

FINAL MINUTES

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse

201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

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

Board Members Absent: Dr. Gerald Bybee

Staff Member Present: Elizabeth Townsend Jackson County Health, 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. A Zoom meeting was launched. There were no people attending via Zoom. Those in attendance were:

- Sara Wright
- Michele Cullen
- Jen Warren
- Julia Furne
- Briana Boswell

MINUTES: Approval of meeting minutes from November 21, 2023. Motion by Davenport, seconded by Latham, to move minutes approval for November 21, 2023. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agency Reports

ASAC – Julia Furne, DFC Grant Project Coordinator

Furne provided an update on alcohol checks. Furne provided information on underage individuals having access to alcohol in people's garages. Furne provided a photo of a billboard for Bellevue and Maquoketa bringing attention to the issue. Currently there is a billboard in Maquoketa for a cannabis dispensary in East Dubuque. It is allowable to advertise illegal substances in our area. Furne stated they are unable to buy out the billboard and that students in the area are aware of the billboard. There is work being done to build youth advocacy groups in local schools. Furne provided an update on their holiday list of accomplishments.

Community Health – Jen Warren, RN

Warrens provided an update on the public health report. The public health report was processed as of the 12th of January. Two of the focuses for Jackson County are brain health and decreasing obesity. A medicated assisted treatment center was started at one of the churches. Opioid dollars are being used to provide funding. Warren is starting the Jackson County Local Preparedness Committee. A meeting will be held next Thursday and Warren will send out a reminder. Warren will be participating in a Chemical Annex on March 5th; it will be a mock rail derailment with a chemical. Numbers were down for childhood vaccine clinics due to the free flu clinics. Public health provided 393 shots for children in Jackson County.

Michelle Cullen shared Iowa Health and Human Services of Iowa information. Cullen stated all services that fell under Health and Human Services were reviewed. A private organization HMA was contracted, they did a lot of surveying, calling, and meeting with private and public entities to get input on what they thought was important. One key theme was continued local presence and local control. Dr. Kruse, the medical director for HHS, released that report to the public. The first area being considered is behavioral health and its realignment. A legislative bill is being worked up.

Family Health Manger – Brianna Boswell

Boswell provided an update on serving Jackson County, this is their second year. The maternal child program runs with the fiscal year. They collaborate with Michelle and staff at Genesis VNA. Lead screenings are done through the child health program. Fourteen children were screened for lead in Jackson County, and none were elevated. The healthy pregnancy coalition is coming up in January. Healthy pregnancy nurses were at five WIC clinics in Maquoketa. Dental screenings for children are done at these clinics as well. There were 110 newly eligible families for Medicaid in Jackson County. These families were contacted to help them find services they were qualified for. I-Smile is growing in Jackson County. 101 services for 34 children in Jackson County were completed. There is a strong interest in getting kids kindergarten ready. ECI funding is an important part of funding I-Smile. ECI funding also covers CCNC staff time. 57% of early childhood educators are participating with CCNC already. Discussion followed about the screening process for lead and how eligibility is determined.

ASAC- Sarah Wright

The ISTEP Chapter started a youth advocacy group. A presentation was made by a student who shared her experience with vaping and its consequences. It was well received. Vaping education has been shared in the Maquoketa Middle School and High School. It was also shared in Easton Valley. Quitline information has been shared with community businesses.

Environmental Health – Elizabeth Townsend

Townsend presented an update on Grants to Counties. The 2nd quarter claims have been accepted. Townsend has \$1,000 in the Grants to Counties budget that she would like to put toward a webpage or website for water tests. This site would allow individuals to schedule their water tests and view results. Geo Permitting is turning out well. The first Environmental Health online application will be available February 1st for our installers. The installers will be able to login and fill out the application and pay the fee online. Our installer examination will also be on the Geo Permitting site. Townsend will send installers the link, they will take the exam and it is self-grading. If they do not pass, they will have an opportunity to take it again later. Townsend anticipates having all permits live by April 1st. Townsend's goal is to have everything electronic by 2025.

Townsend provided an update on the Droessler water project. The contractor is shut down for the season. A connection has been made in Spruce Creek Park. Some construction has been done at the site and the contractor is securing and stockpiling materials for work in the spring.

Townsend is the chair of the safety committee for Jackson County. Additional safety

policies need to be created for the Environmental Health Department. There is currently a soil testing policy, but it will need to be revisited.

Townsend continues to work on the rabies prevention ordinance. Townsend has been researching other countries' policies and hopes to provide information at the next meeting.

Dr. Khristian Becker stated that recently we have had a positive rabies case in a bat in Jackson County.

New Business-

Annual Designation of Board of Health Chairperson for 2024

Dr. Khristian Becker volunteered to remain the Board of Health Chairperson for 2024. Discussion followed.

Motion by Flagel, seconded by Davenport to appoint Dr. Khristian Becker as Board of Health chairperson for 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Designation for Board of Health Vice Chairperson for 2024

Dr. Gerald Bybee is currently the Board of Health Vice Chairperson, it was recommended that he remain in that role for 2024.

Motion by Davenport, seconded by Flagel to appoint Dr. Gerald Bybee as Board of Health Vice chairperson for 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

2024 Environmental Health Fee Schedule

Townsend completed a fee study to compare Jackson County's Environmental Health Fees with those of other counties. Townsend explained the reasoning behind the fees that were suggested. Some fees are higher than in other counties but given the amount of work required the Townsend believes the cost is justified. Townsend explained that the Environmental Health Fees have not be updated since the early 1990's. Discussion followed. There will be a new fee for commercial permits, installations completed before a permit is issued, the septic installer exam, and an updated fee for the first-time installer license. Discussion followed regarding the fee for the radon kit. Townsend explained that there are times residents want her to come out and set up the radon test kit for them. Board members suggested an extra fee be charged for setting up a radon test kit. Discussion followed. Board members agreed to charge a \$15.00 installation fee for radon kits.

Motion by Latham, seconded by Davenport, to approve the 2024 Environmental Health Fee Schedule with the addition of a \$15.00 installation fee to the radon test kit.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: March 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion by Flagel, seconded by Davenport, to adjourn the January 16, 2024 Board of Health Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Adopted: 3/19/2024