



PUBLIC HEALTH

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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
January 17, 2024
MEETING MINUTES
4:00 pm

Call to Order: Bonnie Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Staff: Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Director; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Kristin Meyer, Fiscal Manager; Rob Thul, Environmental Health Manager; Roberta Sloat, Clinical Services Manager; Karrey Shannon, Community Health RN; Jamie Gade, Systems Analyst; Ari Guzman, CDC PH Associate; Alissa Sotzen, Account Clerk I; Susan Denny, Secretary II

Others Present: David VanCompernelle, Assistant County Attorney, Rachel Zimmermann Smith, County Attorney; Jes Lang, CVPC

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Wallace to approve the December 20, 2023 meeting minutes (with noted edits per Dr. Wallace); seconded by Wellington. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: February 21, 2024 in Conference Room 203-B at 4:00 pm in the Health and Human Services Building.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None

Staff Updates: Environmental Health Specialist I, Watershed Program, Jasmine Putnam resigned effective December 29, 2023. The EHS-1 job description will remain the same, but the position will become hybrid, expanding to include Watershed Programs as well as Food Program tasks.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **NACCHO P4VE Update:** Shannon and Guzman presented an overview of the P4VE Grant progress focusing on Rapid Community Assessment (RCA) and working with community partners over a seven-week period. They initiated the RCA as a quick assessment tool to learn about COVID-19 and influenza vaccination barriers and facilitators, develop strategies to reinforce vaccine confidence, address misinformation and engage with difficult to reach populations in Johnson County focusing on refugee, immigrant, and migrant communities. A previous RCA was conducted during the release of the initial COVID-19 vaccine in 2021. Guzman and Shannon responded to questions and comments from BOH members and will send more detailed clarification regarding costing information collected from YouTube and social media data. Rubin encouraged Shannon and Guzman to continue activities and provide further updates.

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- **GTC, Pool, Tanning and Tattoo Updates:** Thul shared Environmental Health program updates for Watershed Program activities from July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. He provided information on the Grants to Counties (GTC) budget progress, classes and trainings; well plugging and water testing data; permits and also well and septic permits issued, time of transfers, pool, tattoo and tanning inspections completed. Thul responded to questions and comments about funding for GTC, which remains with Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS), the changed roles of the Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL) and well testing and water systems outreach.
- **Community Violence Prevention (JoCo CVI):** Pettit-Majewski, Rachel Zimmermann Smith (Johnson County Attorney) and Jes Lang, Community Violence Prevention Coordinator (CVPC) explained the objectives of the Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Program focusing on reducing homicides and shootings by establishing relationships to support populations at high risk of being victims or perpetrators of gun violence. The CVI collaborates with community leaders, law enforcement and social service providers. CVI programs increase accountability and build trust between police and community members affected disproportionately by the criminal legal system. Janet Lyness, former Johnson County Attorney (in 2021) and BOS Royceann Porter explored ways to intervene by researching and holding a series of community meetings after increased death and injuries from gun violence. The Johnson County BOS allocated ARPA funds to support development of the JoCo CVI and hired Lang as the CVPC in June 2023. Trainings for community partners, a virtual book study, custom notifications with high-risk individuals, assistance connecting individuals to services such as education, employment, transportation, and food assistance are some of the activities the CVI has conducted in the past six months. JoCo CVI is hoping to develop a community outreach position to assist the CVPC to continue their goal to save lives and help people have a safer and more meaningful life. Discussion regarding JCPH future involvement and factors considered in preventing escalation and community involvement followed.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Applications, Contracts and Agreements: None

OTHER

- **24-01 BOH Officer Appointments:** Bosch nominated Rubin to continue as BOH Chair and Pollock was nominated to continue as BOH Vice Chair.

Motion by Bosch to approve Rubin as BOH Chair for the next term; seconded by Wellington. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Wellington to approve Pollock as BOH Vice Chair for the next term; seconded by Bosch. The motion passed unanimously.

- **24-02 2024 BOH Meeting Dates:** BOH members discussed availability and conflicts for BOH proposed meeting dates in 2024. Meetings will remain scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month with exceptions for June and July 2024.

Motion by Wellington to approve the proposed meeting schedule with exceptions to move March 27, 2024 to March 20, 2024 (due to conflicts), June 19, 2024 to be rescheduled to June 26, 2024 (due to county holiday) and cancelling the July 17, 2024 meeting, unless urgent business arises; seconded by Bosch. The motion passed unanimously.

- **24-03 RFA PHAP Application:** Gade described the role played by the current and former associates and asked the BOH to approve the application to continue another two-year term with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). Wellington asked if the HHS alignment would present any issues with the CDC parameters. Pettit-Majewski doesn't foresee any problems currently. Gade added the core competency requirements by the CDC although demanding, have not been a barrier to Guzman, the current CDC Public Health Associate. Rubin commented that the associate could be affected by changes at the Federal level, such as a government shutdown.

Motion by Wellington to approve the PHAP Application for JCPH to host a site for the 2024 through 2026 CDC PHAP cycle; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

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- **IHHS Alignment Updates:** Pettit-Majewski provided the BOH with a report provided by IHHS in the meeting packet. She reported not a lot of decisions have been made; proposed recommendations and options were developed by Health Management Associates, contracted consultants for the State, based on information gathered from stakeholders, community partners, etc. to assess issues across different programs. Her understanding is local public health is not a current priority for this legislative session, rather the focus is on the behavioral health system alignment. A potential impact for JCPH would be the Tobacco Control Program, which Susan Vileta, Health Educator is involved with. Pettit-Majewski explained the direction for the behavioral health system alignment is to create seven Administrative Service Organizations (ASO's) across the state resulting in the eventual elimination of Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) regions. HHS will encourage private, for-profit, non-profit and 28-E collaborations to apply to become ASO's. She clarified with VanCompernelle that 28-E collaborations could involve multiple counties and may be a potential benefit for JCPH to partner. She also voiced concerns on how services are being affected by the alignment and the result developing phases before the entire plan has been finalized. Pettit-Majewski responded to questions and comments from BOH members regarding impacts and issues with the alignment. Discussion followed.

(Bosch left the meeting at 6:00pm)

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: None

Members, Board of Health: Wellington shared pediatric mortality associated with flu is a nationally reported disease, but not reported at the state level even though the state reports the information to the CDC, eventually becoming public knowledge. Wellington posed a question to the BOH asking if there is something in the meantime the BOH could do to increase public awareness of the seriousness of the disease's mortality rate, the availability of a vaccine to prevent increases in mortality and the impact of not vaccinating without violating HIPAA or family privacy. She asked the board to consider the problem and possible solutions. More discussion followed.

Members, Board of Supervisors: None

Director: Pettit-Majewski reminded BOH members to review the report on JCPH activities and highlights provided in the packet.

Rubin adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

February 21, 2024

Date

Signature on File

Bonnie Rubin, MLS, MBA, MHA, Chair

Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II