

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting
November 17, 2021 at 4:00 PM
Harris Building - Conference Room #234A/B
1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA
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*Indicates Action Items

1. Call Meeting to Order – Leslie Wright, Chair

Board Chair, Leslie Wright, established a quorum and all the meeting to order at 4:00.

BOH Member: Leslie Wright, Dr. Jim Levett, Karl Cassell, Stacey Walker (via phone), Tawnya Salsbery (arrived at 4:08pm) and Cory Speth – Legal and Kim Honn - Recorder

LCPH: Pramod Dwivedi – Health Director, Amy Drahos – Air Quality Supervisor, Kaitlin Emrich – Assessment and Health Promotion Supervisor, Heather Meador – Clinical Services Supervisor, Dustin Hinrichs – FASST Supervisor, Ruby Perin – HAWQ Supervisor, Mary Lukes and Colin Brose

2. Recognize Guests/Staff – Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director

Director Dwivedi, Health Director, let the Board know the agency hired Colin Brose on November 1, 2021. He turned the introduction over to Ruby Perin, Healthy Homes Supervisor. Ms. Perin introduced Mr. Brose as the new Environmental Health Technician.

3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each
None

4. Approve Agenda *

Motion made to approve agenda as presented.

****MSC Cassell/Levett**

- BOH member/s excused absences

5. Approve October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes *

Motion made to approve October 27, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

****MSC Levett/Cassell**

6. Clinical Services Presentation – Heather Meador, Clinical Services Supervisor

Mr. Dwivedi introduced Heather Meador, who is the Clinical Services Branch Supervisor. Ms. Meador presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting future expansion of services in the clinic.

- **Expansion of services include: Hepatitis C Treatment (we are the first department in Iowa to do this); STI home testing pilot program through Telehealth visits and Distribution with our outreach coordinators (we are the first health department in the United States that is partnering with IDPH, The National Coalition of STD Directors, and Let's Get Checked); Lock Box Program in partnership with Linn County Mental Health Access Center, Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition and Foundation 2.**

7. BOH Committee Reports:

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

i. October 2021 Finance Statements*

Motion made to approve the October 2021 Finance Statements

****MSC Wright/Salsbery**

ii. Purchase Order #140: DeNovo; Breaking Down Barriers to Vaccination Campaign Phase 2 - \$28,000.00*

iii. Purchase Order: DeNovo; Pediatric Vaccine Campaign Phase 3 - \$100,000.00*

Motion made to approve both above-mentioned policies for \$28,000.00 and \$100,000.00.

****MSC Levett/Salsbery**

b. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Tawnya Salsbery, Committee Chair

Ms. Salsbery mentioned Health Director reached out to talk with her about the crisis in health care staffing. In the future they will talk about potentially working together and coordinate efforts for recruitment.

8. Executive Session (Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i))

At 4:46 PM motion was made to go into Executive Session

****MSC Cassell/Levett**

By Roll Call Vote: Salsbery, Wright, Levett, Walker, Cassell

At 6:06 motion was made to return to Public Session

****MSC Cassell/Levett**

By Roll Call Vote: Salsbery, Wright, Levett, Cassell

9. Next Meetings:

Board of Health Meeting – Wednesday – December 15, 2021 at 4:00 PM. After some discussion, it was decided Board will not meet in December.

➤ **Next Board of Health meeting on January 12, 2022 at 4:00 PM, which will be focused on the FY23 Budget review/approval to take to BOH.**

- **Finance & Administrative Review committee meeting February 17, 2022 at 2:30 PM**
- **Policy & Government Relations committee meeting February 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM**

10. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.