



**STORY COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH**
STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
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Minutes

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DATE: April 29, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

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

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

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: Joe Levy, A. Martinez, Heather Bombei, Linda Murken, Latifah Faisal, Dan MacAlpine, Steve Sullivan, Lauren Johnson, Wade Teslow, Alissa Wignall, Zach Tecklenbury, Timothy Hanson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Paschen called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 with moving item 5.V before 5.II (MCU)

3. PUBLIC FORUM: None

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Contract between Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Story County Board of Health, Amendment Number 2 to Contract Number 17ESDWQBTGROT0001-85

Motion by Kluge, Second by Speck to approve consent agenda (MCU)

5. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Tanning Ordinance



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Paschen summarized that a tanning ordinance had been approved at the last meeting by the Board of Health, and the Board of Supervisors would like it amended to be similar to Scott County, which would allow 16 and 17-year-olds to tan with parental permission.

Dr. Timothy Hanson feels it is very important to try and prevent skin cancer. Skin cancer is very much related to ultraviolet light exposure. Hanson asked how many people would consider smoking to be alright with parental consent, because he considers tanning to be at least as harmful as smoking. Melanoma is the most common cancer in women ages 25-29. He supports an ordinance that would prohibit minors under the age of 18 from using tanning devices.

Joe Levy, American Sun Tanning Association, stated that he is an anti-smoking advocate and a smoker has a much higher increase of lung cancer than a nonsmoker. Ultraviolet light exposure is needed and important to do so in a non-burning fashion. Risks associated with sunbeds in non-salon locations have a higher risk (no regulation). He stated that if a minor is prevented from using a regulated tanning device, she/he could seek unregulated tanning at a friend's private device, or at an unregulated county's establishment. Sunburn prevention is very important, in both indoor and outdoor tanning.

Dr. Dan MacAlpine – Summarized types of melanoma and does not feel it is unreasonable to ban tanning to people under the age of 18, as 24 states have banned. Women under age 30 are 6 times more likely to develop melanoma if they tan indoors. Of those who use tanning beds, 33% start before age 13 and 50% of them attend tanning session with a relative. He asked the board to not allow the ordinance option for parental consent for 16 and 17-year-olds.

Wade Teslow, owner of several Sun Tan City Salons, said that it is inaccurate to suggest that more women than men use tanning devices. Additionally, he doesn't like comments that parents are not able to make decisions if their child should tan. Scott County passed an ordinance for parental consent. Teslow doesn't feel the BOS sent the ordinance back for additional discussion on whether to send 18 back again, but rather to amend to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to tan with parental consent. Paschen clarified that it is not known if the BOS will pass an ordinance allowing parental consent, but he thinks that it is an option they would like to consider.

Dr. Leslie Christianson talked about differences between sunburn versus suntan, and stated there is damage that begins to happen before skin tans. Christianson feels it is important to decrease sunburns, but also suntans and that a tan should not be considered to look healthy as suggested by marketing media.

Paschen stated that he appreciates the input from all sides, but feels that those in the medical profession do not agree with using tanning beds.

Speck asked if professional tanning beds are safer than non-professional. Paschen stated that he does not feel professional tanning beds are safe either.



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Kluge does not feel people should want to expose young people to indoor tanning.

Tabatabai after listening to discussion and reading literature, agreed no one under the age of 18 should be exposed to tanning. Tabatabai feels that if passed, people will just drive to other counties to tan. Considering an option like Scott County, and allowing parental consent seems to be an option by putting parents in control, which shifts responsibility to the parent. Tabatabai does still have mixed feelings, but feels the best is to not allow tanning under the age of 18.

Lee stated that she is hearing that everyone agrees sunburns are bad and suntans are not as bad. The only reason she can think of returning the proposed ordinance to BOS with a different recommendation than what was originally proposed, is if allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to tan in a tanning bed is safer than seeking less safe options. She still feels it is important to reduce exposure to 16 and 17-year-olds. Lee feels the best health decision is to not allow people under the age of 18 to use a tanning bed.

Heddens did not have a comment since the other supervisors were present (open meeting laws).

Paschen stated there is likely a better chance of the ordinance passing if it is similar to Scott County. Paschen feels the BOH provides the best advice based on science and feels it should be sent back to the supervisors unchanged. Paschen stated he gives advice that people may not like, but he gives the best advice and is in favor of returning back the original ordinance recommendation.

Motion by Kluge, Second by Tabatabai to return the tanning ordinance as originally written back to the Board of Supervisors.

Voting Aye: Speck, Kluge, Lee, Tabatabai, Paschen

Voting Nay: None

Vaccination Mailing Update

Lee stated that a mailing is in progress and a post card has been designed, but there has been an issue with the distribution due to address errors. Lee stated options include every door direct, which would use postal routes. That would require a few changes so it would be within the budget. The other option would be to redirect funds to use the design in other purchased advertisements, rather than mailing. Steve Sullivan, Mary Greeley Director of Marketing stated that the every door direct is a viable option, and would reach the most people with only a few changes to remain within budget. Other advertisements could include a flier to go out in local newspapers at an additional cost. Paschen felt the door-to-door option was the best option and other board members agreed.

Environmental Health Interim Director

Paschen stated with Jaynes retiring soon, Jaynes feels there should be an Interim Director as opposed to having staff complete the extra responsibilities. Jaynes stated that nearly every day things come up that she feels there is a need to transfer information onto someone that has decision making power. Jaynes feels that for a smooth transition, Matt Cory would be the best option for filling the interim



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position. Paschen asked if there would be additional cost. Jaynes stated there would be additional costs involved, but it would be fair to Cory because there will be many more job duties and responsibilities. Paschen asked Alissa Wignall, HR, about the hiring process. Wignall stated the Board of Health would need to make the decision of whether or not there should be an interim. There would be additional salary and an interim would be responsible for all duties within the directors roll in order to receive the increased pay. Wignall provided a timeline update in regards to the director recruitment. The process is going well and it is anticipated that it would be possible to have a new director on board by July 1, 2021. Paschen asked how many applications have been received to date. Wignall stated there are currently 5 applications and the deadline is not until May 8th. Wignall stated duties could be given to staff without being an Interim, but it would be up to the Board of Health, and typically the length of time anticipated of being without a director should be considered. Jaynes felt it was important to understand that even if it appears that it should only be a month without a director, often times things process gets delayed. Cory will be the only person in the office with experience, and it is the busiest time of the year for septics, and pool inspections will be starting soon. Decisions such as closing pools, issuing notice of violations take a director to make those decisions. Paschen stated it seems like a reasonable request to name an interim.

Speck asked if the new employee (Environmental Health Specialist) will be able to do pool inspections. Jaynes stated she will not be a certified pool operator yet.

Heddens stated that she felt this could be revisited at the beginning of June. Heddens asked Jaynes if there are certain job duties as a sanitarian that only she can do because she has the credentials. Jaynes doesn't believe there are any duties she couldn't complete without being a Registered Sanitarian (RS). She does feel it is important to have the RS credential, but stated that she could do her job without it.

Paschen felt waiting until June 1st to decide on whether or not an interim is needed would be alright and the board agreed.

CDC's Updated COVID-19 Guidance For Masks For Fully Vaccinated People

Paschen stated that he believes the new guidelines do not affect the Story County Mask Regulation. Heddens stated when she asked for this item to be added, the new guidelines had not yet been released.

Whether To Adopt Metrics To Determine When To Recommend To The Board Of Supervisors Removal Of The Story County Face Covering Regulation

Paschen stated metrics from the Lynn County Board of Health have been published that indicate when the county gets to a certain level, the mask mandate will end. Paschen asked the board how they felt about establishing metrics. Paschen stated the CDC recommendations continue to be updated and if the board recommended metrics, it would be hard to remove. Lee stated having a goal to work towards might be motivating, but that it would consist of a lot of work to keep the information updated. Kluge



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feels with plenty of vaccines available, now we should wait and see what happens over the summer. Tabatabai agreed it would be hard to keep up with metrics. The board agreed there is no interest in trying to establish metrics at this time.

6. COMMENTS:

Staff: None

Board: None

ADJOURNMENT 7:03p.m.



Approval of Minutes



Title and Date

