

Monona County Board of Health

MINUTES

 X Regular Meeting Special Meeting

May 15, 2017

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Onawa Public Library, 707 Iowa Ave., Onawa, IA 51040

I. Call to Order, Introductions – Kathleen Bonnes, Chair

II. Approval of Agenda for May 15, 2017

Mike Collison made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Connie King seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting

Mike Collison made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting as presented. Kathleen Bonnes seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Administrator Updates – Kristin Schmidt (informational only)

a. Quitline Iowa Usage Update – The County Demographics Summary for Quitline Iowa was provided for each of the board members. Kristin pointed out that through 3rd Qtr of FY 17, there has been 14 phone calls or web inquiries into Quitline Iowa from Monona County.

b. Board Of Health Member Position Recruitment Update

Kristin sent a letter to 15 targeted community members who have worked in the health care field. After contacting each of them and discussing their possible interest in serving on the board of health she found four persons who are interested. All four candidates appear to all have great qualifications for board membership. The members ended up deferring to the Iowa Gender Balance Law that states that a good faith effort should be made to appoint Board of Health members that make a gender balance on the current board.

Connie King made a motion to have Kristin make the recommendation/request to the Board of Supervisors to appoint Scott North to the Board of Health and to contact the other three persons and let them know that we appreciate their interest very much and we hope that they will consider accepting a position on the board in the future. Dr. Kahl seconded. Motion carried.

V. Family Planning Program Update – Kristin Schmidt (informational only)**

April is STD Prevention Month and a press release was submitted to the area newspapers. Jessica Stangel, the public health nurse, printed out a STD Prevention Poster and hung copies throughout the county. The information was posted in or distributed to: school nurses, apartment building complexes, laundromats, WIT college campus (Mapleton), our partnering service organizations such as, WIC/West Central Community Action, etc.

VI. Environmental Health Program Updates – Kristin Schmidt

a. Radon Testing Contest Challenge – Sandy Bubke, Monona County Environmental Specialist, worked hard to get the most households/businesses to utilize the free radon kits that were distributed throughout Monona County during this challenge. Her hard work paid off as we were one of the county winners. As a reward, we will receive a free Iowa Cancer Consortium Annual Membership. You have to be a member to be eligible for their grants so this free membership will be helpful next year.

- b. FY18 Grants to Counties Grant Application
Sandy and Kristin have re-applied for this grant for our Environmental Health Program. This grant is utilized to provide private well water testing, well and cistern plugging, and septic system inspections in Monona County.

Dr. Kahl made a motion to approve the Grants to Counties application. Kathleen Bonnes seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

- c. Iowa Cancer Consortium Sun Safety Sunscreen Initiative Grant Application
Sandy and Kristin have re-applied for this grant for our Environmental Health Program. We requested 2 gallons of sunscreen to distribute at the following Monona County outdoor venues: Mapleton and Onawa community swimming pools, the baseball and softball fields, Mapleton and Onawa golf courses, and the county fairgrounds during fair week. Wherever the sunscreen is placed there will also be a poster that talks about the importance of wearing sunscreen. Social media and a short questionnaire will be used to receive feedback from the public for evaluation of this service to the community.
Dr. Kahl made a motion to approve the Iowa Cancer Consortium Sun Safety Initiative Grant application. Connie King seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. 3Q 2017 Environmental Health Program Updates (informational only)
The members each received a 3rd Quarter, Year-to-Date report that shows the various Environmental Health permits issued, tests completed and a breakdown of where time is being allocated to and where revenue is coming in from.

VII. Immunization Program Update – Kristin Schmidt

- a. FY18 Immunization Program Grant Contract Received
The public health agency has received the FY18 Immunization Grant Contract. This is for the period of April 2017 through June 2018, a 15 month period, as part of the procedure to move from an annual year grant cycle to state fiscal year cycle. We use this grant to provide immunization services for children, adolescents, and under-immunized populations in our county.
Mike Collison made a motion to accept the Immunization Grants. Dr. Kahl seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. Learning for Life Program Updates – Kristin Schmidt

- a. Neighborhood Networking Grant - Nurtured Heart Approach Event (informational only)
We received a Neighborhood Networking Grant which allowed us to plan and host this event for child care providers, teachers, parents, medical providers, etc. on April 27th at the West Monona Elementary School. There were over 23 adults and 10 children in attendance. A catered meal, healthy snacks, free childcare, and a give-away door prize were provided for the participants. Some of our community partners shared their health and safety information at the event and the 4-H Babysitting Club provided the childcare. A short questionnaire completed by the participants was used to evaluate the usefulness of the event and positive feedback was received. A comprehensive report was given to the board members and a press release will be sent to the local newspapers.
- b. FY18-20 Early Childhood Iowa Grant Application
This grant application was recently developed and submitted to the HMS Early Childhood Iowa Board. This grant is used to partially fund our Learning for Life Program. The application showcases the need for this service in our county and how we intend to use the funds.
Connie King made a motion to approve the Early Childhood Grant application. Mike Collison seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. National Child Abuse Awareness Easter Egg Hunt Event (informational only)
April was Child Abuse Prevention month. To raise awareness of this important issue our Learning for Life Program planned and hosted an Easter Egg hunt and sidewalk chalk art event outside the Monona County Courthouse. One of the grant deliverables of our Early Childhood Iowa grant is to plan and host family group events, like this one. The goal of the events is to allow parents to not only bond with their children but to also bond with other families in the community. This helps them to develop support systems and de-stress, therefore decreasing the chances of child abuse occurring.

- d. Learning for Life Program and Health Improvement Plan Evaluation Discussion.
- Kristin told the board that the agency is facing a potential 13% overall cut to our various state grant funds and a 1.3% cut to our Early Childhood Funds. She has spent a lot of time evaluating the efficiency and needs of our programs to ensure that we will continue to have successful programs in the future. She also spent time evaluating where we are in our Health Improvement Plan (HIP) for the top priorities identified in our February 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment. Those 4 top priorities are:
- a. Increase physical activity
 - b. Decrease child abuse/neglect
 - c. Decrease heart disease
 - d. Decrease poverty

Kristin gave a copy of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2017 County Health Rankings results that were recently released. These results show that Monona County is now ranked number 99 out of all of the 99 counties in Iowa for our health outcomes (based on premature death rates, low birthweights and poor mental and physical health). It is very apparent that the culture of health in this county needs to change. To do this, Kristin requested that Monona County Public Health be allowed to hire a part-time Wellness Manager that can focus solely on wellness efforts in our county such as, i.e. community gardens, make a meal classes, complete streets, farmer's markets, wellness classes with school age children, workout classes at nursing homes, etc.

Currently our Learning for Life Program has 1 full time employee (Andrea Gibson) and 1 part time 24-hour per week employee (Cora Fox). Kristin told the board that Cora is nearing completion of her Master's in Public Health degree and has been offered another job which is full time with good benefits so she has given her resignation. Kristin stated that she believes that one full time person can see the families that we currently have on the LFL Program at this time and do the monthly supervision for the HMS Learning for Life affiliate program. She proposed not hiring and training another part-time LFL Parent Educator, at this time, but instead hiring a part-time Wellness Manager.

After a lengthy discussion and review of the Monona County HIP and the current County Health Rankings, Connie King made a motion to create a part-time Wellness Manager position. Mike Collison seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. Financial Reports – Danelle Riley

- a. February 2017 Accounts Receivable and Reconciliation Report
- b. March 2017 Accounts Receivable and Reconciliation Report

The February and March Accounts Receivable and Reconciliation Reports were provided in written form and Danelle Riley read the March report orally.

Dr Kahl made a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted. Mike Collison seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

X. Next Meeting: Proposed next meeting date is Monday, July 17, 2017.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted: *Danelle Riley*
Title: Administrative Assistant / Assistant Administrator

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