



LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 4:00 PM
Harris Building | Conference Room 234
1020 6th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401



Call to Order - Karl Cassell, Chair

Mr. Cassell, Board Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Board of Health Present: Karl Cassell, 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; Riley Cole, Communication Specialist; Amy Hockett, Assessment & Health Promotion Manager; Wanda Reiter Kintz, Air Quality Branch Manager; Maddie Gilmore, Epidemiologist and Becca Orth, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

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

Guests Present: Marissa Payne, The Gazette

New staff recognition of Maddie Gilmore who accepted the Public Health Epidemiologist position effective on Monday May 20, 2024.

Public Comment: Three Minute Limit per Speaker

None

Approve Agenda*

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

****MSC Rogers/Walker**

BOH member/s excused absences

Dr. Dustin Arnold

Approval of Minutes*

April 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve above minutes as presented.

****MSC Rogers/Walker**

Presentation - Food & Aquatic Safety, Tattoo & Tanning (FASTT)

Dustin Hinrichs, Linn County Public Health - Food and Aquatic Safety Supervisor

Mr. Hinrichs presented a PowerPoint and took questions from the Board.

Board of Health Committee Reports

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

Motion made to approve April 2024 Finance Statements.

****MSC Rogers/Bernard**

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

Position Statement - Harm Reduction*

Position Statement - Support for LGBTQ+ Individuals*

After some discussion both above-mentioned Position Statements were TABLED until the next meeting.

Health Director's Report - Dr. Dwivedi

Closure of Hy-Vee on First Avenue NE

LCPH was informed of the Hy-Vee closure effective on June 23, 2024.

Dr. Dwivedi wrote to the Mayor and City Manager to offer help. He provided maps of the affected area, and a discussion was held.

Hy-Vee will offer free grocery delivery to residents surrounding the closure for up to one year and a shuttle service for prescriptions through September 1, 2024. Hy-Vee is also partnering with HACAP on food distribution efforts.

The goal of this Board is to support the community and the city in any way they can.

Deputy Director, Mr. Bradley, updated the Board on the Behavioral Health Bill that was signed on May 15, 2024.

The state will be divided into seven Districts, with a draft of the district's map in the digital packet that was emailed. The new system must be implemented by July 1, 2025.

Board of Health Attorney Report - Cory Speth

None

Next Meetings

Board of Health Meeting — June 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Finance & Administrative Review Committee — June 20, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

Policy & Government Relations Committee — June 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.