

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
November 16th, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	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
Kristin Huisenga, CSAC
Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest Family Services/WIC
Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
Patti Robinson, Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center
Maribeth Bousman, ASAC
Liz Bucholtz, ASAC
Briana Boswell, MCAH
Mary Kay Wirth, Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT
Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health & Family Services
Angie Eacker, CHC

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:32 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. 1 member later joined in the meeting room, and 1 was via ZOOM due to unforeseen circumstances. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to **APPROVE** the September 14th, 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

Malcom noted the recent death of **Dean Siem**. **Siem** was a contracted employee years ago when the county still did restaurant inspections. **Morgan** noted that **Siem** was an avid hunter and gardener, and they had a very nice tribute to him at his funeral services.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance** – No updates. **Eggers** noted that the Sanitarian and Board of Health budgets for fiscal year 2025 have been submitted early as requested to the county budget director. We may have a budget session with the supervisors in January. More information to

come.

B. Personnel – No updates.

C. Total Quality Management – No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Environmental Services- McClintock** stated that we have had complaints from residents in Elvira not having the dirt work finished in their yards following the wastewater project. He has numerous calls and texts sent to the contractor, to no avail. He would recommend that we adjust our original budget proposal to remove the Elvira line item and only cut it to reduce the overall budget by 10% as requested. We may need to hire another contractor to finish the work with the hopes of eventually recouping the funds from the original contractor. The board unanimously agreed with that decision. **Morgan** expressed concern over a new asphalt plant being built west of Camanche. She is concerned over the smell it could produce and believes we should get ahead of the game before it is too late. **McClintock** said when the American Rescue Fund was still available, he put in a request for an air quality monitor, and it was not approved. The plant is expected to be complete in late 2024. **Irwin** said he would put in an email to the city of Clinton regarding the plant.
- B. Genesis VNA & Hospice– Cullen** noted that the Iowa HHS FY 22 Audit Report came back with no reported findings. An informational report was also submitted. The new Health Improvement Plan and Community Needs Assessment were also presented, and **Eggers** was asked to update them on the county website. In 2024, a new report will be brought in for the four committees. They are now working on a Storybook Walk hoping to use an Eagle Scout. More will come regarding the Brain Health group regarding provider education and community awareness. Regarding the Homeless Coalition, the Clinton City Council did sell the DeWitt Park land for transitional housing. Flu clinics have been wrapped up with some still available. 659 vaccines were done in the elementary schools. **Thiltgen** asked if that compared to enrollment, and **Cullen** said it is down. Emergency Preparedness is going well this year with quite a few new projects. They will do Stop the Bleed in the community this time versus first responders. The plan was written for community such as schools, public buildings, etc. **Morgan** offered the Lutheran Church as a space for the Storybook Walk project. **Lovaas** noted that Jones County has a space for one on a county conservation site.
- C. Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Boswell** stated they are into their second year with Clinton County. They continue to work on building community partnerships. They continue to do education with safe sleep and other maternal health needs. They are now fully staffed and have a monthly presence in the WIC clinics in both DeWitt and Clinton. They have been informing newly Medicaid eligible families in Clinton County now as well. They make sure those families have a primary care provider, that their immunizations are up to date, etc. ISmile is currently fully staffed, which was a challenge in the beginning. They have two full time and two part time dental

hygienists now. The lead screening partnership continues with Genesis VNA. They did 163 draws in the recent clinic. **Irwin** asked why ISmile numbers were down significantly over the last year, is it the staffing situation or participants not participating. **Boswell** said it was certainly the staffing situation.

- D. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC-** **Kaczinski** said they signed a subcontract with Community Health Care for Clinton and Jackson counties. WIC is fully federally funded, so they are waiting to see what the government does. The food package is fairly stable.
- E. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT-** **Mary Kay Wirth** introduced herself. She is the new ECI director for Clinton and Jackson counties taking over for **Sellnau** who is training her. She has been meeting with providers they fund and working on connections. They wait to hear from the state whether there will be a reorganization of the districts in the state. **Thiltgen** asked where her office was located. She is in the county satellite office in DeWitt.
- F. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)-** **Huisenga** spoke regarding the Gateway Impact Coalition and Camanche DeWitt Coalition. They have been busy with parent teacher conferences. Over 400 parents have gone thru the HIPS trailer regarding drugs and the importance of starting early with kids and helping make a plan when children are offered drugs by their peers. They have worked with students for Red Ribbon week. The overall perception is that most kids are using vape/THC and they are trying to align that perception with reality. Regarding data collection, the newly required active consent in schools has made it difficult to collect data. **Huisenga** noted that the Gateway Impact Coalition meeting is today at noon at Pizza Ranch and all are welcome. At the recent Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet event, about 200 pounds of medication and 50 vapes were collected. They continue with implementation of SAMSHA Guidelines such as overdose is preventable, academic detailing, and that prescription drugs are still drugs on social media/marketing. There is concern about the bus route no longer going to Bridgeview.
- G. Women's Health and Family Services-** **Montgomery** requested approval of the 2nd quarter Rapid HIV and 2nd quarter Teen Success claims. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Morgan**, to **APPROVE** the claims as submitted. Motion carried 5-0. **Montgomery** noted that they are now offering rapid syphilis testing along with the rapid HIV testing. Syphilis numbers are very much up in Iowa. Last year there were 877 cases statewide. We have not had any new HIV cases in the county, however. Teen pregnancy is also on the rise in Clinton County. **Cheek** continues to work on pregnancy prevention in schools letting them know they offer free, confidential care. **Cheek** has already had 3 children come forward since the start of the school year stating they are being sexually abused. They do have the ICAP grant in which they can teach adults how to be that safe, trusted person that children in these situations can go to for help. They want this training to be available to as many adults as possible.
- H. Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** **Bousman** said they are building

the Intensive Outpatient Program. They participate in three, 3-hour groups per week. Many of the clientele have issues making it to the meetings on time. The MCO's offer transportation to the appointments, but that also means that the people have to be on time to be picked up which can be difficult for some, especially those who are homeless. They are involved with many of the projects that have been discussed. She also noted the active consent at schools is also very much a barrier for acquiring data. **Liz Bucholtz** introduced herself as the Prevention Specialist with ASAC. They have been busy in the schools with a vaping program. She agrees that early education from parents will go a long way with prevention. They also have a social and emotional learning program at a few area schools. Regarding smoke free homes, they do provide technical assistance for landlords as well as signage. A policy was also passed with Wild Rose Casino so staff can see signs with any problematic gambling. They also provide Narcan training free of charge.

- I. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center– Robinson** in attendance with no updates.
- J. **Emergency Management-** Not in attendance. **Malcom** noted from the medical examiner standpoint, she does not have a report. Prior to November 1st, deaths were down. After the first, 6 people have been sent for autopsy. The criteria for that is usually having to be suspected of it being a drug related death. It takes about 8 weeks to get those reports back.
- K. **Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** noted they are in week 3 of a new computer system with EPIC. They also have an allotment of Covid vaccine. They are on the wait list for the new RSV vaccination with no promise of supply or date of receiving it. The adult dental patients are also on a wait list due to high dental demand.
- L. **MercyOne MAT Clinic-** Not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Irwin stated that because of the new legislation, significant restrictions have been put on cities and counties. They are going to decrease the budget for next year by \$500,000 and that will carry on for the four following years. The first year may not be as bad, but moving forward if there is no legislation change, it will force counties to reduce staff and services. **Determann** has helped regarding this new legislation. The Senate side is digging their heels in and saying they will have to deal with it. They have received a lot of complaints across the state regarding property taxes. Counties are limited to their property tax income for their budget. Last year was his first year with more than 3% growth. Growth is needed to offset the health insurance benefit costs and potential wage increases. **Irwin** is advocating for individuals to reach out to **Chris Cournoyer's** office regarding changes in this legislation. Some of the smaller counties just don't have the growth and it really impacts them. **Irwin** has sent an email to the City of Clinton regarding the new asphalt plant. **Irwin** said his daughter is a teacher and recently caught 5 students in the bathroom with vape that contained THC. It would be very beneficial to find out where these students are getting it. **Sullens** mentioned that she works in schools for the AEA.

She noted that they are also on the chopping block regarding providing help to special needs students. **Montgomery** said that Title X funding is also on the chopping block. **Morgan** said she sent a 6-page letter to three legislators and has not heard back. She feels letters to the editor would be good to let more people know what is happening. People think there is nothing that they can do on a personal level to help.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

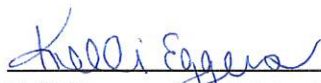
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

January 11th, 2024 and March 7th, 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 Thiltgen, seconded by **Lovaas**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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.