



PUBLIC HEALTH

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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 20, 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; Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS; Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD; ABSENT: Joni Bosch, PhD, ARNP

Staff: Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Director; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Rob Thul, Environmental Health Manager; Jennifer Miller, Amelia Slaichert, Rachel Quinn, Disease Prevention Specialists; Alissa Sotzen, Account Clerk I; Susan Denny, Secretary II

Others Present: David VanCompernelle, Assistant County Attorney; Emily Ford, Community Health Intern; Ines Beltre, Human Resources; Lindsay Jones, Human Resources Director

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Rubin to approve the February 21, 2024 meeting minutes with name spelling correction; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: April 17, 2024 in Conference Room 203 at 4:00 pm in the Health and Human Services Building.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None

Staff Updates: None

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **Tuberculosis Program Updates:** Miller, Slaichert and Quinn updated BOH members on the Community Health Tuberculosis program with a power point presentation explaining the background, spread, diagnosis, local statistics, and treatment of TB in Johnson County. Staff responded to BOH members' comments and questions and explained processes for violations, testing schedules, isolation issues and compliancy as well as legal and funding information.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Applications, Contracts and Agreements:

Other:

- i. **RFA 24-08 PHAB Letter of Support from Appointing Authority** – Pettit-Majewski requested approval by the BOH to provide a signature by the BOH Chair, Rubin to meet requirements for PHAB reaccreditation and proceed with submittal. There will be six months for JCPH to provide reaccreditation

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documentation and a scheduled site visit once the Letter of Support has been received. Pollock suggested the letter be printed on BOH letterhead.

Motion by Wellington to approve the appointing authority letter on Board of Health letterhead for PHAB reaccreditation and for the Chair to sign; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. **RFA 24-09 IHHS OD2A-S Grant Opportunity** – Jarvis asked the BOH for approval to submit an application to submit an application for a grant opportunity to develop strategies for Opioid prevention using four specific strategies outlined by the CDC. The five largest public health departments in the state were made aware of the opportunity. Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) program provides funding to forty-nine state health departments and the District of Columbia to enhance surveillance efforts related to opioid risk factors, focusing on reducing overdose morbidity and mortality. He explained the grant would provide funding for five years (one hundred and sixty thousand dollars annually) with a mix of federal and state funding to address four prevention strategies. Jarvis added he is confident JCPH can address three of the strategies that align with the JCPH HealthyJoCo initiative, Integrated Testing Services and Disease Prevention programs. Jarvis responded to BOH questions and clarified how grant money would be used to fund staff salaries.

Motion by Wallace to approve pursuit of the five-year OD2A-S funding to create an Overdose Prevention Program at JCPH; seconded by Wellington. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

- **Update on LPHS Regions:** Pettit-Majewski reported Becky Nowachek, former Community Health Consultant for Region 6, Division of Public Health, Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (IHHS) is now a Population Health Advisor with the Environmental and Local Public Health Bureau within IHHS. Her understanding is that while the IHHS alignment is being finalized, the four existing Local Public Health Services (LPHS) consultants will be assigned to represent regions 5 and 6. Roxanne Smith and Diane Anderson will be JCPH contacts as Community Health Consultants for Region 6. Pettit-Majewski will continue updating the BOH as additional changes are initiated. A virtual meeting was arranged in March with Smith and JCPH staff contacts to discuss LPHS grant details and duties. Smith is also planning to attend BOH meetings in her new regions.

- **Alignment Updates:** Pettit-Majewski updated BOH members on the status of the Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS) Alignment. She reported on the Behavioral Health bill potential impacts and held a conversation with BOS Rod Sullivan regarding possible regions, concerns about the Tobacco Prevention program and keeping Johnson and Linn counties together as they share the same MHDS and Administrative Service Organization (ASO) region and hopes to be considered for subcontracting opportunities. Sullivan sits on the MHDS board and will keep JCPH informed. Pettit-Majewski met with Jeneane McDonald (previously Jeneane Moody with the Iowa Public Health Association) who has also been hired as part of the Public Health Infrastructure Grant in Workforce. They spoke about communication between state and local entities, keeping the regions connected and upcoming system developments. Discussion followed.

- **ARPA Updates:** Pettit-Majewski reported on ARPA related activity. JCPH received the final signed contract between herself, BOS Chair Rod Sullivan and the University of Iowa College of Nursing and sent it to Julie Vignato, RN, University of Iowa College of Nursing, the contracted vendor for the Clinical Services Doula project which now has trainers as well. Pettit-Majewski acknowledged Hianca Andrades, MCAH Coordinator, for her work on this project. JCPH also received a fifty-five-thousand-dollar allocation to purchase a van for dental staff to alleviate scheduling conflicts and frequent transfer of heavy equipment. Johnson County Fleet will be installing an additional charging station for the hybrid van.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: None

Members, Board of Supervisors: None

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Members, Board of Health: Pollock shared he attended the Quad City Business Journal Healthcare Symposium earlier in the day which focused on national and global healthcare issues in relation to regional focus. In a fireside chat with Vivid Clear RX (PVM for Hy-Vee), keynote speaker Dr. Cheryl True, MD and Chair, Quad City Health Initiative focused on many public health issues similar to JCPH and BOH concerns. He added there was also a panel discussion hosted by physician leaders and healthcare leaders from the community including a Q & A. One subject that was brought up was acknowledgement of the lack of appreciation for public health and its role during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wellington reported conversations with JCPH and University of Iowa researchers about vaccine hesitancy and the effective ways to structure social media ad campaigns. In a short timeframe, JCPH staff were able to put together a very effective and impressive final version referencing the tournament and players without violating any existing agreements in space that became available during the NCAA tournament. She added the final version was very impressive and could be helpful this fall for encouraging flu vaccinations using a strong recommending approach by primary care providers by using data on effective and non-effective strategies. Pettit-Majewski commented on the use of #VaccinesCauseAdults also being very effective.

Director: Pettit-Majewski highlighted JCPH activities and PHAB progress. Rubin asked what the cost of re-accreditation would be. Pettit-Majewski will get that information to her. She did not have it available but assured her it was in the JCPH budget.

Wallace commented on a growing interest in measles, followed by discussion including upcoming webinars and possible scenarios. Wellington also provided statistics for measles expected hospitalizations as twenty-five percent of contracted cases with respiratory complications while Pettit-Majewski reported a one in four expected hospitalization outcome for unvaccinated children will be hospitalized if they contract measles. She pointed out that Johnson County has a tremendously mobile population which may contribute to the spread of measles. She also mentioned the prevalence of cases in the United Kingdom and Europe and how travel restriction during the COVID-19 crisis limited the spread of measles cases. More discussion followed regarding measles history and preparedness activities.

Pettit-Majewski will be attending a subcommittee hearing meeting with other colleagues from Cedar and Muscatine counties regarding a proposed bill by a representative promoting Medicaid awareness by placing a checkbox on tax forms informing citizens if their income indicates they are eligible for Medicaid. She also thanked the republican representative who was promoting the bill in Cedar and Muscatine counties. Pettit-Majewski also attended a legislative forum hosted by the Johnson County League of Women Voters.

Pettit-Majewski then continued highlighted JCPH activities and recognizing Environmental Health Food Program staff for their work in educating vendors. She reported ITS staff expanded community partnerships in February and are now providing satellite testing clinics weekly in added locations. They will continue to develop additional community partners. Clinical Services manager Roberta Sloat and MCAH Coordinator have initiated a new translation service that is a vast improvement over the prior service. The new service will be ready to use in April. An additional immunization clinic day is being added to meet needs in Clinical Services. Community Health staff are working on the Social Determinants of Health project and continue engaging community health workers in the community. Community Health staff Jamie Gade and Ari Guzman will be presenting at the Iowa Public Health Association conference speaking on the HealthyJoCo program.

Rubin adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm
Approved by Board of Health Action on

April 17, 2024

Signature on File

Date

Bonnie Rubin, MLS, MBA, MHA, Chair

Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II