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**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JUNE 4, 2009
CLINTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S ROOM "B"
CLINTON, IOWA**

Members Present: Dr. Speer, Dr. Osaro, Dr. Malcom, Jean Morgan

Member Absent: Charleen Smith

Others Present: Michele Cullen, Bob Summers, Mary Lou Hinrichsen, Jackie Kramer, Jenny Kreiter, Jeremy Huss

Board of Health Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Speer, called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

Approval of minutes for April 9, 2009, meeting; Dr. Osaro moved to accept the minutes; Dr. Malcom seconded the motion; all members present were in favor; motion carried; Dr. Speer welcomed our new Board Member, Dr. Mary Malcom, D.O.; she lives in DeWitt and works at Genesis Hospital there, gave a brief history of herself.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Board Members on this committee: Charleen & Dr. Speer

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Board Members on this committee: Dr. Osaro & Charleen

TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT: Board Members on this committee: Jean & Dr. Malcom

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bob said the legislation did approve the mandatory septic inspections for real estate transfers, it starts July 1, 2009, discussed the Time of Transfer class he has to take to be certified for that, this could be good because all this extra activity will help bring in more revenue for the county.

GENESIS VNA & HOSPICE: Michele discussed influenza A (H1N1), she kept in contact with Dr. Osaro as Medical Director, had a press conference with the media on Friday afternoon, they called together the Community Partners and gave a report so that everyone was on the same page and giving out the same information, they had a really good response with the hospitals, EMS community, school nurses, she feels they will be able to meet the needs if an outbreak does happen, she also wanted to report on the State, IDPH has been working towards their accreditation, they call it their Modernization Act, that was passed which means the State can move forward with accreditation, Iowa is trying to get a jump on getting accredited, "**we** want to be accredited vs. the Federal government telling us how we should be accredited", there's been a lot of planning towards this but now they passed some funds that will be available for it, Clinton County has kind of been setting back

to see how it's all going to roll out and see what we need to do, Scott County has been one of the lead counties whose looking to be one of the first counties in Iowa to be accredited, so we keep in touch with them on what we'll need to do, probably in FY'10-'11, they also submitted a Wellmark grant with the Cl. Com. Schools, that goes along with the Childhood Obesity Task Force, so there will be additional programs with the Community Partners, Cl. Conservation, Cl. Parks & Rec., we're just trying to get the word out there about healthy lifestyles and help with the problem of childhood obesity; Dr. Speer asked if they had any incidence of N1H1 going on in the county; Michele said they had nothing, central Iowa did get hit hard with it, they are receiving a sum that the State calls carry-over funds from the FY'07-'08, so they did put in to be reimbursed for some of that, will use it for ordering more masks, etc. to hand out to the public, things like that.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES: Nothing to report.

HILLCREST/WIC: Nothing to report.

CLINTON SCHOOLS: Nothing to report.

MENTAL HEALTH/BRIDGEVIEW: Jackie Kramer said she's a nurse at Bridgeview and they haven't been at these meetings but they're trying to change that and come more regularly, they are very busy, they're seeing probably 95 to 100 new clients every month to receive treatment, and they have over 2200 open cases right now, one of the things that continues to be an issue for them is the economy, people don't have insurance so they have no ability to pay, the Clinton County people get some funding from the county, but with medications and those kinds of things it's becoming a real issue, so they have an increased need for services to help people get medications when they can't afford it, they work actively with the patient assistance programs, through pharmaceutical companies to get medications for clients, they have a person that's there at least half time and all she does is the paperwork for that, they applied for a homeless grant through Jackson and Clinton Counties, last year they got \$4000 and they're hoping to get that again, that helps them provide some shelter for people who need it and also with medications for people who need those things, just general basic services, those continue to be big needs for them.

EMPOWERMENT/DECAT: Jenny said Empowerment serves children 0-5 and has been a Legislative line item for about 10 yrs., Empowerment didn't fair well this year in the Legislative Session, Clinton/Jackson Cos. will have about a \$250,000 decrease in their budget, this means less services to children, Empowerment works closely with local agencies, area pre-schools, and children's health needs, they also updated many playgrounds and made them safe for children because that's an item that is overlooked, with the volunteer four-year-old pre-schools they've provided safety seats for the buses in three schools, so without that \$250,000 these things won't be able to continue, they will try to maintain and serve the children they've already served with the preschool scholarships, they have a nurse consultant that goes in homes, daycare centers and pre-schools advisements on appropriate equipment/safety items for kids, as well as a variety of other things they do, DECAt serves area youth and primarily juveniles in Clinton/Jackson Cos., they took a 52% hit in the budget, so you'll see less services for youth and juveniles, they'll do the best they can working with DHS and Juvenile Court Services, but obviously with difficult times the children and families take the brunt of the cuts, Jack Willey, Supervisor in Jackson Co., serves as the Chairperson as well as 15 dedicated people are on the Empowerment Board that give endless hours to serving the children of Clinton & Jackson Counties, also on the DECAt Board is BOS, Jill Davison, who chairs that committee, Judge Tabor sits on that Board as well as a number of other representatives, and she (Jenny) wants to thank them publicly for all they do for the children 0-18 in Clinton and Jackson Counties.

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

NEW DIRECTIONS: Nothing to report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: John said the BOS is looking at defibulators for the Adm. Bldg. and Co. Courthouse, he wondered if there are any programs to help fund these, and is it a good idea; some discussion on this; Michele said he could try Andy McGovern, President of the EMS in Cl. Co., he writes grants all the time for equipment and things like that; Jean said that she got money from the Casino for the ones in the schools, she thinks it was a matching grant; John said that they'll be looking into this.

OTHER: There was no other business to discuss so the next meeting date was set for July 30, 2009, at the Administration Building, Supervisor's Room "B" at 7:30 a.m.

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

Meeting ended at 7:50 a.m.