

CLAYTON CO. BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
July 9, 2020

Members present: Dr. Michele Dikkers, Vicki Carolan, Dr. Gary Bowden, Dr. Forrest Whitford

Others present: Patti Ruff: Clayton County Health & Zoning, Brittany Hubanks: VNA Manager; Becky Nowachek: Iowa Department of Public Health

Dr. Dikkers called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Minutes from May, 7 2020 meeting reviewed by board. Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Carolan; second from Dr. Bowden. Minutes approved.

Minutes from May 11, 2020 meeting reviewed by board. Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Carolan; second by Dr. Bowden. Minutes approved.

Substance Abuse Services—Brittany Hubanks on behalf of Adam Sadewaser

- Update provided to Board on SASC services and training completed from May through June.
- SASC has purchased Zoom and a new curriculum for 7th-10th grades called Life Skills. Curriculum covers a variety of topics and, if school go all virtual, courses will be offered online for any interested teachers.
- IPFS: Resources mailed to local businesses, health clinics, city halls, and police stations.
- All-Stars classes were recorded and offered to MFL and Clayton Ridge. Both schools were in the middle of the curriculum when schools were cancelled due to COVID.
- Zoom Drivers Education class on brain development and driving being completed for Clayton Ridge.

Iowa Department of Public Health –Becky Nowachek

- IDPH Director Gerd Clabaugh will be retiring effective July 31, 2020. Beginning on August 1, 2020, Director Garcia will be interim director for IDPH until the position is filled.
- Most IDPH staff are working remotely, so if anyone is trying to reach department staff, often email is best as they aren't always in the office.
- Questioned raised regarding IDPH involvement with Iowa Department of Education (IDOE) for return to learn plans and other public health mitigation as it relates to school districts. Dr. Pedati has been involved in conversations with IDOE. Becky will take questions back to IDPH for more information on that collaboration.

Sanitarian Agenda –Patti Ruff

- **Grants-to-Counties Update**
 - Received additional \$18,550 in grants-to-county funding pre-COVID. Due to the pandemic, only some of the funding was able to be utilized and spent. Around \$24,000 was left over in that funding source.
 - Resuming water/well testing visits with masks, gloves, and social distancing when possible on visits.
 - Working on getting promotional items, such as pens, for the programs offered.

Public Health Agenda—Brittany Hubanks

- **COVID-19**

- Sweet Corn Days
 - Planning committee for the festival reached out to healthcare representatives, including Dr. Dikkers as Board of Health Chair, for recommendations on proceeding forward with the event.
 - Healthcare representatives in the area who were contacted, including Dr. Dikkers, advised against holding the festival under current guidelines and recommended public health mitigation efforts.
 - The Sweet Corn Days committee determined that they would plan to proceed forward with the annual event. Elkader City Council became involved in conversations as the event takes place inside the city and asked Dr. Dikkers as Board of Health Chair attend to give her statement on recommendations that were made regarding the event.
 - Dr. Dikkers shared with the board her recommendations for not proceeding forward with the event and the guidance surrounding those.
 - Motion made by Ms. Carolan for Dr. Dikkers to attend the City Council meeting on behalf of the Board of Health; Dr. Bowden seconded. Ms. Carolan, Dr. Bowden, and Dr. Dikkers voted in favor; Dr. Whitford abstained from voting.
- Public health quarantine orders is a topic that has come up in surrounding counties. Dr. Dikkers believed this is something already in place with VNA, on behalf of public health, having the authority to mandate quarantine compliance when needed. Status was looked into and the Board of Health approved that ability back in May of 2008 during a routine board meeting.
- **FY20 PHS Grant & Deficit Funding Status**
 - Reviewed current grant funding status for PHS and county deficit with board.
- **Manager's Report**
 - Reviewed submitted manager report.
 - Reviewed CCVNA stats through June 2020.

Next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Brittany Hubanks, BA
Clayton Co. VNA