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## Board of Health Minutes

July 17, 2024  
5:00 pm-6:30  
Marion County Public Health Department  
2003 N Lincoln  
Knoxville, IA

Chair Dale Lensing called the meeting to order. Attendance: Dr Dale Lensing Joni Hannon, Mark Raymie Staff: Kim Dorn, Danielle deNeui Guests: Zachary Nact, Rylie Lawrence, Catrina Dixon, Jason Schreiner (dog hearing), Leslie VanderLinden (Humane Society, dog hearing)

No public Comments

Motion to approve the Consent agenda by Hannon, Support by Raymie. M/C Ayes All

The dog hearing was held. Packet provided to board members. deNeui reviewed packet information and described her interaction with dog as no behavioral concerns in interactions with her. Dog was less comfortable with Cameron, but nothing concerning. Discussion regarding definitions in ordinance of "dangerous", "Potentially dangerous". "Discussion regarding the severity of the bite, above the shoulders. Discussion regarding "provoked vs unprovoked" and if provoked could be circumstances, vs only action by the individual. Discussion regarding dog's history and temperament. No previous bites, 6 years no problems. Temperament, family dynamics with dog, and indoor dog that goes outside to potty on leash discussed by family. Ms VanderLinden discussed no behavior concerns during quarantine. Discussion of circumstances of the day, July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, fireworks during the day/evening, dog was in its own house, guest bent down to pet. Face close to dog. Door slammed behind dog. One bite and stopped. Size of dog, big bite, severe injury that required several sutures. Motion by Lensing to declare the dog "Bailey" potentially dangerous, with 36 month probation. Motion died for lack of second. Motion by Raymie to dismiss this case, support by Hannon. Roll call vote: Raymie Aye, Hannon Aye, Lensing No. Motion passed.

Environmental Health update: deNeui provided written report of services provided during FY 2024. She discussed each category of service. Brief discussion of progress in the Pershing-Attica project. Discussion regarding septic contract requirement, and progress made in compliance. Those remaining have been discussed with Ross in County Attorney office. We await his response about potential letter from County Attorney office to further prompt compliance.

Dorn reported on the PHEP/HPP update. Provided this year's work plans via email. Reviewed new NIMS requirement IS2200 and HSEEP-Exercise Design. Staff has begun working on IS2200, we already have staff compliant in HSEEP.

April Chemical Exercise discussion, Dorn reported that the exercise for the service area went well. Marion County's performance was initially listed as "average", however, partners indicated they did not believe that to be accurate, and asked that the performance be listed as "fail", due to the lack of participation of the EMA office and any EMS providers. See hotwash document for further information. Dorn discussed the disconnect between EMA office and PH office. Dorn has discussed this with state staff, and told them MCPHD will remain compliant with Service Area requirements through using an EMA from a different county when needed for service area wide projects. This has prompted MCPHD to complete NIMS requirement PIO to be brought back internally to MCPHD staff to assure departmental needs will be met.

Dorn reported the end of the COVID workforce contract. The project end document was included in the packet. State staff was here and reviewed the work of the project. They will review, and as appropriate use the work completed and tools developed in the workforce project and distribute it state wide to assist in meeting upcoming federal requirements.

Staffing Update: Dorn reviewed the staffing at close of workforce project. Staff who were to be discontinued found other employment and left before the end of the project period. All contract staff were done at end of contract. Dorn was asked about plans for her retirement. She is to bring a plan to the BOH next meeting.

Pay Increases discussed. The department stayed inside of the 5% bucket as directed. Some staff received a little less, some received a little more, based on performance and the salary "floor" established in county.

The following contracts were sent by email to the BOH: LPHS, HPP, PHEP, Care for Yourself, Wells/Grants to Counties. Motion by Raymie as received, support by Hannon. M/C Ayes All.

Discussion regarding PH Foundational Capabilities of Organizational Competencies vs 10 Essential Services. Across the state, there is no uniformity regarding which organizations are using. MCPHD will continue on as we are until decisions are made at the state regarding such things. It was noted in the statewide director's meeting that the state does not anticipate any legislative action on reorganization of public health until 2026. It sounds like the focus will be to develop some uniformity across counties in Iowa, and programmatically focused on PHEP, Immunization and TB, Disease surveillance, STI, Mortality review for prevention. Some of these items are not currently in the local PH wheelhouse, so we will need to learn more as more information comes available.

Motion to adjourn by Raymie. Support by Hannon. M/C Ayes All.

Recorder,

Kim Dorn