

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
August 26th, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via Webex**

<u>Board Members</u>	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
- Glinda Gonzalez, Bridgeview
- Heather Montgomery, WHS
- Nancy Burns, Emergency Management
- Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest/WIC
- Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
- Andrea Barnett, MercyOne
- Laura Norris, MercyOne MAT Clinic
- Peggy Sellnau, ECI
- Lauren Schwandt, CSAC

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. The meeting was held with the option of in person or via Webex due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. Roll call showed 2 members present at the start of the meeting, 3 additional members joined thereafter. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Osaro**, to **APPROVE** the July 1st, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

There was discussion of a possible renewal of the non-congregate sheltering order from October thru December. **Burns** was unsure if FEMA would extend the order or not. **Burns** stated EMA would request that the letter be prepared and signed just in case it is indeed extended. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to **APPROVE** the renewal of the non-congregate sheltering order as requested. Motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Finance** – No updates.
- B. **Personnel** – **McClintock** noted the Assistant’s review after 4 years of service has been completed and the board is able to review it upon request.
- C. **Total Quality Management** – No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. **Environmental Services- McClintock** noted that a bat bite had occurred in the county recently in which case the bat was able to be sent to the State Hygienic Laboratory for testing and was indeed positive. Both the victim and the handler of sending the bat for testing received rabies vaccinations. We will document this and note any future cases and then discuss if notifying the public is warranted. **Irwin** expressed his thanks to **McClintock** regarding the Elvira Wastewater Project. He said **McClintock** was doing a great job regarding follow up on the very few complaints that have come in. We are down to one resident with an issue. **Irwin** noted the communication has been great.
- B. **Genesis VNA & Hospice**– Report submitted. **Cullen** said the state is requiring childhood immunization reports to be completed on September 30th. **Cullen** stated that the IDPH FY 20 audit is now complete with no reportable findings. The board unanimously accepted the audit as presented. She will also forward the audit for Genesis. Regarding the Community Health Needs Assessment, it was started by MercyOne and they will piggy back off of that in hopes to use some of the same people but also pull some from out in the county as well. The state allowed an extra year for completion as they will be going a year after the hospital and will be able to use some of that data. The Emergency Preparedness group is planning an active shooter drill for the region hopefully taking place in the spring. Regarding Covid-19, our numbers in the county have stayed fairly steady for the last two weeks. We had 56 new cases in the last week, last week was 59. Hospitalizations continue to go up. 81% of those new state wide cases were from the unvaccinated population. Genesis currently holds 32 patients, and MercyOne has 7. The positivity rate is at 10.6 %. Many of the area pharmacies have availability for walk in vaccinations. Scott Drug has 50 children currently signed up for the vaccine. **Thiltgen** asked if there will be priority with tiers regarding the booster vaccine. **Cullen** stated they were told they should be available around September 20th. Priority will be given to long term care facilities and then the order should follow the order that they were given initially, as you would be eligible around 8 months after the completion of your original two doses. The allotments will also go thru Public Health. **Eggers** asked regarding the Delta Variant, how many of our local cases are Delta? **Cullen** said that the rapid tests are not sent to the State Hygienic Laboratory to know which variant, however state wide about 93% are that of the Delta Variant.
- C. **Hillcrest Family Services/WIC**– **Kaczinski** noted that they have been busy with pre Covid-19 appointments (in person). They are finishing up their grant year.
- D. **Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT**– **Sellnau** introduced herself as the new director of Early

Childhood Iowa. She is taking **Deming's** place. **Sellnau** noted an open house at the DeWitt Satellite Building on September 27th from 4 – 7 pm if anyone is interested in learning about what services they provide. They also have mini grants out for 3 year old preschool scholarships.

- E. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Schwandt** noted the Overdose and Addiction Vigil will be in Clinton at the Bandshell on Tuesday, August 30th from 4 to 8 pm. If weather is bad, it will be canceled. **Schwandt** stated they just received word that their Drug Free Communities Grant was just extended into year 7 for \$125,000.
- F. Women's Health and Family Services–** A previous request was submitted for approval of the 1st quarter Rapid HIV testing claim and 2nd semester Teen Success claim. It was **moved** by **Osaro**, seconded by **Morgan**, to **APPROVE** said claims. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** Not in attendance.
- H. Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center– Glinda Gonzalez** introduced herself as the new replacement for **Marcia Christiansen**. Almost all appointments have resumed to in person. Some are doing phone therapy. The ribbon cutting for their new location is tomorrow. **Malcom** noted the Speak out Against Suicide Walk is September 11th.
- I. Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc. (CADS)-** Not in attendance.
- J. Emergency Management– Malcom** noted the same number of deaths have been reported in the county so far as last year. This is up by about 6 or so from the previous average. There have been no new Covid-19 deaths in the county. **Burns** noted that the CERT volunteers have been active in helping the last few months with Grand Mound fireworks and RAGBRAI. EMA had an EOC in DeWitt and Clinton for RAGBRAI. They have a good relationship with the National Weather Service who will reach out to EMA in the event there is bad weather during a scheduled outdoor event. On July 1st, the Alert Iowa System changed. You must go into the new system to sign up again. In September they will do a radiological response exercise which is required by FEMA. This will be done at the Northeast High School. If evacuation was needed, they would go to the school. The equipment would be stationed there so that possible patients exposed could be scanned there and decontaminated before they can leave the county. On December 1st, they will have a hospital radiological exercise. Patients must go to Genesis DeWitt in this case. They will have a rehearsal drill and then a drill with FEMA. The EMA office continues PPE distribution. The state will be soon pushing out more masks to schools. EMA will distribute those. Every 5 years, the county is required to do a hazard mitigation planning update. All of the entities in the county evaluate what types of projects they can do to possibly reduce hazards to their community. All entities who want to receive FEMA funding must go thru this process. Last night the first meeting was held regarding this. **Kaczinski** noted that her new alert system states it is “potential spam” when the call comes thru, **Thiltgen** noted the same. **Burns** said she had not heard this and will check into it. **Morgan** noted that two weather systems are said to possibly come together in the northwest portion of our area this evening.

K. Community Health Care, Inc- Not in attendance.

L. EveryStep/MCAH- Not in attendance.

M. MercyOne MAT Clinic- Norris said they are ready to start drawing funding from the new grant. This allows them to treat stimulant use and opioid use. Their first patient has come back that was there about two years ago. They hope to make improvements with his use. There will be Narcan training, information tables, peer support, and many other good things at the upcoming vigil on Tuesday.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin expressed thanks again regarding Elvira. He noted that the Board of Supervisors has authorized a wage study. **Dawn** in Human Resources has been working with **McClintock** on job descriptions already. He noted the nationwide shortage of employees and we just want to be in line with others as we should be with wages. Taxation and budgets continue to be tight. **Irwin** stated he visited a few complaint sites in the county with **McClintock** recently. One in which several neighbors signed the complaint. Good feedback has been received after RAGBRAI. **McClintock** said he talked with the Budget Director today regarding **Eggers** being below the wage scale for the last 3 years of employment in the pay grade she is in. **McClintock** said we are working on that now regarding what she should be earning. A budget amendment may be in order when we find that information out. **Irwin** feels there may be a discrepancy in that, and we may have to get that clarified. **McClintock** said she fits under the handbook of the county, so she is an employee of the county, but the Board of Health has a right to dictate what she does. **Irwin** said his understanding is there are no longer unions for the secretaries, but if it were in place still, **Eggers** could have the right to transfer to another position if she desired. This may be something to discuss between the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Health. **Irwin** noted that **Eggers** was not being compensated at the rate in which she should have been. **McClintock** stated that is correct, she did not get her appropriate steps. **Malcom** noted that some time ago we were given the option to adopt the county handbook or create their own, and they chose to adopt that of the county.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

October 21st, 2021 and January 6th, 2022 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building in DeWitt. The meeting will also be offered via Webex.

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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.