

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health  
Public Meeting held  
May 6th, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.  
Clinton County Administration Building - Conference Room “B”  
and via Webex**

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<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Dr. O. Daniel Osaro	Present
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Present

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

**Others Present**

Michele Cullen, Genesis VNA  
Amanda Rau, Clinton County Iowa State Extension  
Jocelyn Meyer, Bridgeview  
Laura Norris, MercyOne  
Melissa Warren, Community Health Care  
Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest/WIC  
Chance Kness, Emergency Management  
Nancy Burns, Emergency Management  
Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors  
Tom Determann, Board of Supervisors

**Malcom** called the meeting to order at 7:51 a.m. due to technical difficulties. The meeting was held with the option of in person and via Webex due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. Roll call showed members 5 present. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Osaro**, to **APPROVE** the March 4th, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

**AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Malcom** noted that the Board of Health has signed to renew the Non Congregational Sheltering Order to extend the time coverage from April to June 2021.

**AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Finance** – **Malcom** noted that **Thiltgen** recently shared a report to the board members regarding the Sanitarian’s wages in comparison to other local counties. This will be discussed further at the next budget meeting for Fiscal Year 2022.

B. **Personnel** – No updates.

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

## **AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. **Environmental Services- McClintock** stated that we just received the bond paperwork for the Elvira project. It needs to be signed by the Board of Supervisors Chairperson and then will be ready to establish a concrete start date soon after.

B. **Genesis VNA & Hospice**– Informational report submitted. **Cullen** said the Community Health Needs Assessment for the state was pushed back until the fall of 2022, so they will be helping where Mercy left off. The Let's Live Healthy Initiative is able to work on some things and is also restricted on others due to Covid-19. The Feel Better Group continues on and the Trauma Informed Alliance has bi-monthly Zoom meetings regarding ACES trainings. The 5-2-1-0 Grant was received from the state with an additional \$5000. They have also collaborated with the Iowa State University Extension Office as well on the Community Garden. The Gateway Community Center has also used some of the 5-2-1-0 funding for the industrial kitchen project as well. The other projects are on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions. Most of the grants this year are being extended for another year. As of today, there were 43 new Covid -19 cases in the last 7 days with 13 in the last 3. This has been pretty consistent. Our regional hospitalizations were 60 as of yesterday. That region goes from Jackson County to Iowa City, down to Burlington and back up to Scott County. As of yesterday, there had not been anymore Covid-19 related deaths. Nursing homes are doing well and still allowing face to face visits. The positivity rate is also down to 6.8%. The vaccination rate is 38%, which is a little lower than some of the neighboring counties. Walk in clinics for the vaccine will start next week at the VNA office in Clinton. They attempted a walk in style clinic two weeks ago at the Administration Building and had about 50 people walk in. They are also making plans for vaccinating those who are home bound. This will be posted to the public in the next few weeks if the process goes well with the first few. This will be time consuming with traveling, waiting 15 or more minutes, etc. Vaccine appointments continue to be available at MercyOne and the area pharmacies. **Eggers** and **Burns** have been doing a great job with putting on social media and the county website. **Cullen** noted they have also been looking at doing some special population clinics. Hearings with the FDA are going to be held soon regarding reducing the age to 12 for the Pfizer vaccine. We should hear in the next week or so if that is approved. **Thiltgen** asked why so many are having a hard time and being hesitant with the vaccine. **Cullen** noted several reasons. Some feel that the Pandemic is over or it was a political hoax. Some are waiting for more research to be done on the vaccine. Many young people are skeptical of future fertility issues as well. The state will be starting a campaign on this soon and be putting out public service announcements regarding these concerns.

C. **Hillcrest Family Services/WIC**– **Kaczinski** noted they continue to do appointments by telephone. They have also helped Public Health by putting vaccine clinic fliers in their mailings. Their grant has been extended for next year and Public Health Emergency

Response has been renewed. The physical presence waiver was extended through August 19<sup>th</sup>. They hope to open up a little bit over the summer, possibly as early as June. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan for June through September in which the WIC benefit for women and children will increase to \$35. The Farmers Market checks will come in June with no changes. They will run through the end of October.

- D. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT– Not in attendance.**
- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Not in attendance.**
- F. Women’s Health and Family Services– Not in attendance. Osaro** motioned to **APPROVE** the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Teen Success and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Rapid HIV claim. It was seconded by **Morgan**. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Not in attendance.**
- H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center– Meyer** reports their office is in need of more therapists. They are short by 4. Video therapy is currently in legislature. If it passes, video therapy could be permanently covered by insurance. **Meyer** also notes that intakes are up. Covid-19 has had a major impact on mental health.
- I. Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)- Not in attendance.**
- J. Emergency Management– Malcom** noted that EMS is updating EMS system standards as part of a Region 5A Emergency Preparedness. Because it is part of Region 5A, **Malcom** volunteered the Board of Health to be a partner in the process. **Burns** said their team has been busy assisting the call center for the vaccine clinics. PPE requests have gone down, however. They are evaluating their stockpile and working with the hospital and fire department to try and rotate the supply out. They have come to the understanding that they will have to depend on themselves in the event of an emergency until state help arrives. **Burns** also stated they have received many calls for the drones lately and are working to train two new volunteer pilots. Their office has also been involved with planning for RAGBRAI. Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, it will go through DeWitt and then Saturday through Clinton. Volunteers will be assisting with traffic control as well. Their office has been involved with some exercises in the last few months. They must remain in compliance regarding FEMA funding. They participated in a state exercise and also with the city of Camanche. This focused on a winter storm and sheltering. A derecho situation could certainly apply to this. They were able to identify a lot of areas that needed more planning such as housing, bedding, food, etc. They also participated in an exercise with federal, state, and railroad partners regarding a fuel spill on the river. This focused on how they would work with counties downstream from us considering all of our barge traffic. ALERT Iowa will be moving with a new vendor. EMA is working on how to get the message out to people that they will need to re-register to have the service as the change will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The new vendor offers a lot more functionality than that of the past. They also are working with FEMA, Exelon, and the state with the required radiological preparedness exercises. This will be done in

June of this year. **Kness** said he has been researching the new EMS systems standard statewide.

**K. Community Health Care, Inc- Warren** was present, but had nothing new to report.

**L. EveryStep/MCAH- Not in attendance.**

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

**Irwin** thanked **Eggers** and **McClintock** for getting in contact with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals regarding upcoming RAGBRAI. **Irwin** mentioned being questioned by some community members regarding planning for the event. There are concerns of vendors setting up outside of city limits. The DIA has a handbook in place for guidelines and fees. The concern was vendors not wanting to pay a hefty fee inside the city limits and just setting up out in the county. A discussion will follow at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be a long two days for law enforcement and volunteers. **Irwin** noted that if anyone has concerns, please email him. Equipment is slowly coming into the radio systems for emergency purposes. The current tower station has to be moved to a new location. Space may be rented on an existing tower until we build a new tower or rent space on a permanent one. **Sheriff Greenwalt** has been working diligently on a one stop shop called Clinton County Resource Center. **Irwin** thanked EMA for working so well to open up their old office space to create a space within the Court House and Law Center to put this. Almost 30 agencies are working together to have staff sit in this space from 9 am – 3 pm Monday through Friday. This will help individuals getting out of jail with assistance such as job placement. A soft opening will be on Wednesday of next week. The regular opening will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone is interested in being a part of this, they can contact **Irwin**. This will be one of the few counties to have a resource center such as this with agencies working together to help people become productive citizens. **Malcom** noted that regarding RAGBRAI, the food and beverage services are regulated at the state level, the county no longer has involvement in that. **Morgan** said regarding the cost for vendors, there is a very high overhead. She also felt that this will be a short ride. The people coming in on Saturday may come early and also be out of town early. Some of those coming into DeWitt may just go ahead and ride the final 20 miles and be out of town on Friday. **Irwin** agreed that the fees are quite steep and noted frustration with it as well. RAGBRAI could certainly bypass DeWitt with future rides regarding overnight stays. **Morgan** noted that RAGBRAI was on its way out when another Iowa ride came along. She is unsure of why they put DeWitt and Clinton so close together in two days. **Irwin** said it was supposed to have an overnight stay in Maquoketa but it was the same dates as the Jackson County Fair. Thus, they could not use the fairgrounds. DeWitt lobbied for the spot and was granted it.

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

**Rau** of the Clinton County Iowa State Extension Office reported that the Clinton County Fair is on July 21- July 25. **Cullen** asked about funding for community gardens. **Rau** will talk to her director, **Sam** regarding that and relay the information. **Malcom** asked if **Norris** was still in attendance. **Norris** reported that they have 21 currently in the MAT Clinic. They would like to get more people in but are having some staffing concerns. **Malcom** noted that we will add the

MAT Clinic to the regular agenda in the future.

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS**

None.

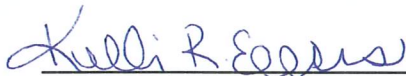
**AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE**

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Administration Building, Conference Room “B” and also via Webex.

**AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Morgan**, seconded by **Osaro**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to  
the Board of Health

Approved \_\_\_\_\_



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Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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