

Monona County Board of Health

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Special Meeting

January 21, 2014

Monona County Courthouse, 610 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA 51040

I. Call to Order and Introductions – 6:30 p.m. by Kathleen Bonnes, Chair

Members Present	Kathleen Bonnes, Chair; Connie King; June DeLashmutt; Tracy Kahl, D.O.
Members Absent	Eugene Hamman; Tim Jessen
Public Health Staff Members Present	Laura Oliver, Danelle Riley, Sandy Bubke, Ken Johnson
Others Present	Julia Badenhope, ISU Associate Professor; Anne Livermore, Guest

Quorum Present

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

No edits noted

III. Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved; Connie King moved to approve; June DeLashmutt seconded; Danelle Riley will post minutes to the MCPH website and to public health’s IDPH SharePoint document site.

IV. Public Comments

None noted

V. Old Business

None Noted

VI. Reports

- **FY 14-15 Budget** – Presented by Danelle Riley, Administrative / Finance. Danelle mentioned that the budget reflects similarly to the FY 13-14 budget. Expenses are trending downward. Ken Johnson, Administrator noted that budget expense and/or revenue adjustments can be expected if the local public health agency “re-designs” itself to more actively focus on population health.

- **Strategic Planning Process & Organizational Capacity** – Presented by Ken Johnson, Administrator. Drivers for departmental change:
 - a. Decreased state & federal funding
 - b. Increased IDPH emphasis on performance management
 - c. Increased IDPH emphasis on regionalization of services
 - d. Cross-sector partnerships (*working well*) will be critical for improving community health
 - e. IDPH encouraging closer relationships with physicians and hospital for the purpose of improving population health & coordinating services
 - f. New strategies will require local public health workforce development (new skills, functions, responsibilities, etc.)
 - g. LPHA leadership change (Ken announced a tentative retirement date of 12/31/2014)
 - h. Imperative to plan for sustainability of public health foundational focus:
 - Assurance of public health & safety
 - Health Promotion
 - Prevention

Ken asked board members to thoughtfully consider participating in a planning session for the purpose of drafting a design which addresses the above-referenced “drivers of change.” He felt that 4-6 hours would be necessary for reflective discussion in identifying strategic goals & objectives. Ken also mentioned that it would be worthwhile to involve a couple of members from the medical system to better define community roles and responsibilities.

- **Monona County Trails Study** – Julia Badenhope, ISU Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture & Director of the Iowa Living Roadways Community Vision Program presented the Public Health & Monona County Conservation Board co-sponsored Monona County Trails Study. Highlights of the discussion included:
 - a. Provides a “blue print” for improving access to recreation and increasing physical activity.
 - b. Increasing physical activity is a Leading Health Indicator for Healthy People 2020;
 - c. Enhances community partnerships and funding opportunities
 - d. Enhances economic development
 - e. Increases overall quality of life & community “livability”

Julia said that a finalized report would be delivered prior to the end of Feb. Ken mentioned that this is a project which would align nicely with developing cross-sector partnerships for improving county health.

VII. New Business

1. Board of Health compliance documents for: a) Conflict of Interest and b) Confidentiality were reviewed and signed.
2. Board Chair requested that public postings be made for a vacant membership. Asked that review of board candidates is placed on the next regularly scheduled meeting.

VIII. Other

None noted

IX. Next Meeting Date

March 18, 2014

X. Adjournment

7:15 p.m. – June DeLashmutt moved to approve; Connie King seconded – motion approved