

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health  
Public Meeting held  
December 8th, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.  
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

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<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Absent
	Jenna Lovaas	Present

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

**Others Present** Michele Cullen, Public Health/Genesis VNA  
Nancy Burns, Emergency Management  
Lauren Schwandt, Gateway Impact Coalition  
Briana Boswell, Scott County Health Department  
Amy Thoreson, Scott County Health Department  
Christina Skiles, ASAC  
Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health Services  
Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors  
Peggy Sellnau, Early Childhood Iowa

**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 social distancing. Roll call showed 3 members present at the start of the meeting, however 1 member joined later. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to **APPROVE** the October 13th, 2022 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

**AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Malcom** noted the Board of Health wishes to renew the Non-Congregate Sheltering Order for January thru March 2023. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to **APPROVE** the order as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Finance** – **Malcom** noted that the finance committee would be holding their annual budget preparation meeting after the regular board meeting and invited all who wished to attend to do so.
- B. **Personnel** – No updates.

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

**AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Environmental Services-** **McClintock** stated that **Eggers** sent out the Mosquito Surveillance Report for this year's trapping efforts and the numbers were quite down. About 56 were collected this year and it has come down from 500-600 in past years. **Eggers** noted that 9 were of a species that could potentially transfer West Nile Virus. It was noted that dry weather could have a part in it. The mosquitoes may have been pushed out by the amount of gnats earlier in the spring as well. **McClintock** said regarding all the recent discussion of PFAS, we have been getting several calls in the office for residents who want testing. Some who were involved in the 3M paid testing are upset because their promised systems have not yet been installed. **McClintock** noted that he has been in touch with representatives from the IDPH on whether or not we can use our well testing grant funds to test for PFAS. The biggest issue is the cost. It is \$400 per test and two tests must be done per well not to mention storage and shipping. **Thiltgen** noted a recent article in the paper regarding PFAS and whether people should treat it or drill a new well.
- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice-** Informational report submitted. **Cullen** said they are wrapping up the Flu Free Program. 3600 students participated. Previous numbers were about 8000, so they are certainly down. Clinton, Jackson, Scott and Rock Island area districts have all participated. Some have complained about not having paper consent forms. They are currently only doing digital; however next year they may go back to offering both in the future. The paper consents require more staffing as it is more labor intensive. They continue with the Healthy Needs Assessment and the Health Improvement Plan. Brain, substance abuse, obesity, and homelessness are the areas of focus. The Healthy Behaviors committee met on Monday with United Way and the Clinton Chamber. The group hopes to increase community awareness. Donation gardening is proving to be a little better than community gardening. **Cullen** noted **Eggers** continues to work on the Let's Live Healthy Facebook page, but they will be seeking out for more information to add regarding public event posting. The Brain Health Group will meet in January. Regarding homelessness, The YM was awarded a grant for emergency homeless sheltering. School audits are complete. **Sparks** is finishing with childcare audits. It was noted that some area schools have reported over a 10% absentee rate. Covid, RSV, and upper respiratory infections have kept people home. RSV seems to currently be prevalent in older children. The positive Covid cases seemed to have gone down a little.
- C. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC-** Unable to attend, nothing new to report.
- D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT-** **Sellnau** reported that her organization has received money from the state in the form of mini grants for childcare centers and homes in Clinton and Jackson County to work for their IQ4K which is new certification for these centers. The ISmile Program has gone thru some changes in the last few months. ECI is hoping to get a contract with Scott County Health Department to get that started in

Clinton and Jackson counties. **Cullen** questioned about a recent alliance meeting regarding housing assistance and whether **Sellnau** knew much about it. **Sellnau** did not know much about the meeting, but it could have possibly been **Amanda Winslow** that presented.

- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Schwandt** is the program director of the Camanche-DeWitt Coalition. They are starting year 8 of their DFC grant. They have been focusing on outreach with an ad on the radio and hoping to create a new ad on TV and in movie theatres. They have had a lot of youth involvement in getting these tasks completed. CSAC has a few new openings. One is a part time and one is full time. If you are interested or know someone interested, send your information to their office or reach out. They are continuing to work on sustainability once the federal grant has gone away. They are also working on fundraising and donations.
- F. Women's Health and Family Services-- Lovaas** motioned to **APPROVE** the second quarter Rapid HIV Testing claim, seconded by **Thiltgen**. Motion carried 4-0. **Montgomery** said they continue with rapid HIV testing. In the last 30 days, they have had another positive. They are working with IDPH to become a PREP site so they may help those who do have HIV. That way people who need treatment don't have to travel to get their medications and assistance. **Alycia** continues to be in the schools with pregnancy prevention. Teen pregnancy has decreased a little in Iowa, but STD rates have increased. HIV is up in Iowa about 25% and Syphilis is up around 50%. **Morgan** questioned where they go for prescriptions. **Montgomery** said recently it has been the Quad Cities, however Women's Health would like to start offering it. They will be purchasing and offering medication to people at cost.
- G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Skiles** is a certified prevention specialist. They currently are building relationships with local law enforcement, the DART Team, colleges, and schools. The opioid response grant offers free education for first responders. Overdose and Naloxone education is also very much sought after. The trainings can be in person or via ZOOM. **Malcom** asked **Skiles** input on over the counter Narcan being passed. **Skiles** was not quite sure if indeed that had passed or not but would keep us up to date. **Malcom** said she was concerned that once something is OTC, insurance generally does not cover it. **Skiles** noted concern over the education piece of it.
- H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center--** Not in attendance. **Eggers** will send a letter to Bridgeview.
- I. Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)-** Not in attendance. **Eggers** noted she sent a letter to the entity after the last meeting and did not get a response.
- J. Emergency Management- Malcom** had no updates on the MEI side, although she anticipates an excess number of deaths this year. 180 deaths in the county have been reported so far this year; last year's total was 160. There have not been any deaths related to COVID since about January. There was 1 RSV related death in an adult. **Burns**

noted that **Governor Reynolds** released a new program regarding school safety. Each school building is eligible to receive up to \$50,000 for improving safety. Safety assessments must be done at each building however, so a contractor was hired to complete this by the end of the year as required. Run, Hide, Fight trainings continue for school staff. Delwood held their training last week and Clinton school staff will soon have them as well. Stop the Bleed trainings were also done for DeWitt schools and Clinton County Secondary Roads. A case was recently had where a deputy was able to apply a tourniquet to an arterial wound and possibly save a life because of their training. **Dan Howard** will be retiring in January and EMA is hosting a retirement party at the Law Center on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 PM with all welcome.

**K. Community Health Care, Inc-** Not in attendance. **Eggers** will send a letter to Community Health Care inviting their return to meetings.

**L. Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)-** **Amy Thoreson** and **Briana Boswell** of the Scott County Health Department introduced themselves. **Thoreson** is the director of the Scott County Health Department and **Boswell** is the Maternal Child Program manager. **Thoreson** has been with the health department for about 24 years. They noted the recent changes are not intended to duplicate services but rather to add more and improve the quality of care. They noted that they are very excited to work closely with VNA, however the funding is very different than anticipated. **Thiltgen** commented that it is good to have good relationships in small, rural communities. **Boswell** said she oversees the MCAH programs. ISmile is just one piece of that. They also have a child and adolescent program which covers lead screenings, developmental screenings, etc. They also reach out to families who are newly eligible for Medicaid and help with referrals, housing needs, etc. Presumptive eligibility is when someone does not have coverage but has immediate healthcare needs. They sometimes are able to push them thru the system and acquire same day coverage. They also have nurses that go to WIC clinics. They have experienced some staff turnover but do have new staff coming on board in the next few weeks. **Boswell** has been with the department for about 15 years and was a part of the initial launch of ISmile. One coordinator now covers the entire area. On Monday a new dental direct service hygienist will begin a full-time position. They will focus on schools with free or reduced lunch rates of 40% or higher and childcare centers. **Thiltgen** questioned why they are now coming today. **Thoreson** said October 1<sup>st</sup>, the contract was started to deliver services in the 4-county area. They released their model for the collaborative service area this last spring.

**M. MercyOne MAT Clinic-** Not in attendance. **Eggers** will send a letter to clinic to welcome their return to meetings.

## **AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Irwin** noted that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, Board of Supervisor **Tom Determann** will now have a seat at the House. This will result in an open seat for a supervisor, which will be hired in the form of appointment. Applications are available online and due next Friday. **Scott Judd**, **Dustin Johnson**, and **Eric Van Lancker** will be hiring that position. If people are against this, there is a

petition that can be filled out that requires 1600 signatures to hold a county wide election. This would cost about \$35,000 to perform. Budget season is also starting. The YMCA will have a meeting at Clinton City Hall on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm to discuss the homeless shelter. Another will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Clinton Community College at 11:30 am regarding the same issue. Some are not in favor, however **Irwin** stated that he is indeed in support of the shelter. Some are concerned that it will bring the wrong type of people into the city. There are currently 170 units that are homeless. Many issues result as of not having a place to sleep at night. Mental health and anxiety to name a few. **Irwin** believes there are some misrepresentations out there of what a shelter could do to a community. He believes this is a positive and will help stabilize individuals who are our current neighbors. **Irwin** noted a debriefing meeting with the Sheriff's office was held yesterday after the major highway accidents that resulted because of the dense fog. A semi hit another semi full of corn and spread about 1000 bushels of corn on the highway. Highway 61 was shut down for about 2 ½ hours. Some were transported to the hospital with injuries. It was very fortunate that no EMS or law enforcement personnel were injured or killed. **Irwin** reminded that winter weather is coming and to not drive in those types of conditions if you don't have to.

#### **AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Malcom** asked if it was the Emmaus Road Church that handles the DeWitt Community Garden. **Cullen** said it was the Iowa State University Extension Office. There was an issue getting water to the site, so they decided to let it be. **Malcom** said she may ask for sponsors at the next meeting for the DeWitt Farmer's Market. This would include putting the sign out in the grass every week.

#### **AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 and March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, 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 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Eggers

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.