

Monona County Board of Health

MINUTES

Regular Meeting Special Meeting

March 25, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monona County Courthouse, 610 Iowa Ave., Onawa, IA 51040

- I. Call to Order and Introductions** – Kathleen Bonnes, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. Attendance:**
- **Board Members:** Kathleen Bonnes, Chair; Eugene Hamman, Vice Chair; Dr. Tracy Kahl, Medical Officer; Connie King
 - **Public Health Staff:** Danelle Riley, Recorder; Ken Johnson, Administrator; Sandy Bubke, Environmental Health
 - **Guests:** Board Candidates - Sheri Joyner, Anne Livermore, Amy Pausch
- III. Review / Approval of January 21, 2014 Minutes:**
- Motion to approve January 21, 2014 meeting minutes as printed was made by Dr. Tracy Kahl, and seconded by Eugene Hamman. Motion carried.
- III. Public Comments - none**
- IV. Old Business**
- 1. Public Health Strategic Planning (Leading through Health System Change: A Public Health Opportunity) – Ken Johnson – 15 minutes**

Background: In response to decreased funding at the state and federal levels and a mandate for demonstration of performance (quality & cost measures) the Board of Health has strategically positioned the Public Health Department through reduction of direct services and an increased focus on population health. In addition, if we consider the changes inherent in the Affordable Care Act (health reform); with implications for service delivery, medical providers, hospitals, public health, etc., we begin to understand a very complex and challenging environment. **What do we need to do?** Redefine public health – What role will public health play in improving health in the county? Who are the key stakeholders who need to be at the table? Who does what? What are the implications of change for our public health staff? **Recommended action:** Convene a planning group consisting of physician representation, hospital representation, board of health member representation, and public health staff representation. **Purpose:** *Imperative to begin developing / formalizing a strategic process* intended to align the medical system and public health. **Intended outcome:** Integrated response to opportunities and challenges related to the overall health & well-being of Monona County residents.

Action: All board members agreed this strategic process would benefit the positioning, and sustainability of a strong public health presence in Monona County. Dr. Kahl will contact 2-3 persons in the medical system (clinics & hospital) for participation; Dr. Kahl & Eugene Hamman will serve as board representation; Ken Johnson and public health staff designees will be represented. Results and/or recommendations will be reported back to the respective governing bodies.

2. Healthy Homes Ordinances – Ken Johnson – 15 minutes

An overview of the Healthy Homes model ordinances has been presented to all ten (10) cities /town councils. Common themes / concerns: Interested but don't want over-regulation; housing (rentals) affordability if repairs are made; no money for rehab or removal of housing within the various county jurisdictions. Connie King voiced concern as to mandate for inspections; Sandy Bubke offered that the inspections are for rental housing only. Owner-occupied homes are inspected only when a complaint has been filed. Public hearings will be taking place in next few months. Sandy Bubke reminded the board that the county ordinances include only the unincorporated areas (outside of city limits). Overall the ordinances are viewed mostly favorable with the exceptions noted above. **Actions:** A summary of the public meetings, the county landlord meeting and follow-up insight and/or recommendations by Snyder & Associates will be provided to the Board of Health for review and action (2-4 months).

V. Public Health Operations

1. Finance Presentation – Danelle Riley – 5 minutes (no questions or comments)

2. LPHSC Public Health Performance Measures Report (*action item*) – Ken Johnson - 5 minutes

Board members reviewed the required “success” report: “Promoting healthy living and environment”. This project, a partnership between Monona County Community Alliance (MCCA), SIMPCO, Iowa State University and Monona County Public Health, is intended to frame new and innovative approaches to community health. A unique aspect of this \$25,000 Wellmark Communities Health Grant ...is the inclusion of a *dedicated staff person*, employed by ISU to help “pull pieces together” with community partners. The grant will allow for health improvement priorities and funding to be planned ‘in parallel’ for the purpose of predictive and sustainable planning & funding. Motion to approve the LPHSC FY14-15 Public Health Performance Measures Report was made by Eugene Hamman and seconded by Connie King. Motion Approved.

3. LPHSC Funding Allocation – Ken Johnson - 5 minutes

Ken noted that the new or redefined grant billing categories are more reflective of the current environment (coalitions, population health, etc.) This should allow more flexibility, and more accurately reflect the work and practice of our county health department.

4. HIPAA Policy Requirements / Chief Privacy Officer (action items) – Ken Johnson - 5 minutes

Ken presented the new HIPAA updates, and reviewed the major changes that will require updating of agency policies (immunizations, blood lead report, marketing, research, selling of PHI information, business associate agreement). A focused, HIPAA overview document was provided to the board members. Ken asked that they please read the document. An updated Monona County Public Health – HIPAA Organization Chart (*action required*) was reviewed with board members. A motion to approve the Organization Chart was made by Dr. Tracy Kahl and seconded by Eugene Hamman. Motion approved.

VI. New Business

1. Board of Health Candidates – Kathleen Bonnes; BOH Chair - 45 minutes

Prior to the introduction of board of health candidates, Ken announced that June DeLashmutt is resigning – effective immediately – for personal reasons. This results in two (2) board vacancies. The chair instructed the board to consider and/or elect two board members.

Kathleen asked each of the three (3) board candidates to introduce themselves and to speak to their specific interest in serving on the Board of Health. Sheri Joyner, Soldier IA; Anne Livermore, Mapleton, IA; and, Amy Pautsch, Mapleton, IA each spoke and provided additional information, and answered questions posed by board members.

Following the interview / informational setting Kathleen made a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing and prioritizing candidates for recommendation purposes, seconded by Eugene Hamman. Motion passed. Once completed, the chair made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Connie King. Motion passed.

Kathleen Bonnes, as did all members of the board, thanked each of the candidates for their willingness to serve on the board. Kathleen made a motion that Sheri Joyner and Anne Livermore be recommended to the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Eugene Hamman. Motion approved. The chair asked Ken Johnson to place the recommended candidates on the Board of Supervisors agenda for action.

VII. Next Meeting Date:

May 27, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m. at the Monona County Courthouse Board Room

VIII. A motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Eugene Hamman, and seconded by Dr. Tracy Kahl. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.