



LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | 4:00 PM
Harris Building | Conference Room 234
1020 6th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401



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I. Call to Order - Karl Cassell, Chair

Mr. Cassell, Board Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Board of Health Present: Karl Cassell, Dr. Dustin Arnold, Ben Rogers, Erica Bernard, and Melissa Walker.

Linn County Public Health Members Present: Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director; Eric Bradley, Deputy Health Director; Heather Meador, Clinical Services Branch Manager; Dustin Hinrichs, Food and Aquatic Safety, Tattoo Tanning Branch Manager; Ruby Perin, Healthy Homes Branch Manager; Anne Carter, Health Equity Project Manager; Kim Honn, Office Manager; Cindy Fiester, Chronic Disease Services Coordinator; Kristy Knight, AmeriCorps Intern; and Becca Orth, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

II. Recognize Guests/Staff - Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director

Guests Present: Chris Taylor, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Becky Hackett-Leas, Johnson County Public Health; Diana Strahan, HACAP; Jennifer Martin, HACAP; and Roberta Sloat, Johnson County Public Health

III. Public Comment: Three Minute Limit per Speaker

Jennifer Martin with Johnson County Public Health spoke about a Home Visiting Program Pilot for expecting and new mothers. There are 13 enrolled right now.

IV. Approve Agenda*

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

****MSC Rogers/Walker**

BOH member/s excused absences

None

V. Approval of Minutes*

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Motion made to approve above minutes as presented.

****MSC Rogers/Walker**

VI. Make It OK Presentation

Anne Carter, Linn County Public Health – Health Equity Project Manager

Ms. Carter presented a PowerPoint and took questions from the Board.

VII. I-Smile Presentation

Becky Hackett-Leas, Johnson County Public Health — I-Smile Coordinator

Ms. Hackett-Leas presented a PowerPoint and took questions from the Board.

VIII. Board of Health Committee Reports

Finance and Administrative Review Committee - Karl Cassell, Committee Chair
March 2024 Financial Statements*

Motion made to approve March 2024 Finance Statements.

****Rogers/Walker**

Policy and Government Relations Committee - Erica Bernard and Melissa Walker, Co-Committee
Chairs

The meeting was cancelled.

IX. Health Director's Report - Dr. Dwivedi

- **Article – A New Use for Dating Apps: Chasing STDs was discussed.**
- **The 2023 Immunization Report.**
- **Pramod was asked to be a Peer Reviewer for the Bloomberg American Health Initiative-funded report.**

X. Deputy Director, Mr. Bradley, updated the Board on legislative bills that were waiting for the Governor's signature. He advised on legislative bills that did not pass.

XI. Board of Health Attorney Report - Cory Speth None

XII. Next Meetings

Board of Health Meeting – May 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Finance & Administrative Review Committee –

May 16, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

Policy & Government Relations Committee –

May 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

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* Action Item

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