

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
May 2nd, 2024 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Absent
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Present
	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
Carolyn Weets, CSAC
Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
Olivia Regenwether, ASAC
Maribeth Bousman, ASAC
Briana Boswell, MCAH
Jodi Jorgenson, MCAH
Brooke Barnes, Scott County Healthy Department
Amber Smith, CSAC
Glinda Gonzalez, Bridgeview Mental Health Center

Thiltgen called the meeting to order at 7:35 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. 3 members were in the meeting room, and 1 joined later via ZOOM due to unforeseen circumstances. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Morgan**, to **APPROVE** the March 7th, 2024 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

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** asked **Morgan** if she would like to discuss the recent meeting with **Dr. Blount** and the University of Iowa research staff. **Morgan** stated roughly two weeks ago a meeting was held regarding a PFAS study in the Camanche area. Several stake holders were in attendance including **Supervisor Srp** and city of Camanche officials. The study hopes to focus on 100 participants or roughly 50 households. This would include not only water testing for forever chemicals but also the effects it may have on pulmonary function. **Melissa Bitner**, the emergency room supervisor at MercyOne has been in contact with **Dr. Blount** and has agreed to let the patients do the blood work and lung function testing there on site instead of traveling to the University of Iowa Hospital. **McClintock** noted that the US Ground Survey would be involved with water testing as well. Barr Associates had most of the testing done in the area previously for 3M.
- B. **Genesis VNA & Hospice-** **Cullen** requested approval to sign any Public Health applications, amendments and claims prior to the new fiscal year. It was **moved** by **Sullens**, seconded by **Morgan** to **APPROVE** the request. Motion carried 4-0. A handout was submitted. **Cullen** stated the Let's Live Healthy group continues to meet bi-monthly. They are focusing on the Storybook Walk with the Clinton Library and the Donation Gardening project. Information and Referral, Master Gardeners, the Iowa State University Extension office, and some churches are involved. There is a Mental Health event tonight at the Eco Center. A Clinton County Snapshot from Iowa Health and Human Services is included in the handout provided. **Thiltgen** noted that the DeWitt Library has also teamed up with donation gardening. **Morgan** inquired about cancer rates in our county. **Cullen** said she has not looked at them in a while but will research and bring updates to the next meeting.
- C. **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)-** **Jorgenson** presented a written report of the dental audits. She said they look good and have improved from last year. 65% of kindergarten and ninth grade have been compliant or turned in their screening form to the school. 22% of those screened needed treatment. This is down from 29% last year. She noted that the biggest challenge is finding a dental provider that accepts Medicaid. **Thiltgen** thanked her and **Briana Boswell** for attending the meeting in person. **Brooke Barnes** gave her update on tattoo and swimming pool inspections. She noted of the 8 tattoo establishments, only one has issues with getting their permits submitted in a timely manner. Most of the businesses are established, only one is newer that does eyebrow tattooing. 9 indoor pool inspections have been completed. These go into far more detail with water quality and testing, keeping logs, ladder safety, latches, and proper drain covers so there are a few more corrections to be made than that of tattoo businesses. The outdoor pools are just starting to open up and will actually be calling to set up their inspections once they are up and running and feel they are compliant. **Thiltgen** inquired if that was just for the Fitness Center and YWCA. **Barnes** stated they

also include schools, hotels, and communities with a shared pool.

- D. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC– Kaczinski** was unable to attend.
- E. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT- Wirth** noted in the chat that the Zero to Five in 60 Minutes meeting will be on May 15th at 1:00 PM and available on Zoom. You can email her for information if interested.
- F. Women’s Health and Family Services– Montgomery** requested approval for the 4th quarter Rapid HIV Testing claim and the 4th quarter Teen Success claim. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Morgan** to **APPROVE** the claims as submitted. Motion carried 4-0. **Montgomery** said the health educator has been in most of the schools now and has seen well over 1000 kids. 8 of them have reported sexual abuse. HIV and Syphilis testing continue. From January to March, they performed 53 HIV tests with zero positive. They had 58 Syphilis tests given with 3 positives. They are focusing on pregnant mothers with positive results.
- G. Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** could not attend but will be present to update at the July meeting.
- H. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Huisenga** said the Cleanout Your Medicine Cabinet event was a success with 85 pounds collected. They are secondary distributors of Narcan. **McClintock** noted that he and **Eggers** took the Narcan training recently, and they have Narcan in the building in the AED unit. The STOP Grant application is due tomorrow and that helps to improve underage drinking. The DART Team is looking for individuals who would like to assist. On May 17th at 8 am, the annual celebration will occur at the Administration Building in Clinton. Clinton High School participated in Saving Lives - One Spray at a Time. This school project won first place locally and went on to win 3rd place nationally. **Irwin** stated the Rediscover Recovery Community Center was awarded a \$600,000 grant with the county giving \$50,000 additional in opioid funding. It is next to Brown Shoes. Their goal is to provide support, education and resources for people recovering from and those affected by substance abuse. **Schwandt** said the Camanche DeWitt Coalition hosted Senator Grassley for a Q and A session with youth that went very well. 8 children that are freshman or juniors will be taken to a national leadership conference in July. The Iowa legislature has passed a bill for hemp stating you have to now be 21 years old to purchase hemp products. This is now on the desk of **Governor Reynolds**. There is also a vape bill on her desk that requires a list of all legal vape products to help law enforcement make sure businesses are selling only products that have been legalized. **Thiltgen** noted as Co-Chairperson the organization’s main goal is to keep these products away from youth and their developing brains. **Weets** continues to meet with prescribers regarding best practices. They encourage providers to give Narcan if they are prescribing an opioid. In June both Genesis and MercyOne will be having a meeting with several providers that she will be attending, and she hopes to have exposure to several providers at once. **Thiltgen** noted that he appreciated her speaking to the Noon Lions group regarding this. **Smith** works on the PAM Grant that helps to reduce adults over the age of 45 from

heavy and binge drinking. She will be working with local law enforcement to set up saturation patrols as they have to do this three times per year. A new program called Resilience to Thrive is offered with free teaching on how to deal with stress and everyday challenges in life. It can be done in 1 ½ to 2-hour sessions. She is looking for a business in DeWitt or the Calamus area to hang a banner for Drink Less, Be Your Best. **Thiltgen** referred her to **Angela Rheingans** with the DCDC and **Irwin** stated he agreed with that and suggested hanging it at Tunes in Town as well.

- I. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** **Bousman** said on the prevention side they have been very busy. They implemented a new program on Monday called PHP that involves 20 hours of treatment per week. This gives Hightower and King House residents more care. They are distributors of Narcan as well. **Olivia Regenwether** works on youth education. She gives presentations on risks and consequences. She continues to work on the Smoke Free Homes program for area landlords. Community Health Awareness Night is tonight from 5:30-8:00 at the Eco Center. Questions are answered by a panel and there is a Zoom link for virtual attendance.
- J. **MercyOne MAT Clinic- Not in attendance.** **Bousman** stated they are only open every other Wednesday currently.
- K. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center-** **Robinson** was absent, so **Gonzalez** gave an update. 133 mental health evaluations have recently been completed. They have two new nurses and continue to look for more therapists.
- L. **Emergency Management-** **Burns** said their office has been busy assisting the Sheriff's Office with school safety planning. In March, the Clinton High School had an active shooter drill. The reunification part is very important for elementary aged children. Staff from Northeast and Camanche school districts were allowed to attend and gain knowledge for their own planning. Drought conditions to our west are looking better. In August and September, they will be doing food supply safety training which is regarding keeping the food supply from being contaminated whether it is cattle, or water and food being stored properly. **Burns** noted that all the county buildings were offered Narcan training, and they all now have the product available in the AED boxes.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin noted that the Board will have their May meetings on Mondays in DeWitt due to the project at the Administration Building in Clinton. The Treasurer's office will also be open Monday through Friday in DeWitt to relieve some congestion in Clinton. A recent Mental Health roundtable meeting was held at the Administration Building. The number one topic was transportation for those needing services. The number two topic was regarding homelessness. **Irwin** expressed frustration with elected officials putting out false information regarding homelessness. Clinton as a city and Clinton County are leading in homelessness numbers. Those who are speaking against this have not attended all the meetings and conversations that present the very important issues. If anyone has questions regarding this, they can contact

Irwin or the YWCA. The project, however, will be moving forward. On Monday night, the Deep Creek Township had a meeting at the Northeast school with about 70 people in attendance. There is a delayed response of EMS due to certain fire districts. The Goose Lake Fire Department only responds to the city limits. There is an apartment complex on the gravel road just east of the city limits that Preston would have to respond to. There have also been car accidents on Hwy 136 with delayed response time of 14-22 minutes for EMS. These fire districts were set up over 40 years ago and they need to be relooked at. In May there will be a meeting regarding this at the Wheatland Community Center. **Morgan** questioned how far out on Hwy 136 does Clinton respond to. **Irwin** stated just city limits. They will respond if mutual aid is called for. **Irwin** noted this is absolutely not a dig on Preston or Miles. They are doing what they should be within their districts. The districts are just outdated and need to be revised. **Morgan** questioned who provides ambulance services. **Irwin** stated Clinton, Camanche, DeWitt, Andover, Preston, Maquoketa and Wheatland all provide to Clinton County. The DeWitt Fire Department recently ran an ad looking for volunteers where they used to have a waiting list. **Irwin** stated the MET Tower applications have caused some tension with local landowners and neighbors. There are five or six already up. He stated it is hard to deny a landowner the right to put it on their property and the decision for him is based on facts and not emotions.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

Bousman stated that it is very difficult for those on Medicaid to get dental care. **Lovaas** said that the reimbursement from Medicaid is lower than the actual cost to the dentist performing the care. **Thiltgen** mentioned a shortage of dentists in general.

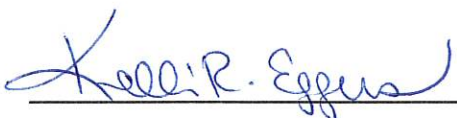
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

July 11th, 2024 and September 5th, 2024 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom.

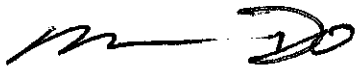
AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to
the Board of Health

Approved 
Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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offices.