

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting

October 26, 2022, at 4:00 PM

1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA [conference room #234 A/B]

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*Indicates Action Items

1. Call Meeting to Order – Karl Cassell, Chair

Mr. Cassell established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

BOH Members Present: Karl Cassell, Dr. Arnold, Tawnya Salsbery, Erica Bernard, Stacey Walker, Cory Speth – Legal and Kim Honn – Recorder

LCPH Staff: Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director; Eric Bradley, Deputy Director, James Mount, Anne Carter, Ruby Perin, Dustin Hinrichs, Heather Meador, Amy Hockett, and Wanda Reiter-Kintz

2. Recognize Guests and/or Staff – Dr. Pramod Dwivedi

Guest: Diana Strahan with HACAP

New Staff: James Mount

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each

None

4. Approve Agenda *

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

****MSC Arnold/Salsbery**

- BOH member/s excused absences

5. Approve August 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes *

Motion made to approve August 24, 2022 minutes as presented.

6. Presentation by Joe Gorton

Mr. Gorton was unable to attend meeting.

7. Health Equity Overview Presentation – Anne H. Carter, Health Equity Program Managers.

Ms. Carter presented her first six months public health in her position as Health Equity Program Manager. Shared results of the Building Health Equity surveys that indicated favorable numbers.

8. BOH Committee Reports:

- a. Finance and Administrative Review – Karl Cassell, Committee Chair

- i. August 2022 Finance Statements *

- ii. September 2022 Finance Statements *

Motion made to approve the August and September 2022 Finance Statements.

****MSC Arnold/Walker**

- iii. Amperage LLC PO #394 – \$124,674.92 Fall Flu Shots and COVID-19 Boosters Campaign

Motion made to approve Amperage LLC PO #394 as presented.

****MSC Arnold/Walker**

- b. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Tawnya Salsbery, Committee Chair
i. 28E Agreement between Linn County Public Health and City of Palo, IA *

Motion made to approve the 28E Agreement with City of Palo, IA

****MSC Walker/Arnold**

9. Health Director Report – Dr. Pramod Dwivedi

- **Returned safely to the office on Monday, 10/17/2022 from India. Dr. Dwivedi thanked his team kept things going in his absence.**
- **Launching our 4th Strategic Plan meeting on Nov. 2nd and the BOH is encouraged to join.**
- **BHE training was good, looking forward to next steps. The Health Equity office is a paradigm shift for the agency.**
- **Reminded the Board of the Joint BOH/BOS/Linn County Legislators meeting on 11/18/2022; starting at 11:00 AM, then lunch, at 12:00 PM the Joint meeting will begin.**
- **The Friends of Linn County Public Health is a functional nonprofit 501C3 organization. Its purpose is to look at unfilled health gaps in community. The Board chair, Health Director and other community partners will participate. Due to the pandemic, they have not met or done anything within the community so far.**
- **My Care Community (MCC) going very well.**
- **Vaccine hesitancy campaign moving forward.**
- **In year two of the PREVAYL grant (Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives). Working with Foundation 2 and CCDC.**
- **AARP funding will support the clinic's goal to have a community mobile clinic. Planning will begin soon to develop the purpose, creating a community advisor board for the unit.**
- **Supporting Refugee/immigration work of Scott County helping them obtain their green card on their path to citizenship.**

Mr. Walker addressed the Board on the three items below...

- **Addressed the information provided by HACAP regarding the 21-22 school year dental numbers. Ms. Strahan was available to answer some of the questions.**
- **Community Building Use – Mr. Walker will talk with Mr. Oleson about the status of the draft policy.**
- **He shared concerns about employees carrying guns into the workplace. Linn County policy prohibits guns in the workplace. The Linn County Attorney and Sheriff is against this. He is requesting to use your platform to educate the public. Mr. Dwivedi will work on a Board of Health position statement.**

10. Board of Health Attorney Report – Cory Speth

Nothing at time.

11. Next Meetings:

**Board of Health Meeting: Friday, November 18, 2022, at 11:00 AM
(Joint Meeting will begin 12:00 PM)**

12. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

10/26/2022 at 4:00 PM

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