J. **Emergency Management– Burns** noted that she emailed **Cullen** and the Board of Supervisors a link to the DNR website regarding campgrounds. At the point of the last meeting, they were moving into their new office. Then the pandemic hit. They appreciate being in the new center as their new EOC is a very large room enabling them to social distance and manage the pandemic. EMA has been extremely busy. They set up their EOC and is activated during the weekdays. Not all the people as normal are allowed, so a virtual EOC has been set up as well. This enables the sharing of the latest guidance, information, request of resources, etc. EMA is the gatherer of resources and they then disperse it back out. They have been getting PPE in and have had volunteers in the EOC helping to assist them and deliver requests. The PPE sources were limited in the beginning, so sourcing out to unusual places has occurred. For example, a company that normally does solar panel films made face shields. The distillery in Le Claire made hand sanitizer, and a company that makes weather balloons made washable gowns. The supply lines are now opening up a little, but prices are high. **Burns** notes they also work with **Cullen** and Public Health every day. Over 1000 miles have been driven by volunteers delivering PPE and they have put in over 1100 volunteer hours. **Burns** thanks the volunteers and **Cullen** and her staff for all of their hard work. **Malcom** noted on the

MEI side, she did not have the 2019 death report yet but hopes to by the next meeting. **Burns** thanked **Malcom** for her work in helping set up protocols for the other medical examiner investigators.

- K. Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** noted 100% of their appointments are by telemed and not in office. Wednesday afternoons, the patients that have been seen by telemed can get vitals, swabs, or immunizations. They do a curbside clinic with a shipping container that is sectioned off into rooms. The patients are appreciative. They are also providing phones at their office to use to call in if they do not have their own. This will continue at least until the end of May. Most employees are working from home, only a small amount are in the office. This is going very well.
- L. EveryStep/MCAH-** Not in attendance. **Shannon McManus** previously noted that dental audits for schools were waived this year even though hers were already submitted.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin thanked EMA, Public Health, and the citizens of Clinton County. Things are going well county wide despite of the pandemic. We have been very fortunate that as a county we have not had any outbreaks with our nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Muscatine County has two there and it is absolutely awful. **Irwin** wanted to encourage those visiting for Mother’s Day that we do so from outside. No one needs to be allowed into the facilities housing those in the vulnerable age group. EMA has been doing a great job keeping everyone up to date and moving into the right direction. **Cullen** has been doing a great job working with the organizations throughout the county and helping with policies and direction. Multiple meetings have occurred via web and it is not the same as being in person, but we are doing our best to find a new normal. **Irwin** noted the conversation will start happening regarding opening things up at the county level next week. It is possible, but not set in stone, that they may bring employees back into the buildings the following Monday. Staff needs to be comfortable prior to bringing the public back into the facilities. The cafes, hair salons, and mom and pop type of stores are really getting hurt through this. **Irwin** notes he has learned that Medicaid payments have been coming in. If you are not caught up to date, please keep him informed. By the end of July, we should be up to date again.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Morgan noted that the primary election is coming up and she encourages absentee ballots.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

July 9th, 2020 and September 3rd, 2020 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Administration Building, Conference Room “B”. **Malcom** requested that you bring and wear your own mask. Please note meetings may be subject to change via Webex.

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Osaro**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to
the Board of Health

Approved For Dr Malcom Don Shultz
Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

Attachments can be viewed by contacting the Board of Health at the Clinton County Satellite offices.