

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

TAMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOME CARE

Monday November 25, 2024 – 12:00 P.M.
Meeting held at Tama County Annex Building and via Zoom

Members Present: Sally Custer Chris Behrens – via Zoom Sherry Parks, PA-C, via Zoom
Lori Johnson Jolynn Harger
Shannon Zoffka Casey Schmidt

Members Absent: Curt Hilmer Micki Ferris Dr. Hineman

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Parks, Chairman at 12:03 p.m.

Sally Custer moved to accept the Revised Agenda as presented. Casey Schmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Casey Schmidt moved to accept the Minutes of the October 28, 2024 Board meeting. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Casey Schmidt moved to accept the Minutes of the November 6, 2024 Board meeting. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Environmental Report:

Chris reported that there are 5 systems are waiting to be put in due to bad weather. Micki Ferris and Chris attended the virtual Board of Health training last week. Chris will be attending a conference in January.

Director's Report - 10 Essential Public Health Services Framework – Shannon Zoffka

1. *Assess and Monitor population health status, factors that influence health and community needs and assets*
 - Food Pantry: 160 Households served for October
2. *Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population*
 - Communicable Disease Investigations Started in October: 1 E Coli
 - Active & Latent TB Cases: Current latent cases 3
 - Animal Bites: 1 in October
 - Immunizations Given: 50 given in October (43 were Influenza)
 - 3 Flu Shot Clinics were held for County employees and their family members
3. *Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it*
 - Social Media Strategy: Preparedness Month, Suicide Prevention Month, Alzheimer's Awareness, National Food Bank Day, Distracted Driving, Septic Smart Week, Virus vs Bacteria, TCPH Job Openings, LIHEAP Information, Free COVID Tests Available
 - Posts: 33
 - Coffee Talks: 5 Hosted with 40 total attendees
4. *Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health*
 - Maternal Health: attended the Maternal Health Virtual Summit, good information shared: 1/3 of the instructors in nursing programs around the State are set to retire in 2025, Mary Greeley has seen a 20% increase in births at their hospital since the closure of Marshalltown Hospital OB unit, deliveries by EMS has increased in the State, HRSA has a Maternal Mental Health hotline with help available in 60 languages

(magnets, wallet cards and posters ordered to share for free), access to care, post partum depression, substance use and mental health concerns are more prevalent in pregnant women, increase in health risk factors have increased in the past several years (one of which is elevated BMI at time of pregnancy).

- Nest: October 8th, immunizations and illnesses, 11 in attendance
- SKIP: meeting held October 24th, plans for the upcoming year discussed (Sex Trafficking speaker in January, Winter Movie Nights and Summer Pool Parties, Supper with Superheroes, Fishing Event on Free Fishing Weekend)
- NEI3A/COA: No new news

5. *Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health*

- The State continues to share information on Lassa Fever, HAN information forwarded to clinics.

6. *Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health*

- PHEP: Shannon contacted all schools to see if there was any interest in Stop The Bleed Kits if funding became available. Several schools have interest and those "dream" numbers were shared with the coalition; we will see if the funding is approved for the project in the next few months
- School nurses contacted to remind of 10% absenteeism reporting

7. *Assure and effective system that enables access to the individual services and care need to be health*

- Foot Clinics Kelly is training Tammy on Foot Clinics, and she will be taking over the program
- Blood Pressure Clinics are at the Senior Center each month, Tammy will be taking these over
- Home Health: 25% of referrals were admitted in October (down 2 RN's through the month)
- We will host an Open House on November 20th from 2-4PM

8. *Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce*

- Nurse Aide/Homemakers attended a Care Givers Conference in Des Moines
- October 23rd was All Staff Training Day. We reviewed the credit card policy, conflict of interest statements, updated emergency contact information, had a tabletop exercise, fire training, fit tests, waste fraud and abuse, HIPPA training and completed the Public Health Wins survey as well as other online trainings for Bloodborne Pathogens, Effective Communication, Dealing with Difficult People and further HIPPA training.

9. *Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research and continuous quality improvement.*

- QAPI: no new news , planning next meeting with LeeAnna being the Interim Clinical Manager, continue to prepare for DIA Survey (** DIA survey 11/18/24-11/20/24)
- We will be switching our phone system to the new system used by the County, this will cost less than our current system and offers more functionality if we choose to use it.

10. *Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.*

- Public Health System Survey was completed, reviewed with Heather Bombei and submitted timely

Waiver: October: Three patients were served under the Frail and Elderly Waiver. There were 0 Maternal Health Home visits in October.

Financial Report:

Admissions decreased for the month of October. Skilled Nurse visits decreased for October. Health Aide visits and hours increased for the month of October. Our revenue increased for the month of October.

Lori shared that the Medicare Cost Report has been completed. We had an increase of 200 Skilled Nursing visits from the previous year.

Casey Schmidt moved to approve the Financial Report. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Casey Schmidt moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Letter of Agency with Aureon for County Wide Phone System. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Sally Custer moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Organizational Provider Re-Credentialing Application for Iowa Total Care. Casey Schmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Sally Custer moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Lamar Contract #4802901 for Well Water Billboard Advertisements. Casey Schmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Sally Custer moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Lamar Contract #4802894 for Self-Care Includes the COVID Vaccine Billboard Advertisements. Casey Schmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Casey Schmidt moved to Approve the Environmental Health Summary of Activities Report for 07/01/24-09/30/24. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Future Meeting Dates: The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on Monday, December 23, 2024 at Noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant