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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

February 21, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

4:00 pm

Call to Order: Bonnie Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Bonnie D. Rubin, CLS, MBA, MHA; Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS; Joni Bosch, PhD, ARNP; ABSENT: Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD

Staff: Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Director; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Rob Thul, Environmental Health Manager; Roberta Sloat, Clinical Services Manager; Susan Vileta, Health Educator; Giselle Coreas, Health Planner; Allison Alldredge, Clerk II; Alissa Sotzen, Account Clerk I; Susan Denny, Secretary II

Others Present: David VanCompernelle, Assistant County Attorney

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Wallace to approve the updated January 17, 2024 meeting minutes; seconded by Bosch. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: March 20, 2024 in Conference Room 203 at 4:00 pm in the Health and Human Services Building.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None

Staff Updates: Allison Alldredge, Clerk II, Clinical Services started February 7, 2024. Alldredge gave a short summary of her background and experience. Kristin Meyer, Fiscal Manager, Administration, resigned effective February 9, 2024. Meyer is now working with the Johnson County Finance office. Pettit-Majewski confirmed the Fiscal Manager job description will remain the same.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **Tobacco Program Updates:** Susan Vileta, Community Health Educator, shared a power point presentation to update BOH members on Tobacco Use Prevention and Control work plan and changes for Iowa, Johnson and Poweshiek counties. She identified major goals including preventing youth initiation, elimination of secondhand smoke exposure, promoting quitting and identifying and eliminating tobacco-related disparities among population groups. Vileta highlighted her work with Quitline Iowa, high school students, local businesses, and university internships to promote awareness of e-cigarette use. Accomplishments from April 2023 to present include presentations to organizations and communities, youth discussions, focus groups, outreach events and signage as well as passage of tobacco-free and nicotine-free ordinances and policies for parks, daycares, and other businesses. Vileta is working on awareness of vaping health issues as well. She explained the Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS) recently moved the Tobacco, Prevention, Control, Cessation program out of Public Health and into Behavioral Health Substance Use and how this change could potentially affect her role at JCPH. Vileta responded to questions and comments by BOH members.

- **WellBQ Results:** Giselle Coreas, Community Health Planner, shared results of the 2023 Johnson County Worker

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Well-Being Questionnaire (WellBQ). She provided BOH members with a report explaining results using the five domains for measuring worker well-being which is based on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) framework, as well as input from Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS), Iowa Cancer Consortium (ICC) and Johnson County Iowa committees. The data will be used to set internal benchmarks for the Johnson County workforce and to set a baseline for analyzing and assessing changes over time. Coreas broke down results by departments throughout the county by demographics, work evaluation and experience, workplace policies and culture, physical environment and safety climate, and health status. Discussion followed regarding employee ideas and issues identified in the report.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Other:

- **24-04 RFA Strategic Plan 2024-2029:** Pettit-Majewski provided a recap of the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan for BOH approval. The report states what the department plans to accomplish, how goals will be achieved and how progress will be monitored. Staff from JCPH divisions provided feedback, Johnson County Social Services and MHDS also provided input. She identified frameworks used to develop the plan and added next steps include creating action documents such as a separate “living” document in order to track progress over the next five years. JCPH staff and BOH members discussed details and direction of the plan.

Motion by Bosch to approve the 2024-2029 JCPH Strategic Plan; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

- **24-05 Board of Health Position Statement Policy:** Pettit-Majewski asked the BOH members to approve updates to the Board of Health Position Statements Policy. As a result of Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) reaccreditation review, the policy was updated with a section addressing Health Equity which will meet the requirement for Measure 5.1.1.A assessing impacts of the policy or law on equity. Vileta and Mike Casella, Performance Improvement and Accreditation Coordinator participated in the updated policy statement. Pettit-Majewski read the proposed statement including suggested edits from Rubin.

Motion by Bosch to approve the Board of Health Position Statements policy with proposed changes and suggested edits; seconded by Pollock. The motion passed unanimously.

Applications, Contracts and Agreements:

- **24-06 Credible Mind NACCHO Application:** Jarvis requested approval to submit an application to the National Association of City and County Officials (NACCHO) for a funding opportunity with the Behavioral Health 360 partnership for the annual subscription of the digital self-care platform Credible Mind in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars. He added this is a population health-based program vendor was highlighted last year by NACCHO 360 initiative. The partnership will support behavioral health issues and expand behavioral health access as well as combating the stigma often associated with mental health. He described some of the barriers across the nation with the current national mental health crisis including a shortage of therapists, and delays in treatment. The Credible Mind behavioral health model is a population-based approach providing preventative and early intervention of mental and substance use disorders and allowing local health departments and providers to use the program based on local needs, strategies, culture, demographics, etc. Jarvis responded to comments and questions from BOH members regarding implementation and risk mitigation or liability. Jarvis will communicate with NACCHO to address concerns.

Motion by Bosch to approve application for full funding through NACCHO to support Behavioral Health 360 in Johnson County Iowa and to also include a full legal review by the County Attorney’s office for potential liability; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

- **24-07 AARP Challenge Grant:** Jarvis requested approval to apply for the 2024 AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant. The grant creates opportunities for communities to apply for funding across several categories benefiting residents, especially those aged 50 and older. Community Health would use the funds to continue the work the CDC Social Determinants of Health Accelerator plan grant that ended in January 2024. Those funds were used to create a leadership team and an accelerator plan. This grant would specifically pursue funding for issues identified by that coalition such as trainings for seniors to improve disaster management, preparedness, mitigation for residents, and improving community health and economic empowerment to support financial well-being and improve health

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outcomes and making those findings accessible to the rest of the state. Jarvis provided cost breakdown estimates for staff and training costs and responded to questions and comments from BOH members.

Motion by Pollock to approve application for the 2024 AARP Community Challenge Flagship Grant; seconded by Bosch. The motion passed unanimously.

- **PRN Registered Dental Hygienist Position:** Pettit-Majewski updated BOH members on issues involving the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) dental hygienist services in Benton County. Possible solutions being considered for the next fiscal year to solve the issues involve creating a PRN position for a dental hygienist to serve Benton County as a Johnson County employee to satisfy the contract requirements prohibit HACAP from sub-contracting for those services. She reminded BOH members a similar change was made when Breastfeeding Peer Counselor sub-contractors were no longer eligible under the new contract requirements. Pettit-Majewski responded to questions regarding difficulty in finding applicants, level of service expectations, and timelines.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: None

Board of Supervisors Liaisons: None

Members, Board of Health: Wallace reported he and Pettit-Majewski attended Public Health Day at the Rotunda at the Iowa State Capitol. He met with two representatives, David Jacoby and Elinor Levin, and many attendees. Wallace also reported on a program where students with an interest in particular occupations can sign up to visit with an alumnus. Wallace visited with seven different students who were interested in medically oriented fields, but mostly in public health. He was impressed with the interest and enthusiasm of the students.

Rubin reminded the BOH members the Iowa Public Health Conference is being held March 26-27, 2024. She and Wallace will be attending as well as several JCPH staff.

Pollock requested the Health Equity checklist from Vileta when it is finalized. He also reported the Cancer in Iowa report was released. He reminded the BOH members last year there was discussion about inviting a speaker to present at a BOH meeting. Pettit-Majewski and Pollock will coordinate. He also asked if there was a legislative update available. Rubin requested Pettit-Majewski share the link to legislative updates again and to discuss some of the more important updates at BOH meetings if there is time. Discussion about measles guidelines and JCPH outreach in response to increased cases as well as possible state reaction and response followed.

Director: Pettit-Majewski reported on her involvement at the Public Health Day. Since she is on the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) legislative policy committee, she was asked to write an article on Medicaid reimbursement for the Iowa County magazine coming out in March. She will share the article with the BOH. In addition to representatives Jacoby and Levin, she also met with representatives Heather Hora and Senator Zach Wahls and discussed immunizations and Medicaid reimbursement. Pettit-Majewski asked BOH members to note the PMQI update in their packets. She also wanted to point out Environmental Health staff Tim James and Laura Sneller conducted an onsite field experience with the College of Public Health students. Sarah Grunewaldt, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator was able to photograph the event. Integrated Testing Services (ITS) have stocked two lock boxes at partner sites to promote safe needle use. January WIC staff provided services to more than two thousand families, increasing by two hundred from the previous month. Rachel Quinn, Community Health Disease Investigation received a scholarship from NACCHO for certification in infection control.

Rubin adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

March 20, 2024

Date
Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II

Signature on File

Bonnie Rubin, MLS, MBA, MHA, Chair