

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
July 20th, 2023 – 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	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
 Kristin Huisenga, CSAC
 Grant Melton, CSAC
 Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
 Patti Robinson, Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center
 Maribeth Bousman, ASAC
 Christina Skiles, ASAC
 Jodi Jorgensen, MCAH
 Amy Thoreson, MCAH
 Angie Harbour, ASAC
 Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health and Family Services

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. The meeting was held with the option of in person or via ZOOM due to social distancing. Roll call showed 4 members present. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the May 25th, 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

No updates.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance** – No updates.
- B. Personnel** – It was noted that the Assistant’s yearly review is complete and on file in the office if anyone wishes to view it.

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

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. **Environmental Services- McClintock** informed the board that over the winter, Iowa State University offered outreach for our Grants to Counties Program. Every well owner in the county received a mailing, if not two. This boosted our water tests tremendously. In Fiscal Year 2023, the department performed 228 more water tests and spent \$25,595.96 more than Fiscal Year 2022. He thanked the outreach program at Iowa State for their efforts.

- B. **Genesis VNA & Hospice**– Informational report submitted. It was noted that the State Audit Report for Fiscal year 2022 was completed with no reported findings. **Cullen** requested **Approval** to sign Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Grants. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to **APPROVE** signing of the grants. Motion carried 4-0. They continue with the Community Health Improvement Plan. A summary was included in the handout provided. This summary outlines the goals they will be working toward in the coming years. In the next few years, they will also be working on a Walking Story Book for the county. Donation gardening continues as well. Child immunizations are gearing up this week as well. Other grants have started, and new contracts are being signed. CSAC and ASAC work on the substance abuse, and brain and mental health portions. The next cycle, three years from now, they will join with MercyOne and Genesis. It is all the same people participating, so this keeps things from being duplicated. The IHHS is starting to work with a company called Health Management Associates. They will do assessments of local groups and services so as to not duplicate services. **Cullen** noted 19 listed groups that they intend to look at. The locals are concerned that they take time with the assessments and include local input. A Zoom meeting will be held this afternoon. They want the services to be continued to be provided in the county; that those services make sense; and feedback should be given from both providers and clients. The Zoom meeting is closed for today to participants, but another is set for August 2nd and **Eggers** will send the board the information. **Malcom** noted that the child abuse assessment regions should match up. There seems to be no rhyme or reason to them. **Lovaas** and **Cullen** both agreed that it would be nice if the regions in Iowa all match up. **Malcom** said that a congresswoman is trying to introduce a bill that Title V money can be used for the Count the Kicks program. The application is free and has been used for a long time. **Malcom** said the concern is it is taking money away from something else. **Lovaas** said it is a great app and makes you aware of what regular movement should be and to note any changes. **Cullen** wondered if it was more for administrative support. **Morgan** questioned the meeting time as she is concerned over services being duplicated too much. Some people may participate in more than one service, so they could potentially obtain too much in resources.

- C. **Hillcrest Family Services/WIC**– Unable to attend.

- D. **Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT**- Not in attendance.

- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)-** Huisenga stated they received the CARA grant for year 3. There was a hiccup in data collection. The state passed an act of consent for surveys, and they are now required to have permissions for surveys regarding usage. The Clinton Crush continues. The next vigil for overdose and addiction will be on August 31st. **Schwandt** said they applied for year 9 for federal funding for the Camanche DeWitt Coalition. This is a ten-year grant, so they are working on sustainability. **Melton** focuses on adult alcohol misuse. He is currently in the assessment phase collecting data and would appreciate any good contact referrals. **Malcom** gave the Medical Examiner contact information as that office holds alcohol related death statistics.
- F. Women's Health and Family Services-** **Montgomery** requested **Approval** of the 1st quarter Rapid HIV testing claim. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the claim. Motion carried 4-0. **Montgomery** noted they continue to be busy with Rapid HIV testing and PREP services. They have not had a new case since January. They attempt to offer rapid testing services at outreach events as well. **Cheek** continues to be in the schools with the Pregnancy Prevention Program. She is currently in 34 schools in Clinton and Jackson counties. **Irwin** asked that they use caution with the new legislation regarding what can and cannot be said. **Montgomery** noted this is always being changed and modified for what is currently allowed and tailored to individual schools.
- G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** **Bousman** said they have three-hour group services that meet 3 times a week for outpatient treatment instead of going to primary residential facilities. Since Covid, they struggle with getting people to show up. Prior to Covid, they had a solid program. Then the groups were not allowed, and they were short staffed. They continue to encourage patients to get the level of care they truly need. **Skiles** said regarding prevention, they also started their new fiscal year in July for the tobacco partnership grant. They will soon start working on creating policies by request. This will allow them to work with landlords regarding housing complexes. They will also work on vaping education for adults that work with youth. The tobacco group continues to meet on Mondays. The 4th year of the JAG grant is now complete. They continue to educate youth with alternate funding, however. **Angie Harbour**, the gambling counselor in Clinton was present and introduced herself. She provided an update that they have two new gambling admissions, so they have three total. If they don't have current patients, they work on community outreach for problem gambling. The casino is a great place for them to reach people.
- H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center-** **Robinson** said they are moving into their second year for intensive site rehab services. Three staff members currently run that program and they are increasing from two to four days a week. The intensive site rehab is where an individual works toward one individual goal so they can actually work for a year or so to obtain a positive outcome. It is a process of triaging and finding out the most important goal at that moment for a great outcome at the end. The co-occurring anger management groups continue. They are seeing consistent numbers

each week and look to add a juvenile group as well. The city is now going to do a pilot project to include a bus route out to their office for services.

- I. **Emergency Management – Malcom** noted on the MEI side, the mortality rate *may* be returning to normal after the Pandemic. **Burns** stated that **John Bray** has taken another position in the county and will need to be replaced. They have been busy with Run, Hide, Fight trainings including for schools and the county employees. They are wrapping up with river flooding. The damages were below the threshold to receive any federal funding. They recently received cables for their new HVAC inflatable tent. They continue to work on getting and storing supplies such as ventilators. They have an agreement with MercyOne regarding rotation. **Burns** thanked Public Health for the assistance with grants such as for the inflatable tent. On August 2nd, they will complete training for nursing homes to keep them accredited with Medicaid and Medicare funding. This will be a Zoom form meeting with a train derailment exercise. EMA continues to monitor summer outdoor events for weather with the help of the NWS.
- J. **Community Health Care, Inc-** Not in attendance.
- K. **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Jorgensen** provided a Power Point Presentation regarding the region's recent dental audits. She explained the purpose for the dental screenings, gave several statistics on Cedar, Jackson, Clinton, and Scott counties services and audits. In October of last year, they started to serve a 4-county region. Since 2008, the state has required students entering Kindergarten and 9th grade to prove a dental screening to the school. This helps promote the importance of oral health. Healthy children do better in school. The role of the I Smile coordinator includes providing these dental screening audits and give the local boards of health the updates. Exemptions for the screening include financial hardship and religious beliefs. A nurse can do the screening for those who suffer from financial hardship. 25% of the children that participated in the screenings needed dental care follow up. 309 services were provided in Clinton County. **Thiltgen** questioned home schools and whether those were serviced. **Jorgensen** said there is no partnership. They focus on those schools with high rates of free and reduced meals.
- L. **MercyOne MAT Clinic-** Not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin stated regarding the discussion earlier on the state of Iowa combing services. Regarding the mental health board, they are in a five-county group. The only one not being covered is Muscatine. The domestic violence area only covers Scott, Clinton, and Jackson counties and is taken care of out of the Quad Cities. They are working hard on this issue right now and it seems to possibly be turning a corner. There is no one local. Another issue is housing support for homelessness. Right now, the region is Clinton, Jackson, Dubuque, and Delaware counties. The state is divided up into multiple mental health regions and they are typically sized for population groups of about 300,000. Some counties such as Polk are in their own region due to population. **Irwin** said it would be interesting to see what **Cullen** learns in the meeting later

today. It makes sense what they are trying to do, but how are they going to group the counties and regions together to work. He suggested that having the same counties for all aspects may be the wise thing to do. **Irwin** noted the Board of Supervisors meeting will be at the Clinton County Fairgrounds at 10 am today. A split vote was had regarding the 660-acre solar project with the Planning and Zoning Board. Talks continue about other solar projects in the county. They are wanting the solar panels to be American made and those will not be available until next summer. There is still talk of a possible wind farm. They still need 12,000 acres to be committed for the project. **Irwin** said **Sheriff Greenwalt**, **Mayor Hasenmiller** and himself will be visiting three counties regarding MEI business. **Morgan** inquired on all the food vendor trucks that have been in the area this summer. She noted many even pull into private homes for birthday parties, etc. She questioned their licensing. **Irwin** and **McClintock** noted they all have to be permitted and inspected by DIAL.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

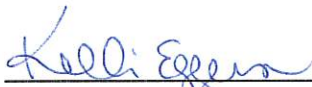
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

September 14th, 2023 and November 9th, 2023 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom. ***Please note, the meeting room request was later denied for November 9th due to availability. The November meeting will now be held on November 16th, 2023.***

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 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.