Minutes - Clinton County Board of Health Public Meeting held

February 2nd, 2023 - 7:30 a.m.

Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM

Board Members

Dr. Mary Malcom

Present

Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED

Present

Don Thiltgen

Present

Chelsea Sullens, DPT

Present

Jenna Lovaas

Present

Staff Present

Shane McClintock, Director to the Board of Health

Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health

Others Present

Nancy Burns, Emergency Management

Kristin Huisenga, CSAC

Peggy Sellnau, Early Childhood Iowa

Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors

Reva Johnson, MercyOne MAT Clinic Angie Eacker, Community Health Care

Heather Montgomery, Women's Health and Family Services

Briana Boswell, Scott County Health Department

Maribeth Bousman, ASAC

Glinda Gonzalez, Bridgeview

Grant Melton, CSAC Carolyn Weets, CSAC

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was held with the option of in person or via ZOOM due to social distancing. Roll call showed 3 members present. 3 members were in the meeting room at the start of the meeting, 1 joined later, and 1 later joined via ZOOM due to unforeseen circumstances. It was moved by Thiltgen, seconded by Lovaas, to APPROVE the December 8th, 2022 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM III - BOARD OF HEALTH

It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the renewal of the Non-Congregate Sheltering Order for April – June 2023. Motion carried 4-0. **Malcom** noted that President Biden has officially declared the Pandemic over as of May 1^{st} , 2023.

The Board of Health unanimously elected calendar year 2023 committee assignments to be as follows:

Finance: Malcom, Sullens, Thiltgen

Total Quality Management: Sullens, Morgan

Personnel: Malcom, Thiltgen, Lovaas

AGENDA ITEM IV - COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance – No updates.

- **B.** Personnel Thiltgen noted he would be working on McClintock's review soon as it is due in March.
- C. Total Quality Management No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Environmental Services- McClintock stated that the lowa State University Extension office put out a post card encouraging well owners to call and have their water tested. Roughly 90 water samples are currently scheduled between February and March alone and the calls continue to come in. Malcom inquired about running out of grant funding. Eggers noted we received more this year at \$50,505 and we can always ask for fund reallocation if needed. McClintock noted the recent area PFAS issues. He has been in contact with the IDPH and IDNR regarding using some Grants to Counties funding to do some more outlying wells such as those further out than the 3 mile radius that have already been tested. The Board of Supervisors have already given permission to do such testing. McClintock noted that he and Eggers were looking at the pricing between different labs. They will come in at between \$400-\$1000 per well. He intends to test 15-18 to start. Malcom suggested having some written criteria to go along with the testing. McClintock stated that he intends to draft a letter stating the county is not responsible and the owner is not obligated to fix any issues and wants the county attorney to approve said letter. Irwin said he thought the letter to the well owner was a great idea and agrees that doing testing around 4, 6 and 8 miles out is ideal. He appreciated McClintock's explanation of why this is just now coming to light; that the EPA has drastically lowered the allowable amount of PFAS. Morgan noted that she is near the vicinity and would be happy to have her well tested.
- **B.** Genesis VNA & Hospice— Cullen could not be present but informational report submitted. She will be back in the office Friday if anyone has any questions regarding the report or anything else.
- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC- Kaczinski was unable to be present, but had no updates.
- D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT Sellnau was present with no updates.
- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Huisenga introduced Carolyn Weets who will be working on prescription drug misuse for ages 12-25 in Clinton County. The top

issues identified were social access and individual factors. They are planning to select environmental strategies to address these intervening variables. Huisenga introduced Grant Melton. He will be working on alcohol misuse (binge drinking/problem drinking) by age 45+ individuals in Clinton County. Huisenga invited anyone to meet Grant and Carolyn at an open house on February 22 from 1-3PM at the Clinton County Administration Building. Regarding the Camanche-DeWitt Coalition, Lauren Schwandt is working on the Drug Free Communities Grant which is in year 8, with a max of 10 years. They are working on sustainability for this grant. Schwandt is in Washington DC right now with 6 youth who met with all federal legislators yesterday. They are preparing for Day on Hill, bringing youth to the state Capitol on February 23. Huisenga wanted to remind everyone that medication drop boxes are available at area pharmacies. Thiltgen noted that Steve Cundiff is also with Schwandt in Washington DC, and all should look at the pictures on Facebook, which Eggers has shared on the department's page.

- F. Women's Health and Family Services— Montgomery stated they continue to stay busy with rapid HIV testing and syphilis testing as well. Last quarter, their office saw two positive HIV tests. They are working on getting the word out that their office has the ability to test for free. Cheek continues with the pregnancy prevention program in the schools. They have received some funding for emergency contraceptives and also continue with some Covid-19 testing.
- G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Maribeth Bousman introduced herself and said she is the operations manager at King House. Life Connections will no longer be providing substance abuse treatment. They will be almost fully staffed soon. She will be the lead councilor and said they are well prepared for the transition. They also have an outpatient office in Maquoketa and Anamosa. They also offer problem gambling treatment. Numbers are low according to the state. There is also a lot of talk regarding Narcan use in the community.
- H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center— Gonzalez said the IPR Program is growing. They have added another employee in that department. Two other positions were hired for their regional programs as well. They are still running with just one full time nurse practitioner and two others that are there for 24 hours each. Therapists are still needed, however.
- I. Emergency Management Burns said that Governor Reynolds created a school safety initiative as discussed in the last meeting. The contractors have evaluated the school buildings and reports will be generated soon. The schools are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 per building based on said reports. Dan Howard retired on January 3rd. John Bray has now taken over as Operations Officer. During Covid-19, EMA realized how important it was to keep a stock pile of PPE. Since PPE does expire, they are working with MercyOne on rotating PPE supplies so the county will always have a few weeks worth if something similar to this ever happens again. They recently held an active shoot training table top event with Genesis DeWitt. Soon they will have a full scale drill at West Wing, DeWitt. Burns previously submitted a year 2022 report to the Board of

Health regarding the CERT Team. Last year 2611 volunteer hours were logged. The Sheriff's office along with the Clinton Police Department recently had a 4-day training regarding active shooter training as well. **Thiltgen** questioned how many CERT volunteers we currently have. **Burns** stated 90 active.

- J. Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker said their office was very overwhelmed from late fall until the end of January. They have seen several cases of RSV, Strep, and Covid-19. They currently only have one dental provider and need another soon. They do have 4 medical providers and are still able to take new patients. They also offer HIV testing. They are also offering behavioral health at the Quad City location.
- K. Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Boswell said they have been busy at the service WIC locations for I Smile and maternal child and adolescent health. They have also been in daycares and Head Start. New staff have been hired. One hygienist was added, a family health coordinator, and also a nurse for WIC clinic locations. Regarding services, since the contract was started for the larger region, 229 families recently enrolled with Medicaid have received informing calls, 24 clients have received dental services, 11 families have received care coordination services, and 3 pregnant or postpartum have received maternal child health services. Lastly, one family has received a presumptive eligibility determination or same day Medicaid coverage. The subcontract with Genesis VNA continues for lead testing at WIC clinics. Funds are also provided for CCNC services in the area.
- L. MercyOne MAT Clinic- Johnson stated that they are at 23 patients currently. She is working with Director Malissa Sprenger and the MercyOne marketing team to do more marketing for the MAT clinic.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin said is currently at the state meeting for Board of Supervisors. Erin George is the newly hired Supervisor. She is coming in at a very busy time, budget season. Irwin thought the active shooter training was excellent. He stated it created a lot of conversation and is discussing another 3 day training regarding a large festival such as the one coming to Clinton this summer. No one from DeWitt or Welton fire departments were able to attend the last training. Irwin said that he appreciates McClintock's information regarding the area PFAS testing. He said Supervisor Srp lives in that radius being tested by the factory themselves. Rock Creek is also in that area. There are also solar and wind turbine projects being discussed within the county.

AGENDA ITEM VII - PUBLIC COMMENT

Malcom noted that the DeWitt Public Library will be working on the Unity Project soon. This is a public art project that demonstrates the similarities and differences of residents in the county. **Malcom** said they will be looking for volunteers and it will be an indoor, summer project at the library.

AGENDA ITEM VIII - OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX - NEW BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM X - NEXT MEETING DATE

March 30th, 2023 and May 25^{th} , 2023 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM XI - ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 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.