



PUBLIC HEALTH

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Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, July 28, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
5:30 pm

Call to Order: Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Staff: Dave Koch, Director; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; James Bechtel, Systems Analyst; Kristin Meyer, Business Manager; Susan Denny, Secretary II. Additional staff attended via video conferencing.

Others Present: Lynn Rose, Assistant County Attorney

ACTION ITEMS

OTHER

- **Discussion of Ordinance to Require Face Covering in Johnson County**

Rose described legal steps to adopt the ordinance and stated purpose for the meeting was for Board of Health members to discuss and agree on the wording of the proposed ordinance. A second meeting will be scheduled to include a public hearing for public comment on the ordinance, after which the BOH will vote on whether to adopt the ordinance. Notice of public comment will include the text of the ordinance for public review four days prior to the meeting. If approved it would be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. If approved by the BOS, the ordinance will be published and effective in Johnson County as of the date of publication. Rose responded to questions about process and review from BOH members.

BOH members then reviewed the wording of the proposed ordinance. Rubin commented on Section III, 3.01 regarding consistency referring to the term “face covering” throughout the document. Pollock agreed. Rubin also suggested adding the virus can result in long-term impacts as well as serious illness or death to Section I, 1.02. Wallace agreed. BOH members discussed

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language in Section III, 3.01 B regarding mention specifically of public schools. It was agreed that public settings stated in Section III, 3.01 B implied public schools. It was also decided to add the word schools to Section III, 3.01 B, number 5. Rubin’s final comment on Section III, 3.03 regarding laundering of homemade cloth masks vs manufactured cloth surgical masks and clarifying use of cloth face coverings verses use of disposable coverings, fitting of coverings and presumed distinctions. Rose pointed out the wording was sufficient to make those distinctions and provide guidance for compliance. Pollock asked about Section III, 3.04 exemptions regarding the use of handkerchiefs, t-shirts or other alternatives. Rose and Wallace responded those items were acceptable as long as they met the parameters outlined. Pollock also commented about section III, 3.01 regarding inclusion criteria for locations, specifically outdoor locations and intent. Discussion followed about intent, interpretation, student population, and acceptance of social distancing in outdoor settings. Wallace suggested meeting with University officials to discuss policies and accommodations. McLaughlin commented on Section IV, regarding enforcement and fines and whether to include the fees in the document. Rose responded inclusion of fine amounts is not required to be included in the ordinance. Iowa Code defines the minimum and maximum fines for simple misdemeanors ranging from approximately \$105.00 to \$800.00.

Rose listed a summary of requested changes proposed by members including consistency of terminology, especially the term “face covering”. As well as the addition of long-term impact of wording, and the addition of the word “schools” in Section III, 3.01 B. Jarvis agreed. It was agreed that Rubin would address grammatical errors and edits that do not affect the substance of the document. Wallace stated after final content and wording is agreed upon, a date for the next meeting will be announced four days prior to allow for public review and notice of public hearing. He added that Izakovic was very much in favor of the ordinance and will try to join via video conference for the next meeting. Wallace plans to present the ordinance on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the BOS work session. Koch will poll the BOH members for meeting availability and provide public access for comments.

Motion by Pollock to approve the wording of this ordinance as amended; seconded by Rubin. The motion passed unanimously.

Wallace adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

August 4, 2020

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Signature on File

Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS, Chair

Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II