



## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

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**Dave Koch, Director**

**Board of Health**  
**Tatiana Izakovic, MD, MHA**  
**Michael P. McLaughlin, PhD**  
**Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS**  
**Bonnie D. Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA**  
**Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS**

### **JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**January 15, 2020**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**4:00pm**

**Call to Order:** Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Michael P. McLaughlin, PhD; Bonnie D. Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA; Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS; absent: Tatiana Izakovic, MD, MHA

**Staff:** Dave Koch, Director; Kate Klefstad, Clinical Services Manager; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Jason Decker, Environmental Health Specialist; Kathryn Edel, Community Health Educator; Susan Denny, Secretary II.

**Others Present:** Lynn Rose, Assistant County Attorney; Sara Barron, Executive Director, Affordable Housing Coalition; Mary McCarthy, Private Citizen.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Rubin to approve the December 18, 2019 meeting minutes; seconded by Pollock. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Regular Meeting Date and Time:** February 19, 2020 in Conference Room 214B at the Health and Human Services Building. Wallace will be absent, McLaughlin will act as Chair.

**Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues:** None

**New Employee Introductions:** None

#### **DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):**

- **Sara Barron, Executive Director, Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC):** Barron highlighted the services AHC provides to Johnson County as well as the framework they use in housing discussions. She illustrated with a power point presentation the need for affordable housing and the struggle meeting basic needs facing those who are homeless. Barron gave examples of the cost burdens on households forced to make choices to pay bills or provide food and medication in order to meet housing costs every month. AHC offers advocacy, education and resources to struggling families and individuals. She discussed key pieces of stability; including

safe neighborhoods and communities, appropriate space and mobility accommodations for occupants, and how housing affects school success, working conditions, transportation, etc. Barron outlined other considerations involving private markets, builders, developers and landlords who do not have financial incentives to provide affordable housing. She stressed the need for a public charitable investment and how funding and policy are two macro advocacy areas of focus. Barron also discussed the vulnerability of residents in mobile home communities, older apartment buildings and small older homes, as well as statistics illustrating the severity of the problem. AHC works to influence local and statewide government advocacy to preserve and protect affordable housing through zoning requirements, down payment assistance, and removing other barriers. Discussion followed.

- **Jason Decker, Environmental Health Specialist, Nuisance Program:** Decker outlined the history of the nuisance program, which began in 1968, revised in 1974 and most recently 2011 prompted by a local issue with a mobile home park that other programs were not able to address. The updated regulations included more specific nuisances as well as clarified the abatement process for those nuisances and penalties for non-compliance. The program is based on the Iowa Administrative Code. He described the current plan's nine sections and gave examples of what does and does not constitute a nuisance. JCPH handles nuisance complaints within the county, although Iowa City handles their own complaints. Decker responded to questions regarding volume of complaints received and other issues. Decker estimated JCPH nuisance complaints number under ten in a typical month.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Expenditures Over \$3,000:** None

#### **Applications, Contracts and Agreements:**

- **20-01: Family Planning Council of Iowa (FPCI) – Title X:** Klefstad presented an overview of the business plan provided in the BOH packets for approval to proceed with the application process for Title X grant funding. The business plan lays out the request to create a clinic and outreach using Title X funds administered through the FPCI servicing Johnson, Washington and Iowa counties. Koch prefaced her presentation with new updates and recent changes and thanked BOH members for their patience. The project was initially discussed in the December BOH meeting. She outlined numerous details by section regarding costs, facility needs, additional staffing, branding, and outreach needed to operate a clinic serving minority and vulnerable populations; typically young women, mostly low income, minors and adolescents. Title X programming also includes services for males. Klefstad sees JCPH filling a gap for the Title-X program. She focused on points related to structure, services offered, future needs, development, insurance, billing and tracking, as well as many additional details. Discussion of various points by BOH members and staff followed.

**Motion** by McLaughlin to proceed with the application for FPCI Title X Clinic; seconded by Rubin. McLaughlin, Rubin and Wallace voted AYE. Pollock voted NAY. The motion passed. Pollock commented he is supportive of the motion, understands the need for the program, but opposes the motion from a voting standpoint as presented today. In his view, it is not yet at a point

to be approved since we do not know the dollar amount that we will be asking BOS to approve, in the future.

#### **OTHER**

- **Election of Officers; Chair and Vice Chair:** Wallace announced he has been reappointed and referenced Article 135. **Motion** by Rubin to nominate Wallace for Chair; seconded by McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously. **Motion** by Rubin to nominate McLaughlin for Vice Chair; seconded by Pollock. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Board of Health Meeting Schedule:** BOH members were presented with a list of meeting dates on the third Wednesday of every month for 2020. Wallace asked BOH members if any members have schedule conflicts for the March meeting date which falls during Spring Break. It was decided to keep the scheduled meeting date. He also checked with members for the December and November meeting dates for any holiday conflicts. Meeting dates will remain unchanged.
- **Public Health Day on the Hill, February 10, 2020, 2:00 – 5:00 pm:** Wallace will be attending at the State Capital connecting with Iowa legislators on critical public issues.

#### **Reports / Inquiries:**

**County Attorney:** Rose will be meeting with Klefstad regarding legal ramifications and confidentiality issues for the FPCI Title X program.

**Members, Board of Health:** Rubin reported the Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) has a new logo. She will forward sponsored lunch and learn opportunities from IPHA. McLaughlin reported the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) will be partnering with the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) to lobby health issues in Washington, D.C. on February 22, 2020. He will be attending. Wallace asked BOH members to report of known vaccine issues. He noted the decline in vaccination numbers in the state and commented on developments in the nation regarding religious exemptions. He stressed this is a major public health issue.

**Director:** Koch reported he sent an email to Senator Joe Bolcom asking he keep him informed of any advocacy or lobby dates that JCPH could attend to support their efforts. Koch reported the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) sent out social media resources for local agencies to promote immunization education and outreach. Koch and Klefstad will be discussing ways to use social media resources. He also reported former Clerk II in Administration, Keshia Fields is now the Johnson County Inclusion and Equity Specialist working out of the Board of Supervisors office. The former Clerk II will be posted as an Accounting Clerk I, which more closely aligns with the duties that were being performed in that position. The position will be posted internally for five days. Two candidates were accepted to fill the vacant Environmental Specialist positions. They will be starting on February 10, 2020. Koch asked BOH members to note the legislative timetable included in the packet. He will continue to monitor bills and report to BOH members. He asked members to email him if they had more information on legislative bills. Pollock requested

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an update on state immunization numbers for the state, he'd like to see trends for the last 3-5 years and a breakdown of significant locations or descriptors indicating where the changes in immunization rates are happening. Koch also mentioned the Iowa City School District has stepped up efforts to increase immunizations, Jarvis and Klefstad are working with ICCSD on communication with parents. The numbers are down from 900 to 89 due partly to the ICCSD withholding students from attending classes without full immunizations. Klefstad added Clinical Services staff will be going on site on January 23, 2020 to host a clinic for Medicaid, Hawk-I or anyone unable to pay for immunizations. Wallace pointed out the school district in the past would admit students who were in the process of complying which was controversial. He also commented on difficulties arising when immunizations are given without documentation. Wallace adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

February 20, 2020

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Date

Signature on File

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Michael P. McLaughlin, PhD, Vice-Chair

Submitted by:  
Susan Denny  
Secretary II