



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
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Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV

DATE: April 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Paschen, Chair
Mark Speck, Vice-Chair
Dr. John Kluge
*Dr. Louisa Tabatabai
Dr. Molly Lee
Lisa Heddens (Ex-officio)
*Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Margaret Jaynes, Environmental Health Director; Cathy Bazylinski, Environmental Specialist; Matt Cory, Environmental Specialist; Stephanie Jones, Recording Secretary

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Heather Bombei, Chelce Carter, Alissa Wignall, Wade Teslow, Leanne Harter, Ottie Maxey, Ryan Doyle, Les White, Treasa Ferrari

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Paschen read the special note to public: Due to recommendations to social distance in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the capacity of our meeting room is significantly limited. Therefore, public access to the meeting is being provided via Zoom. Members of the public can participate by using the information at the bottom of agenda. Board of Health members are also present via Zoom.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA MCU

Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee to approve agenda (MCU)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee to approve the February 2, 2021 and March 11, 2021 minutes. MCU

4. PUBLIC FORUM

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Recognition Of Cathy Bazylinski For 16 Years Of Service

The Board thanked Cathy for her service.



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Recruitment Process For Environmental Health Director

Paschen stated that Margaret Jaynes will be retiring in June, 2021. Alissa Wignall spoke about the recruitment process and what to do in the interim. Wignall stated the board could review the job description and decide how they would like to handle the interview process. Speck stated previously he and Kluge were on a hiring committee. Paschen thought it would be a good idea to have a committee, but that final interviews should be done by the full board. Speck and Kluge are interested in volunteering for the hiring committee. Wignall stated that other county personnel could also be on the committee. Jaynes stated that Planning and Development and Conservation are the two departments that Environment Health works with frequently. Paschen would like someone from the community involved in the interview process. Jaynes and Wignall will work together to develop a hiring committee, and Wignall recommended that at least one other director that works closely with Environmental Health should be on the committee.

Wignall asked about the job description, and stated it is up to date as far as essential functions, but specifically any programs or certifications need to be listed. Heddens stated that the septic ordinance references the sanitarian and asked if a contract should be considered to perform the sanitarian duties until a permanent director is hired. Jaynes was unsure if the use of "sanitarian" in the ordinance requires a certified sanitarian or a sanitarian only by name. Wignall stated Ethan Anderson would need to provide input and reminded that there is a requirement in the job description for a Registered Sanitarian.

Paschen felt there are a lot of specific details to be worked out behind the scenes, and requested that Kluge and Speck be on the interview committee with two other individuals from the community. Paschen stated that he had looked over the job description and it looked fine. Paschen would like Wignall to begin the hiring process and if approval is needed for any changes, a special meeting could be held at that time. Wignall stated that she would keep the BOH updated by email on progress. Heddens asked at what point in the process there would need to be consideration given to determining if an interim or contracted sanitarian would be needed. Wignall felt that 2-3 weeks ahead of time would be needed, unless there is someone within the department that could handle the duties.

COVID-19 Update On Current Cases And Vaccine Distribution

Les White provided a COVID-19 update and provided the following information on current positivity rates, as of April 1, 2021, and vaccine distribution:

- Total cases 10,089
- 46 deaths
- 0 long term care facilities with outbreaks
- 14-day positivity rate is 5%
- Patients at Mary Greeley Medical Center and Upper Respiratory Clinics in the county have stabilized.
- Test Iowa site seeing an average of less than 50 people per day. Contract has been extended



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through July.

- Vaccination rates – 12.6% over the age of 65.
- Total doses administered to Story County residents is 41,563, with 15,218 series completed.
- Total fully vaccinated 8,574
- Where to get a vaccine – McFarland Clinic, Story County Medical Center, NESCO Family Medical Clinic, Primary Health Care, Iowa State University, NuCara, Medicap, Hy-Vee and CVS.
- If no affiliation with a medical clinic in Story County call public health to be connected with a clinic.
- Allocations continuing to be monitored with vaccines being available to everyone effective April 5, 2021. This week an extra 400 doses were received, so allocations have not risen much.
- Clinic scheduled on Friday April 9, 2021 at The Bridge at 9:00 a.m. with the homeless population.
- Continuing to work with community partners to provide vaccines to those 65 and older, and those 64 and younger with underlying health conditions.
- Those with disabilities and in the manufacturing sector are also being addressed by Public Health and pharmacy partners.
- White stated that since allocations are still low, staying within the tiers is alright until allocations are increased to better suit population needs.
- Working with the immigrant population through churches and the coalition to encourage being vaccinated.
- Vaccine is open to everyone now, but Story County allocations are still limited.
- Plans for a large clinic are being made, if a large amount of vaccinations are received. White stated that the North Grand Mall is willing to rent out a space to hold a clinic.
- Working on a new system for online appointment scheduling.

Paschen asked when incarcerated individuals will be vaccinated. White stated there is a category to include the incarcerated, but not enough allocation has been received yet to accommodate that.

Paschen stated Story County Medical Center had joined with Nucara Pharmacy to obtain extra allocations to hold a large clinic.

Paschen volunteered to go into homeless camps with a police officer to administer vaccinations.

Kluge stated information was sent out to vaccinate Vet Med students before leaving for summer break,



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and wondered where that vaccine would be from. White stated that would be coming from Public Health and there is a training requirement after receiving the vaccination.

Heddens asked how many are hospitalized at this time. White stated two at Mary Greeley.

Lee asked about staffing needs for a large vaccination clinic. White stated that there is a contract with RSVP and there are individuals who help with registering, temperature taking, letting individuals know when the 15-minute waiting time is up, and sanitizing. White stated there are 10 temporary nurses and Mary Greeley would most likely be willing to send individuals as well. Lee is also willing to volunteer as a vaccinator if needed.

Face Covering Regulation – Importance Of Wearing A Face Covering And Criteria For Recommending Removal Of Regulation

Paschen stated that emails are being received about removing the requirement for students to wear masks. There purposely was not a time expiration added to the face covering regulation. The plan has always been to continue monitoring the situation and give a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors when the time is appropriate to lift the mask regulation. Paschen asked if anyone feels there should be a time range that when certain criteria are met, the regulation could be lifted. Speck stated other states have removed mask mandates. Lee stated that information changes so rapidly that setting guidelines would be difficult, and that it is best to rely on the CDC for recommendations. Paschen feels we are so close to having a normal summer if regulations continue to be followed. Kluge stated that rules being different from state to state makes it confusing. Lee stated she understands the difficulties and that children have been through a lot, but does not feel it is an appropriate time to say that children do not need to wear masks while in school. Speck agreed it's getting close, but still too soon.

Ottie Maxey stated that the Ballard Board of Education has recommended to follow local recommendations, and he has been asked to get clarity on the metrics for lifting the face covering regulation. Maxey asked if it is accurate to say that local officials are following state guidelines in the mask recommendations. Paschen stated that the Board of Health is following state and CDC guidelines. Paschen feels the vaccine is a game changer and it will allow a chance to stop the COVID-19 virus, but still being cautious is important. Paschen stated that if things change, a special meeting can be held to discuss changes to the face covering regulation as needed. Maxey stated that he felt it is important to advocate consideration of lifting the face covering regulation as soon as it is safe.

Arsenic In Private Water Wells

Bazylinski provided an update on Grants to Counties for well water testing. Initially testing included coliform, bacteria and nitrate. Approximately five years ago the state began allowing testing for arsenic to be done. Arsenic has not been much of an issue in Story County, with only three wells in the northern part of the county with an elevated arsenic level. If arsenic is found, then treatment options are discussed. Bazylinski stated that manganese can also be tested, as well as fluoride if there are



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children 8 years of age or younger in the household. Paschen asked how individuals can get their well water tested. Bazylnski stated that people call the Environmental Health office to set up an appointment for a free water test.

Heddens asked when the three wells with elevated levels were tested. Bazylnski stated one was within the past year and the other two were within the past couple of years. Bazylnski stated that all new wells are tested, including the test for arsenic. Heddens asked if there is outreach done to encourage individuals to test their well water. Bazylnski stated that notices are put on our website, as well as the counties social media.

Proposed Tanning Ordinance

Jaynes stated that the stakeholders meeting had been held. Two options came from the meeting. First option was to make it a requirement to be 18 years old to tan, or allowing 16 and 17 year olds to tan with parental consent. Jaynes stated if the board decides to move forward with this, notice would have to be placed in the newspapers and three public hearings would then take place with the Board of Supervisors. Paschen stated when he asked his pediatric colleagues about the issue, they all agreed no one under the age of 18 should be allowed to tan.

Heddens noted that there have been legislations over the past few years for both recommendations, but not enough support to pass the legislation. Jaynes stated that Scott County has the requirement of 16 and 17 year olds to tan only with parent consent.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee to not allow tanning by individuals under the age of 18.
Voting Aye: Kluge, Paschen, Speck, Lee
Voting Nay: None

Jaynes asked if (641) IAC Chapter 46 could also be adopted by reference, in its entirety.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Lee for adoption of the state code by reference, in its entirety
Voting Aye: Kluge, Lee, Paschen, Speck, Lee

Agency and Departmental Reports

Public Health

Ferrari stated that they have remained busy with vaccinations. Paschen asked if it would be possible to provide a meal to the homeless while doing vaccination clinics. Lee stated that reaching out to Food at First for assistance would be a good idea.

Environmental Health

Jaynes provided a summary and stated that Grants to Counties has \$19,500 remaining. Jaynes stated that Story County does not do a lot of well water drilling because of rural water. Jaynes reported that recently there was a call made to the DNR about a geothermal system at the Nevada School. DNR informed Environmental



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Health that they are required to notify them when there is anything more than 10 loops. Jaynes stated that the 28E agreement has been expired since 2008, so discussion was held with Ethan Anderson, and currently well permits are no longer being issued by Story County until a new 28E agreement is reached with the DNR. After only one day, a new 28E agreement was received and is currently being reviewed by the legal department.

Information on the new pumping requirement went out as in insert in property owner's tax assessments.

Update on HF728, now SJ727. A county shall not require the payment of a penalty, fine, or fee due to a resident's noncompliance with rules adopted by the county sanitarian regarding periodic septic tank pumping as part of routine maintenance.

Pool and tattoo inspections – 14 pool inspections, 4 pools still closed, 8 pools with compliance issues. 7
Tattoo inspections, 5 violations.

Water monitoring/assessment groups – Reviewed proposals and interviewed consultants for conducting a watershed assessment for the headwaters of the Skunk River watershed.

35 zoning permits, 1 demolition, 1 interagency review for YSS for a 36 bed group home near Cambridge.

Miscellaneous - Issued a NOV to a contractor for inaccurate TOT report. Issued two NOVs for failure to treat wastewater. Interviews for Environmental Specialist to begin this week. Matt Cory is on the county website review committee. Letter went out to septic installers, pumpers, and maintenance contractors regarding pumping requirements, change in staff, and reminders for installation final inspections. ACS and County IT continue working on department software data management support. Updated COOP/COG document. CCMT meetings.

YSS

Ryan Doyle presented his report. Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (Sexual Resistance Avoidance Education Grant, Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Grant, Child Safety Programming), Mentoring (school-based mentoring in Ames, Ballard, Gilbert, Nevada, and Collins-Maxwell), Site-Based Mentoring (Rosedale Shelter, Seven-12 House Residential Treatment Facility, Youth Recovery House Residential Treatment Facility, YSS Transitional Living Programs), Expansion of Community-Based Mentoring Program, Iowa Department of Public Health Grant, and Substance Abuse Prevention and Community Outreach.

Kratom information was provided and discussed. Paschen asked to be kept informed if more information is available on Kratom.

COMMENTS:

Staff: Bazyliniski was thanked again by the board for her work.

Board: Lee stated the vaccine mailer has been drafted and finalized, and currently the address issue is being worked through. As soon as a final list is completed those will be going out in the mail. Paschen would like



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thought to be given to the Board of Health being involved with certain bills in the legislature. Speck asked about meeting in person. Heddens stated that the meeting room is open with guidelines being followed for social distancing. It is difficult to social distance at the board table and the room has a limit of 20 people.

ADJOURNMENT 3:52 p.m.



Approval of Minutes



Title and Date

