

**CLAYTON CO. BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
November 12, 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

Dr. Dikkers called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Minutes from September 10, 2020 reviewed. Motion made by Ms. Carolan to approve September minutes; second by Dr. Whitford. Motion approved unanimously.

Sanitarian Agend a–Patti Ruff

- **Grants-to-Counties Update**
 - Reviewed latest water test results with the board and discussed results outside of normal ranges. No board action needed.
- **CLOWTS**
 - Last meeting in September, the Board heard from a local contactor and community member regarding Board's previous decision on requiring CLOWTS certification for installers in Clayton County. Follow-up discussion had tonight on other certification and ongoing education options that Patti researched.
 - Board discussed the importance of continuing education by attending state conferences and education offerings annually; however, the board recognized the importance of having the initial and on-time certification of CLOWTS as a foundational component.
 - Previous Board decision to require CLOWTS certification remains.

Public Health A genda–Brittany Hubanks

- **Agency Staffing Changes**
 - Nancy Yelden, RN and Tina Nieland, RN both announced their retirements effective 12/3/2020. Nancy has been the primary public health contact for Clayton County for over 40 years, and both Nancy and Tina have been leading VNA's COVID response.
 - VNA has posted positions for both Nancy and Tina's positions and will be starting interviews soon.
 - VNA filled the open Child Care Nurse Consultant position. Valerie Erickson, RN will be joining the agency on Monday, 11/16/2020 and begin orientation and training.
- **COVID-19 Updates**
 - Reviewed current Iowa Coronavirus Dashboard numbers. As of 11/12/2020:
 - Total Number of Cases: 737
 - Sadly, there have been 4 reported COVID deaths in Clayton County to date.
 - 14-Day Positivity Rate: 25.8%
 - Long-term Care Outbreaks: 1 facility identified–Elkader Care Center
 - VNA turned over Clayton County disease investigations and contact tracing of positive individuals to the Iowa Department of Public Health on Wednesday, 11/11/2020 due to upcoming staffing changes and surging numbers beginning to exceed the agency's current capacity.

- CCVNA will continue to be the local contact for community members, businesses, school districts, and long-term care facilities.
- **Extended Summer Food Program**
 - Letter was received from Central Community Schools notifying public health and the local board of health of the extension of the summer food program for students.
 - Board members reviewed the letter. No action was needed by the Board as the letter was just for informative purposes.
- **Manager's Report**
 - Reviewed submitted manager report. No action needed by Board.
 - Reviewed CCVNA stats through October 2020. No action needed by Board.

Next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:30 PM via GoToMeeting.

Submitted by:

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