

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health  
Public Meeting held  
October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.  
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via Webex**

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<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Dr. O. Daniel Osaro	Present
	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**      Peggy Sellnau, ECI  
Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest/WIC  
Laura Norris, MercyOne MAT Clinic  
Andrea Barnett, MercyOne  
Nancy Burns, Emergency Management  
Kristin Housinga, CSAC  
Angie Eacker, CHC  
Michele Cullen, Genesis VNA/Public Health  
Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health & Family Services  
Glinda Gonzalez, Bridgeview

**Malcom** called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. The meeting was held with the option of in person or via Webex due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. Roll call showed members 5 present. It was **moved** by **Osaro**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the August 26th, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

**AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH**

No updates.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Finance** – **Eggers** noted we typically meet at the end of December to prepare for our budget presentations.
- B. **Personnel** – No updates.
- C. **Total Quality Management** – No updates.

**AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Environmental Services- McClintock** noted that Elvira is finished, but there is no final bill yet. A few of the residents want some more done. He is holding back payment and will not send it until everything is finished. **Osaro** expressed his gratitude for this being finally done.
- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice**— report submitted. **Cullen** said regarding the Community Health Needs Assessment, they will have an upcoming meeting to plan for the next five years on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am via Zoom. She will get the invite link to **Eggers** to send out to those interested in attending. They were given until the end of 2022 to complete this. Immunization audits are completed. A report will come out in the spring that she can share. The Chapter 80 revision is going to change how funding can be used, as it puts spending into percentages. Chapter 137 of the Iowa Code is not being revised, however. Emergency Preparedness continues to work on Region 5 with the Point of Dispensing Plan. This covers immunizations to PPE and medications. They also continue to work on the Active Shooter scenarios. The grant coordinator resigned as of November 4<sup>th</sup>. They have posts for the opening with some upcoming interviews. **Cullen** noted she has **Eggers** and **Burns** helping to post Covid-19 numbers each week via social media and the county website. There have been 89 new cases in the last 7 days, with 35 in the last 3 days. Region 5 has 94 hospitalized currently. Genesis has 19 and Mercy has 5. The positivity rate for the county is down and currently at 11.2%. We hold steady at 50% vaccinated. The state is having a planning meeting for vaccines for ages 5 to 11. Guidance should come out in early November. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters have been approved, but no guidance is out yet. **Cullen** notes the Wednesday clinics for the vaccination have been working well for her staff and it is an early out for many schools. **Malcom** asked what the flu vaccine penetration rate is at schools. **Cullen** noted that one district chose not to participate so they will be lucky to get to 20%. Scott County is similar. **Sullens** asked the vaccine rate of those hospitalized. **Cullen** said that number is in the weekly update and is currently about 73% unvaccinated.
- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC**— **Kaczinski** said this summer there was an increase in the Cash Value Benefit. That ended September 30<sup>th</sup>. They just received notification that it will increase again for November and December because of the legislation that was passed. Women and children will now get \$36. However there will be some receiving higher benefits than others. For example, breastfeeding mothers will receive more than pregnant mothers.
- D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT**— **Sellnau** was in attendance, however had nothing to report.
- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)**- **Huisenga** noted that this weekend on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sheriff's Office in Clinton, a Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet event will be held from 10-2. This is a great opportunity to properly dispose of your unwanted medications. They continue to work on the KARA Grant for prescription and stimulant drug abuse. The Clinton County Courthouse has a resource center that is open Monday thru Friday from 9 am – 3 pm. This is for inmates after discharge to get the help and



resources they need to hopefully not end up incarcerated again. They also continue to work on opioid addiction services and the Drug Free Community Grant which was just awarded its 7<sup>th</sup> year. The Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer was recently at DeWitt Schools for parent-teacher conferences. It has been in most of the county's schools already.

- F. **Women's Health and Family Services**– A motion was made by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Osaro**, to **APPROVE** the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Rapid HIV Testing claim. Motion carried 5-0. **Montgomery** noted that they continue Rapid HIV testing for free. They had gone quite some time without a positive case and recently have had 3 positives. They work on treatment for those patients. Syphilis is another issue in the area lately with several positive cases. **Alycia Cheek** has been in many schools with education. They continue with PCR and Rapid Covid testing as well.
- G. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions**- Not in attendance.
- H. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center**– **Gonzalez** noted a great need for therapists; however they do have a full time nurse practitioner now.
- I. **Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)**- Not in attendance.
- J. **Emergency Management**– **Malcom** stated that since October, she has noted 6 Covid related deaths as the County Medical Examiner. The prior 6 months had no Covid deaths. The number of deaths is not counted the same as that of Public Health, however. Currently, the number of county deaths for 2021 is equal to the total number of deaths from 2019. The excess number of deaths is not directly related to Covid, however matches up with national statistics. **Burns** stated that they are working on their required drills for radiological concerns that could come up with Exelon. The drills were postponed in 2020 because of the Pandemic, so now FEMA is requiring them to catch up and complete them. The EOC held drills earlier this year having a special site for decontamination in the event of a nuclear issue. EMA continues to deliver PPE to schools. They are also looking into the possibility of being responsible for delivering testing supplies to long term care facilities. Our county was chosen to get 10 extra ventilators. The head respiratory therapist at MercyOne and the Clinton Fire Department reviewed them and are quite pleased to have them here. Iowa Homeland Security had a conference last week regarding updating 20% of their emergency plans. They are coordinating a conference with Mercy and the Clinton Fire Department regarding what could happen with an influx of patients if something such as a factory explosion occurred. They will have CERT volunteers as victims and do fake wound make up to make it realistic.
- K. **Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** noted they have added another physician to their staff, and still have 3 nurse practitioners. They continue to see acute sick patients and also do curb side swabbing. They see 6 to 8 people a day for testing and many of them are positive cases. They are also offering flu vaccinations.
- L. **EveryStep/MCAH**- Not in attendance.

**M. MercyOne MAT Clinic- Norris** stated that nothing has changed with services but Hepatitis C treatment remains a challenge. 70 to 80 % of the patients are positive and we no longer have a provider in the area that will treat them. Our county is required to have a specialist be the provider and the closest is in Iowa City. None of the patients there currently use IV any longer. Other than that, things are going well at the clinic. MercyOne is starting a mobile unit with grant funds. The RV will do mobile medical services. They are starting with screenings and flu vaccines. On Friday, it will be parked outside of Mercy North and is available for viewing. There are two exam rooms in the RV.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Not in attendance.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS**

None.

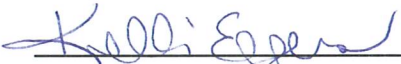
**AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE**

January 6th, 2022 and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, DeWitt. Meeting also available via Webex.

**AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Osaro**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to  
the Board of Health

Approved   
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Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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