

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
January 6th, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Present
	Vacant Seat	

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

Others Present

Peggy Sellnau, ECI
Laura Norris, MercyOne MAT Clinic
Nancy Burns, Emergency Management
Angie Eacker, CHC
Shannon McManus, EveryStep
Michele Cullen, Genesis VNA/Public Health
Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health & Family Services
Glinda Gonzalez, Bridgeview
Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
Lauren Schwandt, CSAC
Candace Seitz, ASAC
Becky Nowacheck, IDPH

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. The meeting was held with the option of in person or via ZOOM due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. Roll call showed 3 members present. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to **APPROVE** the October 21st, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

Malcom noted that **Dr. Osaro** had resigned at the end of his term on December 31st, 2021. We have received three very excellent, highly qualified applicants for the new seat opening. The Board of Supervisors has it on their Agenda to discuss on January 10th, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Finance** – No updates.
- B. **Personnel** – **Malcom** noted that it was necessary to choose committees during the first

meeting of the year. After discussion, it was noted the committees would be placed as follows for the 2022 calendar year: Finance-**Malcom**, **Sullens**, and **Thiltgen**. Total Quality Management-**Morgan** along with the soon to be elected new seat position. Personnel-**Morgan**, **Thiltgen**, and the soon to be elected new seat position. The Chairperson nomination goes to **Malcom**, with **Thiltgen** being elected Vice Chairperson.

C. **Total Quality Management** – No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. **Environmental Services- McClintock** was present with no updates to report.

B. **Genesis VNA & Hospice**– Informational report submitted. **Cullen** noted the Health Improvement Plan will start on February 2nd. They will piggyback off of MercyOne’s plan. **Andrea Barnett** has spearheaded that plan. The first meeting will be held via ZOOM. **Cullen** noted a very solid Clinton group, but wants to expand that to a county group. Many have been invited. Immunizations continue on Wednesdays for Covid-19. Long term home visitations continue as well. Regarding the current Covid-19 statistics, 255 new cases have come up in the last 7 days and 69 in the last 3. The positivity rate is up to 17.8% in 14 days and 22.8% in the last 7 days. Home test kits are not reported in these numbers as they are not required to be submitted to the state. Contact tracing continues with outbreaks of two or more cases in one home. Some counties have stopped with tracing because numbers are so high. Schools ask questions daily. New guidance has come out from the CDC and IDPH. Basically, if you are positive, you must quarantine for 5 days, but after that if you are asymptomatic and wear a mask for five more days, you may resume normal activities. Scientific data shows most are contagious 2 days before symptoms develop and two days with sickness. Public Health has been working with schools as masks cannot be mandated. Most schools have remained on the same regulations. Testing is still highly encouraged especially with the new variant, Omicron. The IDPH will be updating guidance very soon and **Cullen** will send to **Eggers** to get out to everyone. **Cullen** thanked **Eggers** for her help in getting information out via the website and Facebook pages. **Cullen** noted that there will be a realignment of local public health service contract funding. Right now there are 19 billable areas. Most of the funding was funneled into homecare aide, homemaking, and nursing. A very minimal amount of people were using it. The state still wants those people served, but wants to look at other options and look at county funding a little bit more. In our county, it should be a natural transition. It will happen over a five year period. Our home services really are in a struggle to keep health care aides. We continue to serve those with service agreements, but sometimes the services must be decreased a little because of staffing needs. They are trying to figure out how to do the services with public health funding, however meeting the needs of the people. **Becky Nowachek** with the IDPH chimed in regarding the matter. Starting in FY23, Local Public Health Services will be moving towards a population health focus. LPHS will be moving away from having 19 billable activities to having three required areas of work and optional areas of work. The three required areas of work are Leadership and

Governance, Health Promotion, and Strengthening Local Public Health Infrastructure. The changes to the contract will be a tiered approach with IDPH Bureau of Public Health Performance staff and local public health agencies working together to advance population health at a system level. The plan is to have LPHS funds for population health to incrementally change from FY23-FY27. For FY23 and 24, 25% of the LPHS funds must be used for population health. For FY25, 50% of LPHS funds must be used for population health. For FY26, 75% of LPHS funds must be used for population health. FY27 and on, 100% of funds must be used for population health. They will also be asking LPHA's to work on Operational Skills including Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement planning, Strategic Planning, Workforce Development, and Performance Improvement. More information about the Iowa Health and Human Services Alignment Project can be found at https://hhsalignment.iowa.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery. **Cullen** is excited as she feels it will give more money to work on the county health needs assessment. Right now, the funding is just not there. There is also a realignment of the local public state health department and DHS. This has been ongoing for over a year. Many of the DHS services and IDPH services are duplicate. This would make it stronger to have all of those services in one department. **Cullen** noted there is more to come with this transition. **Irwin** asked if **Cullen** could present this issue to the Board of Supervisors at the budget session.

- C. **Hillcrest Family Services/WIC**– Unable to attend.
- D. **Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT**– **Sellnau** was in attendance with no updates to report.
- E. **Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)**- **Schwandt** noted they have been into the schools again and are hoping to send students out to the capitol for the Day on the Hill. They are meeting with their board to see what that may look like. The students have been working hard on what they will present to legislators regarding substance abuse.
- F. **Women’s Health and Family Services**– **Montgomery** stated that **Cheek** has been into the schools again working hard with the Pregnancy Prevention Program. Clinton Middle School has their own program, however. They have performed several rapid HIV tests in recent weeks. They continue to test for Covid-19 with both rapid and PCR tests while maintaining a very busy schedule.
- G. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions**- **Seitz** said they currently have prevention funding for tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, meth, gambling and suicide. They have prioritized substance issues in the county and have identified tobacco, meth, and suicide as priorities under that grant specifically. Regarding the Tobacco Partnership Grant, a change over the last 6 months has occurred that is very positive. They have ISTEP groups at Clinton Middle School, and Clinton and DeWitt high schools that has those within the student body take leadership. This gives peer to peer education and projects. Another process for tobacco is working with smaller businesses with about 50 employees or less to put in place a wellness policy to make their grounds tobacco or nicotine free. This would also include electronic smoking devices.

- H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center– Gonzales** reported they continue to be short staffed on therapists. Intakes are up, so there is a longer wait time. **Joan Anderson** is now the in house nurse practitioner and has been a great addition.
- I. Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)- Not in attendance.**
- J. Emergency Management–** Clinton County Violent Death Reports for 2018 and 2019 submitted. **Malcom** noted that the 2021 report should be available at the next meeting. **Burns** said they were requested to do a Run, Hide, Fight Training for Iowa American Water and Calamus/Wheatland school employees. Afterwards they did a training for the middle and high schools as well. MercyOne participated in a patient influx drill due to a factory explosion complete with moulage wound makeup. They are working on a FEMA required 5 year hazard mitigation plan by meeting with schools and cities to identify different hazards and plans to mitigate those threats. They recently also had an Emergency Radiological Training in which agencies including the Secondary Roads Department, the Sheriff's office, and different fire department participated. The Emergency Performance Grant application is due next week. The drones have also been kept busy with laws enforcement for suspect searches and also the Secondary Roads Department with road mapping.
- K. Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** said they continue with vaccines and boosters. They also are still offering in clinic and telehealth visits alike. They continue with PCR and Rapid Covid-19 testing but do not allow walk-ins.
- L. EveryStep/MCAH- McManus** said they are able to do dental screenings in schools. They are trying to reach more students in 2nd and 3rd grades. Only two dentists in our area accept Title 19, so they are trying to use the new SDF fluoride to paint on cavities and prolong damage until students can see a dentist. Preschool services continue. The Teen Health Week is in April. This will present oral health info to teens. They are also working with the library for a pajama party at the library to help promote dental visits.
- M. MercyOne MAT Clinic- Norris** stated they have 22 active patients. They are assisting their first ever Kratom patient. They are also now testing all patients for fentanyl and have found it in several patients.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin said they have been busy with the potential February 9th OSHA mandate for employee testing of Covid-19 for those who are not vaccinated. Regarding the Board of Health seat opening, they have reviewed the three applications received and they are all highly qualified. The Board of Supervisors plans to discuss and possibly approve a Resolution on Monday, January 10th.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

Malcom noted that a letter of support has been submitted on behalf of the board in support of the Grand Mound First Responders applying to obtain an airway mannequin grant.

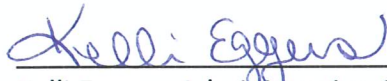
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

March 3rd, 2022 and April 28th, 2022 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to
the Board of Health

Approved



Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

For Dr. Malcom

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