



PUBLIC HEALTH

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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

November 16, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

4:00 pm

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

Roll Call: Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS; Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD; Bonnie D. Rubin, MLS, MBA, MHA; Joni Bosch, PhD, ARNP

Staff: Kristin Meyer, Interim Director; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Rob Thul, Environmental Health Manager; Jamie Gade, Public Health Systems Analyst; Rebecca Nielsen, Emergency Preparedness Planner; Giselle Coreas, Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist; Rachel Quinn, Disease Prevention Specialist; Arizay Guzman, CDC Public Health Associate; Alissa Sotzen, Account Clerk I; Jesse Bockelman, Environmental Health Specialist II; Susan Denny, Secretary II. VIA ZOOM: Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Director; Roberta Sloat, Clinical Services Manager

Others Present: Lynn Rose, Assistant County Attorney

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Joni Bosch to approve the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes; seconded by Wellington. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: December 21, 2022 in Conference Room 203 at 4:00 pm in the Health and Human Services Building.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None

New Employee Introductions: Jarvis introduced Rachel Quinn, Disease Prevention Specialist. Quinn provided the BOH members with a short history of her education and experience. Quinn was also a JCPH Contact Tracer. Thul informed BOH members Jesse Bockelman, formerly Environmental Health Specialist was promoted to Environmental Health Specialist II in the EH Food Program. Gade introduced Arizay Guzman, CDC Public Health Associate replacing the

former CDC PHA, Hannah Tice. Guzman also provided a short history of her education and experience.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **Info – MAPP 2.0 Review of Phase 3 Guidance - Awarded:** Jamie Gade, Public Health Systems Analyst reported the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) RFA for MAPP 2.0 Review of Phase 3 Guidance approved for submittal at the October BOH meeting was awarded to JCPH. Gade added JCPH was one of five health departments awarded nationwide. She believes the Phase 3 Guidance will be more adaptable and flexible in the development and implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan. The award amount is five thousand dollars. Gade is looking forward to working with the NACCHO team and anticipates the award amount will cover all project deliverables required for the review process. Gade will continue providing updates on the project.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Applications, Contracts and Agreements:

- **22-36 RFA Add Clinical Services Public Health Nurse:** Meyer explained the need for an additional FTE Public Health RN temporarily in anticipation of current PH RN Kelly Smith retiring. Due to shortages in RN applicants, Clinical Services is hoping to begin the hiring process before Smith retires in early 2023. With the number of open positions at JCPH, there is available budget to cover the cost of the temporary position. Meyer noted the job description will not be changed. If the BOH approves the position, Meyer and Sloat will present to the BOS for approval. Discussion regarding training, HR advertising and budget impact followed. Bosch asked if the salary could be increased. Meyer responded a compensation study completed before the pandemic confirmed current salary was in line and noted the salary range requested includes fringe amounts. Pettit-Majewski is hoping for a new salary assessment to address the difficulty in competing with what other organizations are able to offer RN positions.

Motion by Rubin to approve a temporary FTE Public Health RN position; seconded by Bosch. The motion passed unanimously.

- **22-37 RFA Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award Application**
Rebecca Nielsen, Emergency Preparedness Planner explained if awarded, funds from the award will be used to create a mission set to develop the Heart Health Initiative. MRC is working with Johnson County Ambulance to train a team in CPR, First Aid and AED readiness who could go out into the community and provide these services. She is hoping to further the Heart Health Initiative pilot program with this additional funding to recruit and train volunteers. Nielsen is applying for the top tier amount of ten thousand dollars. Wallace recommended Nielsen contact the Rotary Club Heart Health program for additional ideas and information.

Motion by Wellington to approve submittal of the RFA for the MRC ORA; seconded by Bosch. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: Rose is continuing to work on the Public Records Response Policy and thanked Pettit-Majewski and Jarvis for responding to her request for input. She also assured Wallace she will continue being assigned to advise the Board of Health even with leadership changes in the County Attorney's office.

Members, Board of Health: Bosch asked the BOH members to consider drafting a proclamation regarding lawn chemicals as a public health concern similar to the Good Neighbor Iowa program developed by the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) in reference to a letter Pettit-Majewski received. She added Linn and Blackhawk counties have proclamations as well. Rubin and Pollock would be interested in the impact on workers in the lawn care industry and water quality concerns. More discussion followed regarding Iowa Department of Public Health policy involvement, data on chemical impacts and a possible invitation to GNI to present at a BOH meeting after December. Pollock commented on providing a rebuttal viewpoint when considering a presentation by the Good Neighbor Iowa program. Meyer will reach out to the group to let them know the BOH would be interested to hear more about their program and ask them to provide supportive data for review before presenting.

Rubin reported the CDC is asking all state laboratories to test for Ebola and educate clinical labs in the states to recognize Ebola symptoms with instructions to deliver samples received at clinical labs to the State Hygienic Laboratory.

- **Director:** Acting director Meyer asked Jarvis to provide an update on COVID-19 and Monkeypox activity. Jarvis updated BOH members on current conditions for COVID-19 cases in the last seven day period. He identified the one hundred thirty to one hundred forty cases as a lull. Community Health Disease Prevention Specialists Jennifer Miller, Amelia Slaichert and soon Rachel Quinn continue to meet with community partners on a monthly basis. He reported increased activity in RSV cases. Johnson, Linn and Blackhawk counties issued a joint statement and guidance on RSV cases for daycares and schools, as well as Linn County following up with Grantwood Area Agency on Aging, which covers other areas including Johnson County. Jarvis reported the public health emergency status will be extended again past the January 11, 2023 date for an additional sixty days meeting the federal administration's promise to give at least a sixty day notice which will favorably impact Medicaid issues and give preparation time for COVID-19 treatments and vaccine costs and COVID-19 allocations. Karrey Shannon, CH RN and Nielsen continue to maintain the allocation operation in Johnson County to providers as well as meeting an increased demand for contiguous counties. Rubin asked about increased cases of RSV compared to past numbers. Wellington responded cases have increased and provided comparisons from last year's cases of approximately four thousand cases per week to current cases of ten to twelve thousand cases per week in the beginning phases of this RSV outbreak. She added the University of Iowa Children's Hospital is currently operating in extreme surge-crisis mode. More discussion followed on the possible relationship between COVID-19 and RSV. Jarvis reported the Mpox (Monkeypox) situation has dramatically decreased and Johnson County still has only had a single positive case. Nielsen and Shannon have provided approximately 389 vaccinations together with the University of Iowa College of Public Health and College of Nursing student volunteers. Demand for the vaccine has also decreased to five to ten individuals per week. Partners across eastern Iowa, Scott, Linn and Blackhawk counties have discontinued a joint forum and are now

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hosting their own clinics. Staff continues to use funding for outreach for difficult to reach populations. JCPH will continue partnering with Linn County on outreach activities. Meyer reported highlights for JCPH in October. Kathryn Edel, Health Educator for the JCPH ITS program joined the Johnson County Opioid Settlement Funds support group. The JCPH Lunch and Learn Qualtrics was attended by health departments from across the state. Meyer reported rave reviews and included case investigation, mass clinic scheduling and community engagement. Bockelman provided a food safety presentation to University of Iowa masters students with the Dietetics program. Jarvis and Gade will be presenting a Community Health Assessment to the Chamber of Community Leadership program. Susan Vileta, Health Educator worked with the state tobacco grant manager to process a complaint against a hookah bar establishment and EH to correct their license status. Healthy JoCo team is finding ways to involve the public in the Community Health Assessment through Qualtrics and learning more capabilities of the program. EH staff Tim James and Ethan Turben-Fuhrman attended the Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA) meeting. James Lacina, EH Specialist II attended a national water conference. Meyer and Sloat continue to work on Clinical Services processes, currently collecting and tracking no-show rates. Sarah Grunewaldt, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator and Amber Gorvin, Clerk II are working on developing an electronic WIC intake form that will be available to the public on the JCPH website. Meyer updated BOH members on the progress on office relocation for Clinical Services and Administrative staff and will schedule a tour with BOH members when relocation is complete.

Wallace adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

January 18, 2023

Date
Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II

Signature on File

Bonnie D. Rubin, MLS, MBA, MHA
Chair