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**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009
CLINTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S ROOM "B"
CLINTON, IOWA**

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

Others Present: Michele Cullen, Bob Summers, Mary Lou Hinrichsen, Jackie Kramer, Maribeth Bowsman, John Staszewski

Board of Health Chairperson, Charleen Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m., all members were present.

Approval of minutes for July 30, 2009, meeting; Dr. Malcom moved to accept the minutes; Dr. Speer seconded the motion; all members were in favor; motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT: Nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bob said we received our finalized GTC (Grants to Counties) with the amounts we will receive for our well testing, well reconstruction and well closings, the amount was reduced from \$13,500 to \$8,400 which is substantial, the allowances within the program stayed the same (allow up to \$400 to seal a well, up to \$600 for reconstruction of a well and up to \$300 for sealing cisterns), we always paid up to that maximum but then we would run out of money by December, we're two months behind in getting money so we haven't even started yet, he has 5 requests for plugging already, what he would like to do is reduce our maximum so we could serve more people, doesn't want to reduce the amount of water tests but well rehab and plugging could be reduced and suggests not paying for cistern plugging at all; some discussion on the impact to the people; Bob said Clinton County wells are usually small diameter cased wells with a 5" to 7" hole and maybe 100' to 400' deep well, ones on the western side of the state are dug wells 3' to 4' in diameter and maybe 30' to 40' deep, there's a bigger hazard for someone to fall into a dug well than the kind we have around here, discussed DNR rules on abandoning wells, typically an unused well that needs to be sealed within 90 days from the time it's taken out of use, most old ones are taken care of once we are made aware of them and the grant is an incentive to do this, most farm agricultural areas usually do it when it's convenient to them; discussion on the time of transfer needing that to be done if it is known there is an abandoned well; Bob explained what it takes to seal a well, depends on the kind of well it is but can cost anywhere from less than \$100 to \$600 or \$700 if the have to fill a deep

well, depends on how much bentonite it takes to fill it, or if there's extra costs for excavating, reconstructing a well is typically a well in a pit type situations where the well is drilled down in a frost pit (4' or 5' down), used to do this years ago, they did this so it wouldn't freeze, now the water gets in that pit and fills up and contaminates the well, then the well casing has to be extended up above the ground and eliminate the pit, that cost can be substantial, anywhere from a few hundred dollars to as high as \$2500 depending the how much excavation will be needed and the piping needed; discussion on making the money go a long way, peoples responsibility to get this done, is there a surplus of this money at end of year; Bob suggested reducing present amounts so money could go to more people, \$200 for sealing wells, \$400 for reconstruction, and cisterns on a case by case basis if it's needed; Dr. Malcom moved to pay \$200 for sealing wells, \$100 for cisterns, and \$400 for reconstruction of well; Dr. Spear seconded the motion; all members were in favor; motion carried.

GENESIS VNA & HOSPICE: Michele discussed the Wellmark Grant they started, at the "Healthy Lifestyles" after school event they did their pre-family survey, they got the 100 families they needed, then they will resurvey those people in a year and see how they are doing, they have grant money for a marketing campaign to educate the people of Clinton County on what physical activities are available out there, from the Conservation Board to cities of Clinton, DeWitt, and the Ys, and they are looking at an intern to possibly gather some of that information, they want to include more than the walking trails but the activities, Conservation is one that she doesn't think gets utilized enough, they have some really cool activities and they want to get the word on what's out there, they are also looking at a proposal of going with a web site for that, need to check on how much that would cost us, discussed the preparedness drill on Sept. 15th, had great participation, 50 people in the county came, had three incident commands (EOC) and the joint information center, this was a good learning experience, pulling Clinton County together and a lot of planning went into it, she discussed the H1N1 health alert network, it is the vaccine recommendations on who to give the vaccines to, the IDPH has told them that the first shipment of the vaccine they get will be a small one, most likely intranasal, but the intranasal can't be given to pregnant women or smaller children, if we put out a press release that we have this vaccine but we have to limit our population even more, this is only going to cause more problems, IDPH said we could pass on this and just wait til they have another shipment in 2 weeks and most likely that will have the multi-dose and the pre-filled syringes, so she needs to have a conversation with Dr. Osaro and maybe Dr. Malcom would like to be in on that too on what we want to do, we're still looking at possibly Oct. 15th and IDPH got word from the CDC that Iowa can put their first order in next week, we're looking at the target population and the baseline for Clinton Co. they've given us, it's about 21,000 people that would be eligible in the county for the vaccine, she will share with the hospitals, doctors offices, etc. and still have public health clinics for the EMS community, the underinsured, child care providers, there's a lot of population out there but it's coming in limited amounts, we do have a plan and everyone has been wonderful cooperating, Genesis will be in 82 elementary schools in Eastern Iowa, the Clinton Schools are in Oct., she's hoping to do the seasonal and H1N1 at the same time but we'll know more later, she needs Dr. Osaro, as the medical director, to sign a provider agreement for that, then she discussed the Well Child Clinics, Hillcrest doesn't want to do them anymore so Des Moines VNA is going to be administrator for Clinton Co., she's talked to them several times and last Friday they called to see if they could get Chris McClimon to go back in those WIC clinics to give immunizations, educations and blood tests, we will be working with them to get another sub-contract, and there is an Influenza Hotline if you have any influenza questions, she's hoping the county will put it on there website too.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES: Nothing to report.

HILLCREST/WIC: Nothing to report.

CLINTON SCHOOLS: Nothing to report.

MENTAL HEALTH/BRIGEVIEWS: Nothing to report.

EMPOWERMENT/DECAT: Charleen said both Empowerment and DeCat are having a special meeting where they invited all the Legislators for the County to come and get acquainted with what these two organizations offer the community, and their children who are infant to five years and older, it's at the DeWitt Library next Monday at 4:00.

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

NEW DIRECTIONS: Maribeth said that they just received through Economic Stimulus funds money to provide free substance abuse treatment services to individuals who have been impacted by weather related disasters, so she wanted to share the 800 number with everyone in the community that she can, the Iowa Concerned Line has been an ongoing number you can call for assistance, they can give you contact with resources for legal aide, financial assistance, mental health services and now substance abuse is added into that (800-447-1985), if an individual calls this 800 number someone there will ask you questions to make sure that if you do qualify in any way for free assistance that you will get the help you need, stress from a weather related disaster could be a flooded basement, the farm fields were flooded and the crop was poor, so this trickles down the line to where people who make farm equipment are getting laid off because of the poor harvest, it could be from hail or tornado damage, in Clinton Co. most of the impact has been from the farm industry being poor in 2008 because of the weather, but the people you call will be very good about making sure you do get the assistance if you qualify, one of the key phrases to use if you need to call is you are under a great deal of stress and you're using drugs or alcohol to relieve that stress; some discussion on this.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed meeting more often, no one felt it was needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Nothing to report.

OTHER: There was no other business to discuss so the next meeting date was set for November 19, 2009, at the Administration Building, Supervisor's Room "B" at 7:30 a.m.

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

Meeting ended at 8:22 a.m.