

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting
August 26, 2020 at 4:00 PM
Harris Building - Conference Room #234A/B
1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA
Contact: Kim Honn, 892-6000

*Indicates Action Items

1. Call to Order BOH meeting with a quorum – Mary Tarbox, Chair
Dr. Tarbox, Board Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Board Present: Dr. Mary Tarbox, Dr. Levett, Karl Cassell, Leslie Wright, Stacey Walker (via phone), Heidi Carmen (via phone) – Legal and Kim

LCPH Staff: Donna Meyer, Matthew Dobler, Daniel Ellickson, Ruby Perin, Shane Dodge, Larry Hlavacek, Jim Hodina, Tricia Kitzmann, Pramod Dwivedi

Guest: Diana Strahan - HACAP
2. Recognize Guests – Mary Tarbox
Ruby Perin introduced Matthew Dobler to the Board. Mr. Dobler was hired as an Environmental Health Specialist for the Healthy Homes branch, effective August 24, 2020. Shane Dodge introduced Daniel Ellickson to the Board. Mr. Ellickson was hired as an Environmental Chemist for Air Quality branch, effective August 24, 2020. Mr. Dwivedi introduced Donna Meyer to the Board. Ms. Meyer received a County quarterly award for exemplifying the County's Core Values.
3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each
None
4. Approve Agenda *
Motion made to approve agenda as presented.
****MSC Cassell/Levett**
 - BOH member/s excused absences
5. Approve July 22, 2020 Minutes and August 5, 2020 Joint BOH/BOS Minutes *
Motion made to approve the July 22, 2020 minutes as presented.
**** MSC Wright/Cassell**
Motion made to approve the Joint BOH/BOS August 5, 2020 Minutes as presented.
****MSC Wright/Cassell**
6. Update on LCPH Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Study in Private Wells –
- Riley Mullins, Environmental Chemist

Ms. Mullins provided a presentation to the Board in regards to a PFAS project she is working on with CHEEC (Center for Health Effect for Environmental Contamination) from the University of Iowa College. After the presentation there was a Q & A time for Ms. Mullins to answer questions.
7. BOH Committee Reports:
 - A. Finance and Administrative Review – Karl Cassell, Committee Chair
 1. July 2020 Finance Statements *

Motion made to approve the July 2020 Finance Statements as presented.

****MSC Wright/Tarbox**

B. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Mary Tarbox, Committee Chair

1. Policies x 2 *

- a) PO-AD-001-03 Developing and Implementing a Strategic Plan
- b) PO-EH-003 Euthanize and Quarantine of Animals

Motion made to approve the above-mentioned policies as presented.

****MSC Cassell/Wright**

2. Naming of the Public Health Clinic *

Motion made to approve the naming of Public Health Clinic.

**** MSC Levett/Wright**

8. Health Director's Report – Pramod Dwivedi

- COVID-19 Update
 - Refer to the Health Director's report for activities. Health Director highlighted some items.
- Derecho 2020 Update
 - Refer to the Health Director's report for activities. Health Director highlighting some items.
- Operational Activities Update
 - Health Director updated the Board about the Letters they authorized him to write on their behalf.
 - Discussed a conversation with IDPH Interim Director, Kelly Garcia.
 - Friends of Linn County Public Health Foundation moving forward.
 - The agency submitted all documents to be reaccredited.
 - The following activities are increasing and staff are getting busier with; Grants to Counties water collections, food safety inspections, septic & well inspections/permits, tattoo inspections, pool & spa inspections, air quality inspections/permits.
 - Clinical services work is picking up along with all the work they are doing on the pandemic.
 - My Care Community timeline was developed for Signify Network administration beginning August 2020.
 - Staff is busy with LAP-AID work.
 - Health Director asked Mr. Hodina, Environmental Health Services Manager, to highlight the compliance requirements for physical distancing at bars and restaurants.

9. Board of Health Attorney Report – Heidi Carmer

None

10. Next Meetings:

Board of Health Meeting – Wednesday – September 23, 2020 at 4:00 PM

- Finance & Administrative Review committee meeting September 17, 2020 at 2:00 PM
- BOH Policy & Government Relations committee meeting September 17, 2020 at 3:00 PM

11. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kim S. Honn, Recorder**