

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health  
Public Meeting held  
March 30th, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.  
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

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<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Absent
	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, Public Health/Genesis VNA  
                                 Nancy Burns, Emergency Management  
                                 Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest Family Services/WIC  
                                 Becky Nowachek, Iowa Department of Public Health  
                                 Heather Montgomery, WHFS  
                                 Patti Robinson, Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center  
                                 Briana Boswell, MCAH  
                                 Janette McMahon, DeWitt Public Library  
                                 Maddy Ranshaw, WIC  
                                 Maribeth Bousman, ASAC

**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 in the meeting room, 1 later joined. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to **APPROVE** the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 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** – **Thiltgen** noted that **McClintock’s** review was completed in March and it is available to be viewed upon request. He sent out an email requesting any comments prior to the review and received no feedback.
- C. Total Quality Management** – No updates.

## AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Environmental Services- McClintock** noted recent issues with the department Mastercard and obtaining statements on time for claim approval pay out dates to avoid late fees. To obtain authorization for **Eggers** to unlock the account or to make inquiries on behalf of the account for proper timely payments, it was requested to have approval to add the assistant to Board of Health Mastercard as a speaker and the director, **McClintock**, as the principal on account. It was **moved by Thiltgen**, seconded by **Lovaas** to **APPROVE Eggers** as a speaker and **McClintock** as the principal on said Mastercard account. Motion carried 3-0. **McClintock** noted that some of the PFAS testing is just starting to come in. So far one has come back with no detection, but two others with numbers that are quite high.
- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice- Cullen** submitted a report. She noted the Community Health Needs Assessment is almost done. They have been working with both hospitals to finish it as well as community partners such as ASAC, CSAC and the YMCA. **Cullen** requested a motion to **APPROVE** the immunization and Local Public Health Services contracts and applications. It was **moved by Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen** to **APPROVE** said applications and contracts. Motion carried 4-0. As mentioned in prior meetings, public health funding is switching from individual to population health. Foot clinics have been popular in the area. They would like to keep those going with county dollars. **Cullen** requested **APPROVAL** to move \$20,000 from population health to non-population health. It was **moved by Morgan**, seconded by **Lovaas** to **APPROVE** said request. Motion carried 4-0. **Cullen** recently attended a public health conference in Ames and there were good updates between the IDPH and DHS. **Eggers** mentioned the State Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2021 came back with no findings. **Cullen** said she would have the Genesis report soon.
- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC- Kaczinski** said that WIC is also split into service areas. Community Health Care out of Scott County is the grant administrator for area 14. **Maddy Ranshaw** is the WIC coordinator. The final redemption information for Farmer's Market is in. 29,572 sets of checks were distributed throughout the state last year. 88% of all the checks were distributed. \$260,901 in checks were redeemed by farmers, which is about 33% rate. Within Clinton and Jackson counties, 501 sets of checks were sent to out with 489 participants receiving them. This is a pretty low number even during compared to during Covid. One requirement that was created this year was to implement a breastfeeding peer counseling program. Scott County has hired 2 to fill those positions and they have completed their trainings. The Iowa Association of WIC Coordinators created a letter last month in support of modernizing services to include flexibility to allow virtual appointments to be done if going into the office was a barrier. The letter will be sent to **Senator Grassley** to encourage his support. Currently only 42% of eligible children in Iowa receive services at this time. **Morgan** questioned why the checks are not being redeemed well at Farmer's Markets. **Kaczinski** said she has heard a big reason was the time of the market. They want evenings. Some people don't know how to prepare the fresh food. **Morgan** said 4 to 6 pm is evening, it must be the ease of

ready made foods over fresh choices.

**D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT**– Unable to attend.

**E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)**- Unable to attend.

**F. Women’s Health and Family Services**– **Montgomery** said that the teen programs continue and are doing well. Nurses seem to now be calling with issues like pregnancy worries (etc.). Bellevue schools have reached out for education and **Cheek** will now be going to those schools as well. HIV screening continues and no new positives have been noted since November/December. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Rapid HIV Testing Claim & 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Teen Success Claim was requested. **Thiltgen** motioned to **APPROVE** said request, seconded by **Lovaas**. Motion carried 4-0.

**G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions**- **Bousman** is the lead counselor at the out patient clinic. They are fully staffed currently. They are running off same day assessments due to the amount of no shows for those scheduled out further. Substance abuse and problem gambling services are being offered in Clinton.

**H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center**– **Patti Robinson** is doing community outreach and helping with grants and general assistance. Site rehab is going well and they are getting a lot of referrals. A new site nurse practitioner was hired. **Gabe Gluba** has started a group that is taking referrals. **Amy Adams** is also new to Bridgeview and teaches anger management classes.

**I. Emergency Management** – **Malcom** submitted two reports. The Clinton County Medical Examiner’s Report for 2022 and the Iowa Overdose Data to Action Grant for Unintentional and Undetermined Overdose Deaths for 2021. In 2019 there were 437 deaths total. In 2022 there were 601. That is 150 increase. 407 were natural deaths in 2019, whereas 544 natural deaths in 2022. That number is holding fairly steady. The number of accidental deaths increased significantly last year. The suicide report will come later in the year. In 2019 there were 7, in 2020 there were 13, in 2021 there was only one and in 2022, there were 16 suicides. 43 decedents from Clinton County have been referred to the Iowa Donor Network. **Thiltgen** thanked **Malcom** for the report. **Malcom** said there were a cluster of suicides earlier this year where the decedents knew each other, and that likely drove the number up. **Burns** said they had training for active shooter incidents with the schools. This focused on how to coordinate all the agencies in the event of an active shooter event at a school. One focus was reunification planning for when the children would be reunited with their parents. A mini reification trial took place a few weeks ago. In April, they will have a drill. About 50 participants will volunteer in this drill. Several schools have requested Run, Hide, Fight training after the recent school shooting. A large active shooter training was held Monday at the former West Wing of DeWitt with several law enforcement agencies participating. CERT training will start in April. They have 90 current volunteers and 15 signed up so far for the new training. 2700 volunteer hours were spent last year. EMA continues to watch potential Mississippi flooding.

J. **Community Health Care, Inc-** Unable to attend.

K. **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Boswell** attended from Scott County. She said that maternal health and child programs continue to move forward including ISmile. The dental screenings at schools are being completed currently. That information is due to the state on May 31<sup>st</sup> and a report will be available in June. The maternal nurses are in WIC clinics throughout the service area 14 at least monthly.

L. **MercyOne MAT Clinic-** Not in attendance.

## **AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Not in attendance.

## **AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Janette McMahon of the DeWitt Public Library presented a project that they are going to be working on through this summer. It is called the Unity Project. It will give businesses and organizations the opportunity to promote their services. The idea behind the project is to show that the community is more connected than apart. Poles that are already in the library will be used with various colored yarns. Each pole will have a different identifier. Examples could be hair color, gender, whether they like dogs, if they connect with the LGBTQ community (etc.). The participant would take their yarn and wrap around each pole that they can identify with. At the end of the program, a spiderweb of colors will be seen showing how the community is connected. **Thiltgen** motioned to **APPROVE** the board's support with the Unity Project, seconded by **Lovaas**. Motion carried 4-0. The board requested a report after the project is complete. **Malcom** requested that the board assist with DeWitt Farmer's Market regarding mailings and applications. The Market does not have a physical address and positions change hands. **Malcom** requested that the Market be allowed to use the Board of Health's physical mailing address of 226 11<sup>th</sup> Street, DeWitt for their mailing address. **Thiltgen** motioned to **APPROVE** said request, seconded by **Morgan**. Motion carried 4-0.

## **AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS**

None.

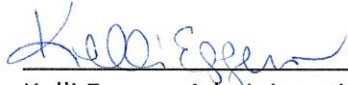
## **AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE**

May 25th, 2023 and July 20th 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 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to  
the Board of Health

Approved



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Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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