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Board of Health Minutes

March 18, 2025
5:00 pm – 7:15pm
Marion County Public Health Department
2003 N Lincoln
Knoxville, IA

Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Attendance: Joni Hannon, Dan VanderBeek, Nicole Steddom, Kisha Jahner Staff: Linsey Spoelstra, Christina Van Vark, Teri Van Kooten Guests: American Home Finding Association staff members – Julie Meeker, Katy Gottschalk, Jamie Crouse, Katherine Smith, Alison Buckalew

No public comments.

Motion to approve the Consent agenda by VanderBeek, support by Jahner. M/C, Ayes All

The Environmental Health Update was provided in the packet as a written report, current numbers discussed. Motion by VanderBeek to receive and file report. Support by Steddom. M/C, Ayes all

American Home Finding Presentation and Report – presentation by present members about WIC and MCAH. Board was presented with Quarter 1 2025 and FY2024 Year End Reports with numbers of children served and services provided.

Preparedness presentation and discussion led by staff member Teri Van Kooten, Preparedness Program Coordinator. Lengthy discussion about upcoming Preparedness exercise, partners involved, and how to recruit additional partners to participate in exercises/trainings/meetings. Also discussed local Preparedness partners and how to bring EMS and EMA back to the table. Van Kooten explained grant deliverables and requirements and the long-term plans for these programs.

Spoelstra presented enrolling in Vaxcare program to bill private insurance for vaccinations. Board requested more information and to discuss this at next month's meeting.

Email request provided from Polk County to partner regarding their STI testing program. Board requested additional information and asked item to be placed on next month's agenda. Spoelstra will follow up with Polk County representative for more information.

Program/staffing/grant writing/building updates – HPP NOIA is posted and lists Marion County Public Health as recipient. PHEP application has been submitted, we're still waiting to hear the outcome. HRSA application is still being reviewed. Staffing – EH Field Assistant position is posted. Will hold interviews and hopefully offer the job in the next couple of weeks. Building – Steve McCombs will be moving to the building, probably mid-summer; Development department will also be moving this summer and the BOS will begin to hold meetings here. HHS Alignment – State staff will be holding a town hall meeting to discuss Public Health alignment and answer questions regarding this. Spoelstra to send recording to board members following the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm by VanderBeek, support by Jahner. M/C Ayes All

Recorder,

Linsey Spoelstra