

## **FINAL MINUTES**

### **JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse

201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

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

**Board Members Absent:** Doug Latham

**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 Chair Becker at 7:01 p.m. and roll call was taken. The Zoom meeting was launched. There were no people attending via Zoom. Those in attendance were:

- Julia Furne
- Jen Warren

**MINUTES:** Approval of meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. A change was requested in the draft minutes under the report from Sarah Wright the term ASAC should be ISTEP. Motion to approve meeting minutes, with change requested, by Davenport, seconded by Bybee. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Agency Reports**

#### **ASAC – Julia Furne, DFC Grant Project Coordinator**

Furne presented an update. ASAC participated in a partnership with Wal-Mart regarding Narcan. The webinar is available on YouTube. April 18<sup>th</sup> there will be an event at MAE with Jeff Johnston. He will be speaking about losing his son to an overdose. Furne stated they have been working with kids in Bellevue. Students were given notecards to write down what they wished their parents knew. Furne stated the results have been interesting. Furne presented two handouts about cancer and alcohol consumption in Iowa. Jackson County is the highest county in Iowa for binge drinking. Furne will share a link to the report to be shared with the Board of Health.

#### **Community Health – Jen Warren, RN**

Warren presented an update. Covid guidelines have changed for 65 and older. If you are 65 and healthy the recommendation is to get a booster four months after your last booster, if you have health issues the recommendation is to get a booster two months after your last booster. Covid, Flu, and RSV guidelines have been updated by the CDC. The five-day quarantine guidelines have ended, it now is up to the individual and how they are feeling. Warren gave an update on the Jackson County Emergency Planning and Preparedness Committee. Warren is working on putting together a communication template. Warren is requesting that the Board of Health Members provide an email and phone number for the plan. Warren is updating plans and policies for Jackson County Public Health.

#### **Environmental Health – Elizabeth Townsend**

Townsend presented an update on Jackson County Environmental Health. Jackson County is one of the top three counties in the state for well rehabilitation. Three water test ads were sent to local newspapers and should be running this week. Promotional magnets will be available in late March and will provide reminders for yearly water testing. The Private Well Stewardship Program will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The location will be changing but participants will be contacted with the new location. Geo Permits has gone live. The Board of Supervisors has approved a new website. It should be live in the next few months. It will be more user friendly than our current website. Townsend presented an update on the Droessler water project. Townsend presented an update on the possibility of a rabies prevention ordinance. Townsend will research to identify how other counties run their rabies prevention programs. Townsend presented an update on commercial septic tank inspections.

Townsend discussed ways to provide email addresses to Warren for the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Discussion followed. It was decided it was more appropriate for the emails to go to Townsend and then be filtered through to the Board of Health.

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date: May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn:** Motion by Bybee, seconded by Fligel to adjourn the March 19, 2024 Board of Health Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Adopted: 5/7/2024