

MINUTES - JUNE 26, 2008

Members Present: Charleen Smith, , Dr. York, Dr. Speer, Dr. Osaro

Members Absent: Jean Morgan

Others Present: Bob Summers, Diane Martens, Grant Wilke, Michele Cullen, Jennifer Gerdes,

Mary Lou Hinrichsen, Chance Kness, Ida Lorenz

Board of Health Chairperson, Charleen Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Approval of minutes for May 8, 2008, meeting; Dr. Speer moved to accept the minutes; Dr. York seconded the motion; all members present were in favor; motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT: Nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bob wanted to give the BOH an update on what's been going on with the water well testing for flooded wells, we're overwhelmed with calls for getting flooded wells tested, the Hygienic Labs is providing us with some free sample test kits for bacteria, the criteria is they are for wells that were either in or near the flood area or any other well that was constructed in a well pit where the pit was filled in with water, if the well was in the flood area we have the owners first shock chlorinate the well to kill the bacteria and instruct them not to drink the water until it has been tested, then we do a water sample to make sure that the bacteria is out, if we get requests from people who weren't in the flood area but near it we'll do a sample first to see if they need to shock the well, we're currently out of bottles; some discussion on the flood; Bob said he wanted to increase the fees of the various permits to help with the rising cost of gas (we went in to the hole this year and who knows how well we guessed for the next year's gas expenses), he gave each member a sheet with the costs of what some other counties are charging for their permits, explained what is involved in doing new well and septic inspections and for the real estate transfer inspections; some discussion on how he came up with amounts to raise the fees and what all is included in these permits and inspections that us his time and gas, when would they go into effect, in 2009 Iowa will be adopting a rule that real estate inspections will be mandatory and in that local BOHs can adjust their fees accordingly, and discussed more on that; Dr. Speer moved to have Bob raise the fees; Dr. York seconded the motion; all members present were in favor; motion carried; Bob said there is one other issue he wanted to discuss with them, the BOS is currently paying county employees 37.5 cents per mile for gas reimbursement to us their own cars for work, the BOS is raising that amount to the IRS rate of 50.5 cents per mile; Grant said they needed to do this because their election volunteers couldn't afford to do the voting with the high cost of gas, so the board approved that raise to them but he thinks everyone else should be able to get the same rate; Bob said this would really put the upcoming year's budget over, even with the increase he made for next fiscal year, especially the gas for Todd's vehicle, he gave several ways he thought would be more feasible (get him a car again, lease a car, etc.); discussion on all the options for this, cost of new care and upkeep, etc.; Charleen told him to get the numbers and information together and we'll set up a meeting with the finance committee to decide what to do; some more discussion on this .

GENESIS VNA & HOSPICE: Michele said the Healthy Lifestyles Coalition was out with a two team event that had an obstacle course, they gave out bottled water and fruits there, it was a nice day and very well attended, they really catered to the kids this year with a lot more things for them to do, immunizations are going strong with the pre-kindergarteners trying to get everything in and also the college students, Chris and Carol are really busy with that, the lead program is growing because the legislature required pre-kindergarteners to have a lead test, they get requests all the time, the breast and cervical program has vouchered 330 women currently, they had 350 that signed up but a lot of times some of those women don't get there; Charleen asked he if she wanted to share with the Board how they are managing to buy a new lead testing machine; Michele said their old lead machine gave out on them the end of last fiscal year, the State was going to give them \$4000 to have it updated, so as they were getting it packed up to send they were informed that this model was so old it would have to have some new chip put in it for an additional \$4000, she knew they couldn't afford that for a used machine so the State said they could lend them one until they could figure things out, then we found out we had enough in the budget left from the BOH to buy a new one, so we're

very excited about that; there was some discussion on that subject; Dr. Speer asked about the State Legislature money for the Local Public Health Service Contract going down significantly; Michele explained that the formula was figured differently this year, theirs is down about \$8000; more discussion on that, the flood, and vaccines (tetanus vs. typhoid) being given.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES: Nothing to report.

HILLCREST/WIC: Cindy sent in a written report, is out of town today.

CLINTON SCHOOLS: Ida Lorenz said she is monitoring program director for the Clinton Schools, they currently have 3 programs, one is the study connection that's been in place since 1992, this has lunch buddies where a volunteer meets with a child over lunch, they've recently implemented a new program called Road to Success and ties into the 21st Century program, they also have group mentoring that consists of two branches, one is called "Choses" and that takes place at the old middle school (Jefferson), Lyons Middle School and Washington, "Campus Pals" program also for middle school and that takes place at Ashford University, it's been at Ashford/Mt. St. Claire for more than five years, and it's an in-school mentoring program that the volunteer meets with the child at school but we also take children off site, the sites are currently 2 churches (Trinity Lutheran and First United Methodist), Mercy Medical Center South, Lyondell, and Sarah Harding, they hope they can expand their off sites, such as Clinton Community College, also hope they can get future assistance to help bring middle school children to the work sites to give them the experience of what it's like to be in a working environment, it also makes it easier for the volunteer, they don't have to leave their work place, the child can meet them there, they make sure it's a safe environment and they do screen their volunteers by doing a background check with the police on child abuse, etc., the main goal for mentoring is to establish a friendship, the relationship does not last forever but it at least lasts for one year, hopefully for two school years, they know the longer the relationship lasts the better it is for the child, short term relationships can be damaging to the child, the child may feel they have done something wrong, another goal is academic, they'd like the child to increase academic achievement by at least one grade point average, the mentoring relationship should focus on commitment to school, usually the teachers determine what child would be a good candidate for the program, they also have the principals take a look at it too, especially the children that move into the district who have a hard time forming friendships with their peers, some parents call them too, they also have the 21st Century Program where they take the children skating, to museums, etc., this also includes tutoring, teachers match a child with a mentor, they can be a part of this activity, they meet the child during the last hour of the school day, they work on assignments the teacher has given them and when the school bell rings, go to the remediation teacher and pick up a remediation assignment they can either work on in the classroom or library until it's finished, the mentor spends from an hour and a half up to two hours with the child, they'd like to have at least 50 children enrolled in that program, Mary Beth Bousman, from New Directions, provides the training for all these projects, they have three grants to help them two from IDPH and one from the Department of Education, Stats: provided over 100 matches per year, parents really appreciate the help, volunteers are wonderful, some have done this for 10 years, some of the children who were mentored have come back to be mentors themselves, the teachers note that the children's self esteem has gone up, they're more engaged in classroom activities and get along much better with their peers, 89% of the children have met the goals they hope to achieve.

MENTAL HEALTH/BRIGEVIEV: Nothing to report.

EMPOWERMENT/DECAT: Diane discussed her resignation, Jill will be looking at resumes on Monday, and on oral health an I-Smiles Coordinator has been hired through Hillcrest's Maternal Child Health Grant, and if there's something Empowerment funding can do to help, maybe educational in the preschools.

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA/ CHORE: Nothing to report.

NEW DIRECTIONS: Jennifer discussed the Tobacco grant, she covers 90% of that, a lot of things they cover also statewide are comprehensive grants, the Youth Venturing grant and the Youth Development grant they've worked with Ida on, we also help cover the Choses Program for middle schoolers, also worked a lot with 21st Century Programs doing after school programming, all of that came to an end when school let out in June but their contracts for those will start again in September, they usually give the kids a few weeks to transition back into school, they also finished up at the end of May a program they do under the Comprehensive Program called Project Alert, it's a widespread ATOD (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs) program we've done with the middle schoolers in DeWitt at Central Middle School for six years, it's a 13 week program so it gives them a lot of time to make and build relationships with the kids, they also are doing, under the Youth Development grant a program called Life Skills, it touches a little on ATOD but a good part of it is on communication skills, people skills, self esteem, all the things that can lead to later drug abuse of alcohol abuse, they're doing that program right now with the middle school sports

camp up at the Erickson Center, that goes every day for three weeks, she was pleased with the "Smoke Free Iowa" ban starting July 1, they worked very hard with IDPH and the Legislature to get that passed, was signed into law by Governor Culver on April 15, Youth Advocacy Day was at the Capital and that is when they lobbied with local legislators, they're getting lots of questions right now, a lot of things aren't worked out locally, website is smokefreeair.gov; some discussion on this; then Jennifer discussed the Juneteenth event that went from noon to eight and they saw about 800 community members attending that; discussion on getting the count for that from vendors and other organizers, it was a lot more children and family focused this year with lots of fun contests and a variety show, they plan on hosting this every year.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Chance said the exercise went well for the scaled down version that is was, due to the flooding a lot of people couldn't show, he went to Parkersburg for about five days when that first happened, there's a significant amount of work to be done here in Clinton County, he's waiting to find out if we've been declared eligible for the individual assistance portion federally, but we have been declared for the public assistance portion by the Governor.

NEW BUSINESS: Charleen said that Cherrie Claeys at Information Resources gave the Health Department the "Helping Hands" resource guide for 2008, this has been in the works for almost two years, this should be given to all public health providers.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Grant said Chance is doing a terrific job, he's very approachable and helpful, then he discussed the flood and roads in the county, he spent a day with the County Engineer checking all the roads in the county and he was told it will cost around \$200,000 to repair the hard surfaced road in on area, Wanda Wyatt called him and said there is money to the Governor's office for some displaced workers that she can contract with to help with clean up, so that word is out there, we just have to know when and where we'll be able to use those people, we are also trying to help wherever we can as a county with our engineer and emergency management, he also added that he saw on the news that the STD rate between the 15 and 24 yr. age group is up 67% in this county, then he discussed the mileage rates going up and prices aren't going to be going down.

OTHER: There was no other business to discuss so the next meeting date was set for August 21, 2008, at the Administration Building, Supervisor's Room "B" at 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Osaro moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Speer seconded the motion; all members present were in favor; motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:35 a.m.