

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: January 15, 2020

TIME: 11:33 a.m.

LOCATION: Gus & Tony's Pizza and Steakhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Bill Withers, Jan Ellingson, L.P.N.; Betty Hogan and Dan Byrnes, Board of Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kiane Smith-Oral Health and I-Smile Coordinator; Ashley Havenstrite-Helping Services Tobacco Prevention; Jen Kimber-Helping Services/Prevention Services; Laurie Moody-Environmental Health Sanitarian; Sheryl Darling/Mooney R.N.-VMH Community & Homecare; Melinda Berns-Secretary to the Board of Health

There was no Advisory Board meeting as there were no policies to review.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Board of Health was called to order at 11:34 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeanne had some corrections to the October 8th and November 13th minutes. Corrections are: At the end of the October minutes it should state "Full audio minutes are available at the Environmental Health Office, instead of Veterans Memorial Community & Home Care office. Also, to remove the "VMH Community & Home Care" under the Adjournment on the last page.

For the November 13th minutes corrections are: Page 2-second paragraph- to say ACSD instead of Allamakee County.

Page 2-fourth paragraph-to say, "holidays responsibly" instead of "responsibility" and KNEI to tape service announcements, instead of "have" service announcements.

Page 2-where Sheryl presented- fourth bullet to say "influenza vaccination rates" instead of influenza rates. Last page to state "Full audio minutes are available at the Environmental Health Office, instead of Veterans Memorial Community & Home Care office. Motion to approve minutes with the corrections. Betty motioned and Dan seconded it. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jen Kimber-Helping Service-Abuse Advocate

- Shared list of services that are available.
- IDPH is wanting Helping Services to do community assessments to 30 people in the county. This is going to be a survey interview to find out awareness problems of marijuana use, prescription drug abuse, alcohol abuse, problem gambling, and nicotine use. They want to find out from these people if they feel it is a problem and how they would address it. They will be forming an ASAP subcommittee to work on IPN grant goals which is something that they also work with Jean Bossom, the Allamakee County Substance Abuse Coordinator.
- Mentoring for Youth Impacted by Opioids- There are 18 matches that have been made and they are spending time together doing various activities. Jen states that 18 matches are a great number.
- Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Services Grant- KDED is airing ads for recruitment. Articles will be sent to area media for upcoming events and hopes to gain more mentors. Two training sessions are planned for the year. One will be in Cresco on vaping on November 19 and one on prescription drug misuse in April in Allamakee County. Allamakee Mentoring Program has 14 mentor/mentee matches involving 29 people. Of the 14, 10 are supported with this grant. They hosted a Family Picnic event in August with 69 attendees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kiane Smith-Helping Services-Oral Health and I-Smile Coordinator

- Seven public or accredited non-public schools in Allamakee County were audited – Rates reflecting the percent of student who submitted either a valid Certificate of Dental Screening or a Certificate of Dental Screening Exemption in compliance with state law. Kindergartners were at 75% and 9th graders at 84%. Numbers are within state compliance. Of those students who submitted a valid Certificate of Dental Screening, the schools with high decay rates were Waukon High School at 14% and Cora B. Darling at 31%. Schools with poor return may be due to no full-time nurse at school, language barriers, or parents not wanting to sign names to forms. School nurses are a big help.

- 418 screenings were done in Allamakee county from October 2018-September 2019.

- There are 1,612 children aged 0-20 on Medicaid in Allamakee County with 0 offices currently accepting patients new to Medicaid.

- Lansing and New Albin fall below the optimal level of fluoride. These town have no fluoride in their water and Kianne states they would like to get them on board with fluoride added to their water. Water is the best way to get the needed fluoride.

Jeanne Stein suggests to Kiane to contact the mayors of these town to seek support. Sheryl Mooney states she would be interested in helping look for that support.

- Kianne states they are really pushing to get more students and parents involved in Postville Community. Again, numbers are low and language barriers are a big problem even though forms are sent out in different languages.

Ashley Havenstrite-Helping Services-Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Grant

- Tobacco My Life My Quit is a new confidential quitline program. Coaches are specifically trained to work with ages 13-17. Patients may call, text or go online to *mylifemyquit.com* to enroll. Once Quitline Iowa receives the request they will pass this on to the My Life My Quit Program.

- Ashley states they are looking for support to support nicotine free parks & trails. Dan Byrnes states she may want to talk with the County Conservation Board although they have not been supportive of it in the past. Betty Hogan asks about consequences if policy is broken. Ashley states that even if they place signage there for the no tobacco policy, there is no reprimand for breaking the policy.

Election of Officers: Dr Withers nominated Jeanne Stein as Chair. Betty seconded it. All were in favor. Dr. Withers nominated Jan Ellingson Vice-Chair and Dan seconded it. All were in favor.

Jeanne opened discussion on the appointment of BOH Secretary and Laurie Moody's Administrative Assistant. Laurie informed the Board that she thought the ad would run in the local newspapers for 2 consecutive weeks, but it only ran for one and asked for the Board's opinion if it should be ran again and if in other neighborhood (Decorah & Prairie du Chien) papers. Jeanne suggests running the ad in the newspaper for another week and keep it on the website an additional week with deadline of January 28.

Due to Tom's (Zoning) and Laurie's (Environmental Health) departments sharing the position at 50/50, Laurie would be willing to have her half of the new hire's start up pay be even with Tom's half that currently is at \$15,883 and assuming then that Tom's budget for FY21 will be raised to a minimum to meet Laurie's current rate of \$17,500. The line item for salary will also include any increases given to the rest of the courthouse staff for FY21 in order to keep new hire's pay competitive with employees doing similar jobs in the courthouse. Dan motioned and Jan seconded. All approved.

Vote on date, place, and time of 2020 BOH meetings to remain the same as previous year. Dan motioned and Dr. Withers seconded. Motion carried.

Jan motioned to table the 2020-21 budget due to not having budget sheets available to go over. Dan seconded.

Melinda will get the budget sheets from Denise Beyer and will email them to the BOH members. Jeanne states that members should plan on a telephone vote soon. Jan motioned and Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Sheryl Mooney-Occupational Therapy Summary has been received.

For someone to go into a home to see a client they need to have a RN/Skilled Nurse to be there to oversee them and open this case up.

With the closing of Mayo Clinic and the loss of providers there have been less visits in the last couple months.

Two nurses have left their agency and they have not replaced them.

They have only 10 doses of flu vaccines left for the public right now.

The agency has a lot of federally funded vaccines left but can only be used for a certain population up to age of 19.

Sheryl is in the process of updating the Emergency Operation Plan. This is a required service that needs to be provided. It is in conjunction with the Allamakee Emergency Manager, Corey Snitker, that they will do a tabletop exercise at the end of January with the region coalition of 8 surrounding counties on how to handle crisis when communication fails.

They will be doing another tabletop exercise with Corey and area fire and emergency service agencies in Waterville on Feb 8th dealing with natural disasters. There will be a full-scale exercise later this spring.

Sherly states these exercises are very important.

Sheryl states that we need to have area businesses in the county be trained to administer vaccines to their employees in case of something like H1N1 surfacing again. They will need to train larger employers, such as nursing homes, to administer vaccinations to their employees once they are given their allotment. Sheryl is working with Corey Snitker and Val Reinke on this.

Jeanne suggests tabling the LPHS activities for the new year. Don't know what activities to apply for other than what we already do? Motion made by Jan and Dan seconded it. Motion carried. Jeanne states next meeting will be March 11th.

Laurie Moody reviewed her quarterly reports. She states the grant for FY19 4th quarter amount of \$8,527 should be coming soon. This FY20 we had 1st quarter and most of 2nd quarter done and ready to enter into Grant to Counties. IDPH finally has their computer program at the state updated so we were finally able to submit that information. We should be receiving \$8,527 for the last FY plus this 1st and 2nd quarter for this FY which comes to \$14,191. Laurie states it will be good to add these amounts back onto the revenue sheets and into the well grant fund which is also used for salaries. It will be back up into the upper \$80,000s.

Full audio minutes are available at Environmental Health office.

FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty motioned to adjourn, and Jan seconded it. Motion was carried. All were in favor.

APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE** _____
Jeanne Stein, Chairperson

MINUTES TAKEN BY: _____Melinda Berns_____

**ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING FOR VOTE ON FY2021-2022 BUDGET**

DATE: January 23, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Environmental Health Office-Courthouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair and Melinda Berns, Secretary to Board of Health

Meeting was held for the vote on the FY2020/2021 budget that was discussed at the last BOH meeting that was held on 1/15/2020. Due to not having the paperwork needed to vote the BOH members are voting today via telephone. Jeanne states that there are no changes to the budget for this FY2020/2021.

Board of Health member votes are as follows:

At 10:03 a.m. we placed a call to Dr. Bill Withers. He voted "Yes" to the 2020/2021 budget.

At 10:06 a.m. we placed a call to Jan Ellingson. She votes "Yes" to the 2020/2021 budget.

At 10:07 a.m. we placed a call to Betty Hogan. There was no answer, so we left a message to please return our call to 563-568-4104.

At 10:09 a.m. we placed a call to Dan Byrnes. He votes "Yes" to the 2020/2021 budget.

At 10:11 a.m. we placed another call to Betty Hogan and again there was no answer.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:11 A.M.

APPROVED BY:

_____DATE_____

Jeanne Stein, Chairperson

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Melinda Berns_____

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: March 11, 2020

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Board of Supervisors Board Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Bill Withers, Jan Ellingson, L.P.N.; Betty Hogan and Dan Byrnes, Board of Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Laurie Moody, Mandy O'Neill, Sheryl Mooney and Lisa Moose

There was no Advisory Board meeting since there weren't any policies to review.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Board of Health was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jeanne had a correction to the January 23rd minutes. Corrections: On January 23rd special meeting minutes the dates needed to be corrected to 2020/2021 instead of 2021/2022. Motion to approve minutes with the corrections. Jan motioned and Dan seconded it. Motion carried.
- Request for Board of Health to approve public health grant activities-Lisa states Erin Barkema sent an email to make sure there was approval from the board of health. It is the same as prior with home care aides, skilled nursing visits, homemaking, blood pressures at special events, any type of education and policies & procedures. These things are what they spend their money on, and it's always used up. Betty motioned to approve the activities for the upcoming year and Dan seconded it. Motion carried.
- Jeanne asked board members for an update on how the leadership class is going. Members stated it is a good review of rules and regulations. They have been through three sessions so far out of 7. There is an online link to the leadership class where the presentations can be viewed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No guests present

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mandy O'Neill, new Environmental Health Administrative Assistant was introduced and discussion of appointing Mandy as new Board of Health Secretary. Dr. Withers made a motion to approve this and Jan seconded it. Motion carried.
- Options were presented on location of future meetings- the Board of Supervisors room, Robey Memorial Library meeting room or Waukon City Club. Time frame was also discussed. Members agreed to host the next meeting at Waukon City Club at 11:30am on May 13th. Dan motioned for this and Betty seconded it. Motion carried.

Community and Home Care Report

Medication audit report

- Correcting medications patients are able to order themselves.
- Overall chart reviews are brought back to the individual nurses to be reviewed.
- Plan of cares discussed- every patient has a folder with information about how often nurses, home health care aide and therapy are going into the home in a week. Patient can then personalize their goals. Plan of cares are updated every 60 days.

Acute Care Hospitalization Rate

- Working on reducing re-hospitalizations. Quality data is sent in by hospital to CMS. QA coordinator at VMH can track re-hospitalizations and states this rate has gone down at VMH based on CHC courtesy visits. When patients are discharged from the hospital, they are given the option of having CHC come to their home one time to make sure they have correct medications in their home, that they understand the Doctors orders. Patients have to meet a certain criteria for this service- live alone, elderly have a greater risk of re-hospitalization. CHC re-hospitalization rate is due to lack of accessibility for primary care.

Foot Care

- 77 clients were seen in 2019. Clinic is for those who are not able to independently care for their own feet. The foot clinic is available in a clinic setting at the CHC office on the 1st Monday of each month and a maximum of 10 clients per month can be seen. Podiatry is sending referrals to CHC due to Medicare restrictions for the podiatrist. Services are performed for a flat cash fee. No billing insurance or other payor sources is done.

Events Count

- 8 Total Events- 7 STDs and 1 disease investigation.
- COVID-19 Update- Discussion on the local level- about nursing home concerns and current restrictions to visitors. VMH and Good Sam have restricted to family only for visitors, although IDPH has not placed a limit on social distancing as of now. Most current report- 13 positives in state of Iowa, 46 negative and 27 pending. These numbers are from last weeks report. Influenza A & B have been identified. State Hygienic Lab is the only place in Iowa that can test for COVID. If Influenza and Acute respiratory distress have been ruled out, then a COVID test may be obtained. Discussion was had for the event that a positive COVID test would happen., If you have a positive test, you must then have two negative tests before being released. If a positive in our County happens IDPH will notify CHC and a voluntary isolation will be asked of them and if they deny, then they will be quarantined. Biggest concern at CHC is lack of PPE- the earliest a shipment can come in to VMH is April, possibly could be a wait until September. Long term care facilities and ambulance services are to call their local public health agency if they are low on supplies. Health Care Coalition is requiring Community Home Care to do a weekly count of supplies. At the Federal level supplies are going to the National Guard who are then helping to distribute them.

Expense and Revenue Reports summary was reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve it and Betty seconded it. All were in favor.

Full audio minutes are available at Environmental Health office.

FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at Waukon City Club at 11:30am.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan made a motion to adjourn at 12:47 p.m Jan seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE _____

Jeanne Stein, Chairperson

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Mandy O'Neill

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: May 13, 2020

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting via home computers due to COVID-19 Quarantine Orders

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Bill Withers, Jan Ellingson, L.P.N.; Betty Hogan and Dan Byrnes, Board of Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Laurie Moody-Environmental Health, Mandy O'Neill- BOH Secretary, Sheryl Mooney, Cindy Johnson and Lisa Moose- VMH Community Home Care and Isabella Murray-Iowa Starting Line Reporter

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Jeanne recognized the nurses for National Nursing Week and the wonderful job CHC nurses are doing during this pandemic time.

Lisa Moose presented on policy #47.5 Pandemic Infectious Disease-COVID-19. The policy is already in place, has just been updated. Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals did a survey and asked home care for updates in a one-day, four-hour time frame based on policies and procedures, quapi minutes and preparedness policies. DIA then reviewed the surveys and sent feedback and information back to VMH CHC. There were no issues with the policies and procedures that were sent in. Since the policy has been updated for pandemic infectious disease, this has been put in for review by the Board of Health. Dan Byrnes made the motion to present this policy to the Board of Health for approval.

Jan Ellingson seconded this motion.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dr. withers to adjourn Advisory Board Meeting, seconded by Dan Byrnes
Adjourned at 11:40am

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Isabella Murray was a guest in attendance from Iowa Starting Line- Newspaper Agency based in Des Moines. She had no public comments, just here to listen in.

OLD BUSINESS:

- March minutes were approved Betty Hogan made this motion and Dan Byrnes seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Community and Home Care Report:** Cindy Johnson, RN CHC- Quality Assurance Report QAPI Infection Control and Prevention- focusing efforts with homecare staff, patients and their family members. Some things CHC has implemented is having staff take their temperature before they start their day of work and at the completion of their workday. They need to report if they have a temperature and any symptoms they may possibly have. IDPH has expanded their symptom list, In addition to symptom checking and log sheets, nurses are also contacting their patients and doing a screening process prior to going into their household to see if the patient has any symptoms. If anyone might be ill, those patients are placed at the end of the day if it is safe enough to do so. All staff have full availability to PPE as well as N95 masks. They are following guidelines from IDPH

and CDC on how to preserve their masks. Nurses are only taking necessary equipment into their cars. Nurses don't do charting in the patient homes anymore- they can chart in their cars, the office or their own homes. One door at VMH is designated to enter for staff only, as well as a specific elevator.

- Events Count for 1st quarter of 2020. 12 STD, 19 COVID, 2 salmonella, 1 shingles for a total of 34 cases. Update on current COVID cases is 108 for Allamakee County. She stated if public health has a different case total that the state it is because of a delay in registering or a case may accidentally be placed in the wrong county, maybe someone gets added in twice.
- Jeanne requested Lisa Moose to discuss how they are approaching the contact tracing. Lisa states 2 h weeks ago they turned that over to the state. Every county in the state was given the option of keeping their own case investigations or handing them over. Since Allamakee County is a health department of two people, and they were looking at our numbers, it got very overwhelming for Sheryl and Lisa. So, they did hand over to the state the case investigation, contact tracing, notification to employers. They noticed they would have cases in the registry that didn't have phone numbers or addresses, so they were calling other agencies such as doctors offices trying to get the information that was needed to then contact the patient and provide the education that was needed. Several times throughout the day CHC does reconcile case counts with the state to be sure something isn't getting missed. Betty asked a question about if all tests from Agri Processers have been run through yet. Lisa stated the state sent in the Strike Force as it was too many people for CHC to test. Lisa states they tested over 400 with 12 positives as of now. Serology testing is not back yet. Further info is not available yet. Serology investigation would not be done with contact: tracing as the disease itself is over so you wouldn't know when they were infected. You should at least know they were then exposed and should hopefully then have some immunity. Jeanne asked if after the state has done all the contact tracing, do they get that info back to CHC so they then know who has been exposed or does it stay with the state? Lisa stated within their system, the information should be put into a specific slot so they can go in and look at it.
- Clinical Record Review- 24 charts and all rated in excellent category. A few things missing were patient rights- the Medicare form wasn't signed in 2 charts, 7 charts didn't have advance directive document placed in the chart. No concerns with comprehensive assessment, Plan of care 5 records didn't have a physician's order for admission which is a separate sheet, They did have signed orders. For homecare services, visit frequency didn't match which meant the patient may have been seen extra or they asked for a visit to be cancelled and there wasn't an extra order in there. Admission/discharge-one chart didn't have a detailed summary. No clinical record or wounds troubles.
- Jeanne had a question about Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals on infection focused control survey. Was it a questionnaire or what did it consist of? Lisa states it was a focused review where they were given 4 hours to provide information to them on policies and procedures for infection control, preparedness, all the staff and client's names, clients diagnosis, and staff & client phone numbers. They called employees to question them to be sure they understood the infection control practices that are in place. They called clients to ask what nurses and homecare aides are doing at visits, to be sure they were wearing appropriate PPE, to see if clients have acknowledged base of COVID. Clients all answered well, and they were pleased with the process.

Laurie Moody, Environmental Health Quarterly Report:

- Laurie states 3rd quarter has slowed down for her due to COVID, as she is not going out and doing as many water samples. Land is still selling, so septic inspections and real estate required water samples are still being done. For the quarter, there were 7 septic systems done for a total of 38 for the year, TOT inspections are 50 for the year, water samples were at 52 for the quarter- 205 for the year, January was radon awareness month, so that boosted radon kit sales with 27 sold for this quarter and 51 sold for the year. We had 2 animal bite investigations this quarter, 13 for the year. Laurie completed some classes before the shut down, but she was also exempted from having to do classes and continuing ed while everything has been shut down too, which will have to be made up at some point such as her certified pool operator license for pool inspections. They are allowing some online

classes at this point. We did plug 7 wells this quarter, taking \$3,500 from G TC money this quarter with 17 total wells plugged for the year. GTC has \$8,500 remaining dollars to spend this year. Laurie stated during this quarter they interviewed for the Administrative Assistant position and chose Mandy O'Neill. She stated Mandy has done a very good job and keeps her and Tom on their toes! Due to the pandemic process, our office has been closed down. We are in the process of getting sneeze guard material on Mandy's desk so when the courthouse does open back up to the public, there will be a 2-sided barrier for protection around the desk. All courthouse offices are in the process of doing this. The supervisor's hallway is currently where we meet people at. Discussion was had by Laurie about the tattoo parlors and hair stylists that have contacted her for information on the closure. Although she does not inspect these places, they had questions.

- PPE for environmental health and zoning departments supplies have been discussed with Corey Snitker in Emergency Management Laurie does keep supplies in her County vehicle and has enough, As for our office, we have enough to keep us safe such as gloves, masks and hand sanitizer.
- Expense and Revenue Reports for March and April* no one had questions or comments. Reports are accepted as presented from Auditors Office.
- Board of Health Chair comments/correspondence- The Board of supervisors sent an email to request that the COVID-19 cases in Allamakee County be provided by zip code from public individuals requesting this. Dan Byrnes commented that the results are being developed and will be available. He stated there was concerns on HIPPA and the County Attorney weighed in stating that this is something we should do and it's not a violation. This info was posted to Facebook from the individual who gathered this information. The opinion from the County Attorney and Sheriff stated it is ok to release this information by zip code. Information will be updated every Monday and Thursday
- Sheryl Darting-Mooney with CHC noted they are trying to reduce and educate businesses on VID-19 awareness to assist in preventing the spread. There is a large number of asymptomatic cases. They are promoting mask wearing and social distancing. Laurie commented that she has been getting asked about the zip code release and that our County is on a 4-county border where the zip code can transfer into other counties such as Winneshiek. Clayton and Fayette, We are depicted on a zip code that can go into additional counties. She tells people the information is to be taken for what its worth, its not depicting a town, rather a zip code. There will be some varying numbers by zip code. Three counties will vary within a zip code. Jeanne asked Dan if there have been any strong promotions from County Supervisors about mask usage with the county openings Dan stated this info will really be coming from Public Health or the Governor. He sees a lot of the direction coming from the State, not by County.
- Jeanne stated what a great job the Long-Term Care facilities in our area are doing with no cases! They did a great job starting early on by closing their doors.

Full audio minutes are available at Environmental Health office.

FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at Waukon City Club at 11:30am.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan made a motion to adjourn at 12:41 p.m. Dr. Withers seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVED BY:

Jeanne Stein, Chairperson

Jeanne Stein

DATE app. 7-8-20
signed 7-22-20

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Mandy O'Neill

Mandy O'Neill

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: July 8, 2020

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting via home computers due to COVID-19 Quarantine Orders

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Bill Withers, Jan Ellingson, L. P.N.; Betty Hogan and Dan Byrnes, Board of Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mandy O'Neill- BOH Secretary, Sheryl Mooney, Cindy Johnson and Lisa Moose-VMH Community Home Care and Jennifer Kimber with Helping Services

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No policies to review.

Motion made by Dan Byrnes to adjourn Advisory Board Meeting, seconded by Jan Ellingson

Adjourned at 11:34am

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jennifer Kimber is joining representing Helping Services

OLD BUSINESS:

- May minutes were approved. Doctor Withers made this motion and Betty Hogan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jennifer Kimber is presenting on behalf of helping services: Domestic Abuse advocacy program is going with 24-hour response line in Allamakee County. No events have been held due to COVID-19. The program has a teen domestic abuse advocate for this program as well for teens who may be in a relationship with domestic abuse or are in a home with domestic abuse as support to them. Family education and support services- parents as teachers' program and the family educators that go into homes for children ages birth-3 and provide resources for parents. With the prevention services, there is an integrated provider network grant from IDPH where they finished tri-ethnic surveys in the county. They had 30 key respondents who did the survey and they will be scoring these soon to determine readiness of the county to address priority issues such as problems gambling, alcohol, prescription drug misuse, tobacco and this will then be presented to the Board of Health. Grant just finished for fiscal year for the county-24 adults who gained knowledge on prescription drug misuse through the generation RX program. New Life Iowa was promoted as a resource for Iowans. Formed an ASAP sub committee was formed to work on integrated provider network grant goals working with Jean Bossom. 21 participants gained knowledge on responsible gifting related to lottery and scratch tickets through a presentation. Tobacco Use Prevention and Control grant ended 6/30/20 with six businesses in the county that either adopted or updated their existing policies to support a nicotine free environment. Waukon Park and Rec Dept supported a nicotine free environment for the aquatic center and they were offered free signage. For the new fiscal year, they are going to continue to increase the number of nicotine free businesses in the County and raise awareness for Quitline Iowa and my life, my quit. My life, My quite is for those under the age of 18. Nicotine free parks and trails will not be part of the work plan for the next fiscal year. Quit kits are still available for hospitals or clinics to hand out and any Iowan can receive no cost

coaching with quit line Iowa through 1-800-QUITNOW. Youth mentoring program is a program in Allamakee County for youth impacted by opioids and improving tomorrow grant which is prevention focused mentoring. Through the month of July there will be newspaper and radio ads to try and find more mentors. Mentor-Mentee interviews are being conducted through zoom. First virtual training has taken place on Generation RX which is prescription drug abuse in May. There are 2 girls and 3 boys waiting for a mentor with currently 14 matches in the County. One match has closed recently due to poor communication. The matches can meet face to face if they choose to.

Sarah Noack from Unity Point Health: Written report was given and added to the minutes.

Community and Home Care Report:

- Cindy Johnson gave the report on performance improvement project for the foot clinic and for infection control. Overview of foot clinic typically this is one time per month but with COVID and the closing down of non-essential services, this has not been held for a few months. Several calls were received from clients who participate in that program, so plans were put in motion to safely put this service in place again. Phone contact was made with all the clients and reviewed the signs and symptoms of COVID with them, instructed if these signs or symptoms developed to not come, instructed them to wear a mask, instructed which entrance to use. When they arrived at the hospital, they were then screened with questions and temperature. CHC staff came down to hospital entrance and escorted staff upstairs to the room where service was taking place. Nurses were scheduled in time increments and only one client at a time with additional time for cleaning in between. The next time there is a service, all appointments will be scheduled prior to 2pm as there is no longer hospital reception staff to help or if appointments are scheduled after 2pm a CHC secretary will need to be at the hospital entrance.

Infection control- 14 CHC clients were contacted. Every nurse has two clients who were contacted with a screening process took place over the phone to ensure that our staff were carrying through with the security measures put in place to protect staff and clients. These measures include: Making sure patients are being screened for COVID symptoms, making sure staff is using gloves, wearing masks, washing their hands and using alcohol-based hand sanitizer. If nurses are carrying in bags, making sure they are covered with a plastic bag over top and making sure education has been provided. In the office we have printed handouts for clients on COVID. Every client was confirmed to have printed or verbal education. One client was using a scarf as a mask but with our community donations of handmade masks, we were able to give her one.

- Events Count for 2nd quarter of 2020 given by Sheryl Darling-Mooney. 109 investigated infectious diseases- 1 anaplasmosis, 1 Campy, 5 STDS, 100 COVID, 1 Crypto, 1 shingles. Immunization clinic is opened back up on Wednesdays in Mayo Clinic building lab area. Patients call and make an appointment. They are screened at appointment making and arrival. • COVID Update- Allamakee County is at 136 total cases. They stated case counts are taking a while from the state level to show in the system. Messaging to the community is the same, wear a mask, practice social distancing. They have been working with school groups and nursing homes on moving forward. Nursing homes are on phase 1, trying to move to phase 2. What this means is initially the hold up was needing to have conventional use of PPE which meant every time they entered a patient room, they had to be fully garbed and have enough PPE to throw away at every encounter, which is not possible. There are still shortages on PPE. If a nurse enters a room with a positive case, or a patient in isolation then conventional use PPE is in place, otherwise its reused. They are preparing for all nursing homes in Allamakee County to be ready to open all together. If a positive case arises, then there will be setbacks, but goal is to all open together. Sheryl did a radio announcement on COVID and an article in the newspaper every week which is getting shared on social media sites. Basement Clinic rooms are being used for doctors to see patients.

- Expense and Revenue Reports for May and June- no one had questions or comments. Dan made a motion to approve these reports.

Full audio minutes are available at Environmental Health office.

FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020 via zoom at 11:30am.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan made a motion to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. Betty Hogan seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Jeanne Stein DATE 9-9-20

APPROVED BY: Jeanne Stein, Chairperson

Mandy O'Neill

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Mandy O'Neill