

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
April 28th, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present (virtually)
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Present (virtually)
	Jenna Lovaas	Present

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

Others Present Michele Cullen, Genesis VNA
 Peggy Sullens, Early Childhood Iowa
 Cynthia Kazcinski, Hillcrest/WIC
 Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
 Lauren Schwandt, CSAC
 Kristin Huisenga, CSAC
 Nancy Burns, Emergency Management
 Chance Kness, Emergency Management
 Angie Eacker, Community Health Care
 Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health and Family Services

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Roll call showed 2 members present at the start of the meeting. 3 members later joined, with 3 being present at the meeting and 2 virtually. It was **moved** by **Morgan**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to **APPROVE** the March 3rd, 2022 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

No updates.

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** was present but reported no updates.
- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice**— report submitted by **Cullen**. **Cullen** noted that the Community Health Needs Assessment has been working on collecting data. It was noted that substance abuse, mental health and obesity seem to be at the top of concern for most. This will break down into small groups to see what other entities have as their goals. The Trauma Health Alliance has been working on this as well. The Let's Live Healthy group has been working on this for at least five years. Homeless in the community has also been of increased concern. The Resource Center, the Homeless Coalition and other entities have helped with that particular concern. The minutes from the last meeting were included in the report submitted. **Cullen** requested approval for any of the IDPH contracts that come up between now and the next meeting. She would like a motion to sign any public health, emergency preparedness or immunization related contracts that come up. **Morgan** motioned to **APPROVE** the potential contracts, **Lovaas** seconded. Motion carried 3-0. **Cullen** said two other informational sheets from the IDPH were included in packets. IDPH and DHS are still working on their realignment. Emergency Preparedness is finishing up the grant year. They did lose their grant coordinator, so **Cullen** will work to get a posting out in search for a replacement and have **Eggers** post online. Covid numbers have gone up a little over the last few weeks, but nothing that is alarming. The situation is continuing to be monitored. **Irwin** stated that the YWCA possible expansion within Clinton and Clinton County had over 241 applications. He noted that 98% of the applicants are former residents of the city of Clinton. If people are interested in trying to move something forward for homelessness, they should reach out to the mayor and city council members. He noted they are getting some pushback and things are not moving forward. The city does not seem to want a shelter within their city limits, but it is unsure of where else it could go. The Resource Center just received the JAG Grant and it looks like funding will be available to hire someone full time to be the coordinator there. The center has been helpful so far with homelessness. Conversations need to be had with the city of Clinton and city council. **Cullen** said Shannon at the YWCA is leading the assessment regarding this. She suggested getting a group together to go to the city council. **Morgan** questioned whether there was a homeless issue elsewhere in the county or is it just in the city. **Irwin** noted it is mostly in the city, at least 98%. He said regarding the 241 units, it could be one individual or up to a family of 5. He noted that a lot of this came about because during the Pandemic, the federal government put into place where you could not remove tenants for non-payment of rent. Once this was discontinued, many of the landlords decided they were not going to rent to those who could not pay.
- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC**— **Kaczinski** noted they are still redistricting for WIC, MCAH, Birth to Five, and ISmile. **Malcom** asked if they were aligning with public health districts. **Lovaas** noted that it did not. **Kaczinski** said they are redistricting counties so that when grants are written, the grant will be written for that particular collaborative service area only. That started this year. Dubuque and Delaware counties were put into a collaborative service area with counties north of them. Clinton and Jackson were put into a district with Cedar and Scott counties. When the grant came out, a rule was

written that you could only write it for one collaborative service area. Hillcrest would have to decide if they would write for the northern or southern service area. They decided to submit for the northern service area. They will be working with Scott County on the WIC grant as they have agreed to subcontract with Hillcrest to provide services in Clinton and Jackson counties. More will be announced on that in the future. **Kaczinski** noted that the First Five grant award was recently posted. Farmer's Market participation was down in 2021. 41% of the actual benefits were distributed. The redemption rate was 71%, however which was the highest in the state. There will be no change to the grant this year, they are just unsure of the funding aspect. Even though numbers were down, they were down across the state. March 30th was the end date for the increased amount that participants were getting for fruits and vegetables. The federal government has now decided to extend that until the end of September. Regarding the formula recall for Similac brands, production is starting to move again getting those brands back on the shelves. Some of the specialized formulas such as Similac Spit Up and Similac Sensitive are taking longer, however.

- D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT– Sellnau** let the board know that their agency has received a four year designation as an Early Childhood Board. This was a lot of work with putting the planning together and meeting with providers. Right now they are working on renewing contracts with providers including Genesis VNA, Lutheran Services, Community Action, Head Start (etc). They do have a meeting once a month called Zero to Five in 60 minutes. This is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am. The next is on May 11th and all are welcome. It is via ZOOM and **Sellnau** would be happy to send the link for anyone wishing to participate.
- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Huisenga and Schwandt** previously submitted the Take Back Your Medication flier for an event on April 30th at both the Clinton County Law Center in Clinton and the Camanche Police Department. The event runs from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at both locations. This event will for the first time ever, take back vape materials as well. So far with this program, 12,000 pounds of medication have been taken back and disposed of properly. If anyone is taking vape devices, they do ask that batteries be taken out and placed in its own baggie. They will also be having an annual celebration on Friday, May 6th from 8:00-9:00 am at the Clinton Administration Building and on Tuesday, May 10th from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Satellite office in DeWitt. Anyone is welcome to attend to hear all the great things these coalitions have done from 2020 and 2021. **Kaczinski** inquired at the medication take back event if that included OTC and prescription medications. **Huisenga** said yes, just no aerosol containers or needles. They do not need to take labels off, they will be dumping them into buckets and will take their own containers home. **Irwin** wanted to thank **Huisenga, Bloomfield**, and all others involved in getting the JAG Grant for the Recourse Center. **Malcom** requested a motion to approve a letter of thanks to the group on their efforts of the Jag Grant for the Recourse Center. **Lovaas** motioned to **APPROVE** such said letter, **Morgan** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- F. Women's Health and Family Services– Montgomery** requested the approval of 1st

semester Pregnancy Prevention and 3rd and 4th quarter Rapid HIV claims. It was **moved** by **Morgan**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to **APPROVE** the claims as submitted. Motion carried 3-0. She noted that they have been busy with Rapid HIV testing. 95 were done in the last six months. The early half of the year contained 3 positive cases; the second half has produced none so far. **Cheek** has continued to be in several schools. They have an event called the Spring Baby Fling on May 23rd for those pregnant or with children up to age 5. It runs in their parking lot from 9 am until noon and is once again a drive thru style.

G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Not in attendance.

H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center- Not in attendance.

I. Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)- Not in attendance.

J. Emergency Management- Burns said the state has decommissioned the area where they pick up PPE from the state after the Governor's Proclamation ends. The left over PPE was divided up and a volunteer went to Cedar Rapids to pick up our county's share. All of the community partners have been notified that they are unable to get more PPE from the state; however they do have an emergency supply they are storing. This emergency supply gets rotated out with the hospital as it does expire. They continue to work on their Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan. The person at the state that was in charge of this has retired and there is no replacement yet. Most of this has now been put onto the county as a result, so **Kness** has been working on this project. They are also planning on several exercises this year, catching up from those that were postponed during the Pandemic. The EOC rehearsal and FEMA evaluated exercises will be this summer. The CERT training was held with 20 new volunteers. **Irwin** got to see a disaster simulation at the Clinton Fire Department training grounds. The drone continues to be busy with helping map missions for Secondary Roads, responding to lost subjects, and a train derailment. The crisis response therapy dogs have been busy at local libraries participating in Paws to Read where children read to the dogs. They also sent dogs to an incident near Andover. On Friday, April 29th, they will help the Calamus-Wheatland schools with Operation Prom. There they will assist with makeup for the crime scene simulation. **Howard** will be there as well to discuss the MEI side of when an accident happens.

K. Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker stated they are still working on transferring patients from being curbside to being back in the building. Covid numbers have been dropping, but allergy visits have gone up.

L. EveryStep/MCAH- Not in attendance.

M. MercyOne MAT Clinic- Not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin thanked **Burns** and **EMA** for their continued efforts and work. He said the CERT training

was very informational. The Board of Supervisors is working on their decision regarding a solar project west of Grand Mound. The Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region will be working on expanding with children's services.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Morgan questioned whether there is ever a day for collection of items such as old paint. **Lovaas** suggested having a PSA of where you are allowed to take it. **Malcom** said there is typically a dump fee. **McClintock** said he can speak with them and see if they have something available as the city usually has their own collection days. The western side of the county is not taken care of quite as well in regards to things like special collections.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

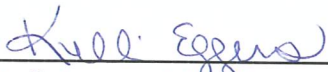
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

June 23rd, 2022 and August 18th, 2022 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Morgan**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to
the Board of Health

Approved 

Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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