

FINAL MINUTES

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 19, 2023

Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse
201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

Board Members Present: Sara Davenport, Dr. Khristian Becker, Nin Flagel, Doug Latham, and Dr. Gerald Bybee.

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Townsend Jackson County Health, and Ruth Eltrich Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by Dr. Khristian Becker at 7:01 p.m. and a quorum was established. A sign-in sheet was distributed. Those in attendance were:

- Jen Warren, Community Health
- Julia Furne, DFC Grant Project Coordinator
- Cynthia Kaczinski, WIC Coordinator (via Zoom)

MINUTES: Approval of meeting minutes from July 18, 2023. Motion by Latham, seconded by Davenport to move minutes approval for July 18, 2023. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agency Reports

ASAC – Sarah Wright, Prevention Specialist

Sara Wright was not in attendance. Update was presented by Julia Furne. Wright is working on goals of 10 referrals to Quitline and creating student groups.

ASAC – Julia Furne, DFC Grant Project Coordinator

Julia Furne presented an update on the Drug Free Communities Grant. The grant has been awarded for years six to ten. It will provide Jackson County with \$125,000 a year for five years, a total of \$625,000. There have been 104 alcohol compliance checks and nine Responsible Beverage Server Trainings. Furne provided an update on a new mental health grant, Resiliency Zone Initiative. Jackson County was one of two counties chosen in Iowa for this project. Furne discussed the difficulty with tracking opioid deaths. There is a program available through the DEA that will provide information on overdoses in Jackson County. Furne updated the board on completed safety checks. During the safety checks marijuana was found. Discussion followed. Furne mentioned an upcoming medication take back at the Senior Fair. Discussion followed regarding the disposal of hazardous waste such as needles. Waste Authority has a HazMat Grant for the disposal of needles. Information about the program can be provided to individuals upon request.

Community Health – Jen Warren, RN

Jen Warren provided an update on Covid vaccines in the county. There is need for education on how to store covid vaccines. Currently there is a shortage of vaccines for the public health program. Discussion followed about the cost of vaccines through

private providers. Vaccine clinics will begin at the end of the month. Warren provided an update on the RSV vaccine. Flu shots will begin in October. Warren provided information on an upcoming Hazard Mitigation in March. The scenario will happen in Clinton, it will mimic a rail accident with anhydrous.

Hillcrest Family Health Services – Cynthia Kaczinski, WIC Coordinator

Cynthia Kaczinski was unable to present her update. The update was included in the packet for board members to review.

Environmental Health – Elizabeth Townsend

Elizabeth Townsend presented an update on Grants to Counties. Townsend will be conducting a PFAS test with special approval from the DNR. The PFAS test checks for forever chemicals in the water. Townsend gave an update on the Droessler water project and an update on the Leisure Lake sewer system. Currently it is believed that the DNR needs to be involved and it should not be monitored by the Board of Health, or the Sanitarian given that the sewer system is a public system. EIRUSS does have a sewer manager for the Leisure Lake area. A meeting is being planned for further discussion. Townsend presented an update on cabins in the county that are only accessible by boat and do not have a way to put in a septic system but do have water. There is interest by some of the property owners in rebuilding or making the cabins larger in these areas. A meeting is being set up with the DNR to discuss this further.

Unfinished Business – Application for Approval of Wastewater Effluent Discharge onto Jackson County Right of Way

Townsend presented an update on the Application for Approval of Wastewater Effluent Discharge onto Jackson County Right of Way. Townsend met with the county engineer and the county attorney to discuss the application. The county attorney suggested requiring the property owner to carry an insurance policy. The property owner would be held responsible for any damage to the system. This would be a joint permit between the Health Department and the Engineer's Department. The permit fee, approximately \$500.00, would be split between the two departments. Discussion followed. Board of Health members would want this permit to be used only in extreme situations where there is no other option for a septic system. The application could require a variance from the Board of Health and possible approval from the Board of Supervisors as well. Townsend explained that this would not apply to parcels without a road right of way, effluent discharge would need to be tested every year, and this application may apply to only 1-2 properties per year. The Board of Health suggested that the application fee be paid in advance, the applicant ask for a variance from the Board of Health, that there is a requirement for insurance and yearly testing, and that the applicant present to the Board of Supervisors. Townsend suggested writing a policy to go along with the application and possibly updating the Jackson County Ordinance to include the policy. No motion was made regarding the application as further discussion and information is needed. The application will remain on the agenda for the November 21, 2023 meeting as unfinished business.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: November 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion by Latham, seconded by Flagel to adjourn the September 19, 2023

Board of Health Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.