

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
October 29th, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.
Via Webex**

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Dr. O. Daniel Osaro	Absent
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Present

Staff Present Shane McClintock, Director to the Board of Health
Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health

Others Present Michele Cullen, Genesis VNA
Nancy Burns, EMA
Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest/WIC
Heather Montgomery, WHS
Jocelyn Meyer, Bridgeview
Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
Jonathan Bahnsen, Hillcrest/WIC
Laura Norris, Mercy

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. Roll call showed 4 members present. The meeting was held virtually via Webex due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Sullens**, to **APPROVE** the September 23rd, 2020 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

Eggers made note that the Board of Supervisors have approved the request to extend **Malcom's** term on the Board of Health, now set to expire 12-31-2023.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Finance** – No updates.
- B. **Personnel** – No updates.
- C. **Total Quality Management** – No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. **Environmental Services- McClintock** said the Elvira project continues. Agreements have been sent to all residents and only one has been received back to the office. **McClintock**

noted that the residents are being allowed to pay back the cost over a 10 year period and it is added on to their taxes if they do not wish to pay in full up front. There is no interest added to the cost. There will be a public hearing on November 9th at the regular Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss the project. No action will be taken until more agreements are received back signed.

- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice– Cullen** noted that they are assisting Mercy with the Community Health Needs Assessment. The surveys have gone out and once collected, a meeting will be held to discuss what steps need to be done or if a new coalition is warranted. Flu vaccine clinics will finish up at area schools this week. A report of numbers will be provided at the next meeting. **Cullen** noted that numbers are definitely down this year due to some children being online or participating in the hybrid learning model. A drive through clinic was held last night for Davenport schools with over 500 vaccines provided. School immunization audits will again be done, however the state gave more time due to the Pandemic. They will now be due in March. Regarding COVID, as of this morning, Iowa had 121,553 positive cases overall. Clinton County is at 1530 which is up 127 from one week ago. There are currently 385 active cases in Clinton County. Hospital rates are soaring. Our region has 128 hospitalized, last week it was 100. There are 11 cases at Mercy, 36 at Genesis, and 30 at the University of Iowa. 15% of beds are left available. **Cullen** continues to work with schools daily with contact tracing efforts. The current positivity rate is 11.7% whereas last week it was 8.5%. There are two new rapid testing machines in the area which enables tracing to start quickly. A vaccine for the virus is in the works. The guidance suggests the targeted groups be for frontline healthcare workers and nursing home residents. **Thiltgen** noted that the assessment was indeed send out and is also on the Board of Health Facebook page. He notes that 500 responses is the goal. He questioned the effectiveness of the flu vaccine and how the COVID vaccine will work also. **Cullen** noted that 50% effective rate is the hope. Normally the FDA requires a 6 month observance period, but it is now knocked down to 2 months for the vaccine. **Eggers** questioned where the two new rapid testing sites were. **Cullen** noted that they are at Mercy Urgent Care and the Family Medical Clinic in Jackson County. **Morgan** asked if this is a saliva test and how long does it take for results to come in. **Cullen** said that it is indeed a saliva test and takes 15-30 minutes for results. **Irwin** questioned regarding the drive through clinic in Davenport, whether one was planned for Clinton County. **Cullen** said no, the reason for that one was that they were not allowed inside those schools. They have been allowed in all of the schools in Clinton County.
- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC– Kaczinski** said their physical presentation waiver has been extended until February 20, 2021. No face to face appointments are being done unless they are walk-ins. They do have all the necessary PPE, but some staff is still apprehensive about face to face contact. Their current grant year just finished up and now starting the new one. Farmer’s Market checks are ongoing through the end of October. **Kaczinski** hopes to have statistics on them at the next meeting.
- D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT–** Not in attendance.

- E. **Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)**- Not in attendance.
- F. **Women's Health Services**– A request was made to approve the 1st Semester Teen Success claim and the 1st Quarter Rapid HIV Testing claim. **Thiltgen** motioned to **APPROVE** said claims, **Morgan** seconded. Motion carried 4-0. **Montgomery** noted that their clinic continues to be open and is working on the Teen Success Program and STI screening. The educator has been able to go in physically to some schools and teach others virtually. She will be attending a future training on how to use Zoom to teach online. In 6 months, 1700 children have been reached. STI testing continues. 2000 was the goal, and 1600 has been the result in the last 6 months. The STI positivity rate is 10-12%. Following positive cases, they follow up and make sure they are getting care and not spreading throughout the community. Women's Health will be expanding to offer a primary care provider starting in November. They will also provide COVID testing, however it will not be rapid results. **Kaczinski** questioned a name change with the new addition. **Montgomery** noted it will be Women's Health and Family Services moving forward. **Malcom** asked what their mask source is. **Montgomery** noted it was mostly from Staples and McKesson. **Malcom** noted that the Farmer's Market in Clinton has masks at no charge as well as the DeWitt Referral Center and they are cloth.
- G. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions**- Not in attendance.
- H. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center**– **Meyer** said she did not have numbers for the last quarter, but would have them available at the next meeting. She noted due to the virus, less people are willing to meet in person at the office and that is required for the intake appointment. 20-30% of services are currently being done over the phone beyond the intake. Tele-therapy is still approved at least until January 23rd. 99% of integrated health homecare is being done via phone. Additional funding has been received from the Mental Health Region for this. Smartphones will now be used so that therapists are able to Face Time and Zoom with clients.
- I. **Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)**- Not in attendance.
- J. **Emergency Management**– **Burns** noted they continue to work on PPE deliveries. The state asked them to assist in cloth mask deliveries to local schools. Initially 6500 were delivered, but 3000 more were added yesterday. Pediatric masks will be ordered soon as well. Clinton County applied and was initially denied for individual assistance regarding the Derecho. They re-applied and have now been approved. The deadline to apply for individuals is November 2nd. **Burns** encourages people to call over the phone rather than use the website to apply. She noted some are getting denials, but encourages individuals to appeal that denial because it is not yet known to what extent insurance will cover. She notes that this will go on Facebook today and encourages other entities to share. **Burns** noted for the DSNAP or Disaster Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program may qualify people in need even if they do not qualify for regular SNAP. The biggest need in our area is currently that of housing. They are currently working on a public assistance grant for this. **Malcom** noted she has no report from the Medical Examiner's office; however they are looking to hire investigators. **Burns** noted

there is information and a job description on the county website and she would send an email with information to **Eggers** to be passed on. Any questions can be directed to **Dan Howard**, EMA. **Malcom** noted that anyone who is interested in the position, or anyone interested in a medical related career (high school and college students) may come to the DeWitt Satellite Office in the large conference room on Saturday, November 7th from 8:15-11:30 am. This is for the virtual annual fall meeting for Iowa Medical Examiner's and has a course entitled Death Investigation Basics. Anyone interested, please call 563-503-9446 to have the door opened for you as this is not during normal business hours.

K. **Community Health Care, Inc-** Not in attendance.

L. **EveryStep/MCAH-** Not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin noted the difficulties with the Elvira project. He intends to reach out to the church regarding hosting a meeting there in attempts to get more agreements signed. The minimum is 12 or 80% to move forward. Regarding the election next Tuesday, early voting is suggested in order to keep lines down. It is being held in Clinton at the Administration Building Monday through Friday from 8-4:30 and this Saturday from 8-5. 11,500 ballots have been turned in so far, and the goal was 16,000. In the past there were 26 polling locations. Now there are 16 or 17. You may visit the county website or download the application that will tell you which polling site you are assigned to. **Morgan** questioned phone calls to the Elvira residents. **Irwin** said that was suggested by **Determann** as well. **Eggers** noted she contacted the recorder's office hoping phone numbers were attached to property deeds and they are not. She noted if the meeting is held at the church, a sign in sheet with an area for phone numbers should be warranted for future reference. **Irwin** hopes to have a meeting at the church next Wednesday or Thursday as the public hearing date of November 9th is quickly approaching. **Thiltgen** questioned whether the church would have a phone number list; however some of the property owners do not live in Elvira.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Kaczinski said that community activities are getting more creative during the Pandemic. A virtual baby shower will be held on November 11th at both 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. They will have slide presentations, games, and door prizes.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

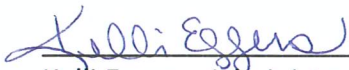
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

January 7th, 2021 and March 4th, 2021 at 7:30 am via Webex.

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to
the Board of Health

Approved



Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

Attachments can be viewed by contacting the Board of Health at the Clinton County Satellite offices.