

***Dubuque County Board of Health Meeting
Minutes of May 5, 2021***

Mr. Bechen called the May 5, 2021 Dubuque County Board of Health Meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Tom Bechen, Diane Pape-Freiberger, Katie Jones, Adam Hoffman, Hendrik Schultz, Amy Crow Sunleaf
Members Absent:	Suzanne Stroud, Dr. Bobby Koneru, Corey Young
Others Present:	Patrice Lambert, Dubuque County Health Department; Samantha Kloft, Dubuque County Health Department; Stacey Killian, VNA; Ben Fischer; TH Ed Raber, Interim Board Executive Director; Ann McDonough, Chair to Dubuque County Supervisors; Harley Potthoff, Dubuque County Supervisor; Wayne Kenniker; Michaela Freiburger; Becky Nowachek, IDPH; Sarah Goodall; Nichole Weber

Additional Notes:

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comments

Ann McDonough – Makes it aware that a work session with the BOH & BOS has not yet occurred on the Food Policy Council contract due to scheduling conflicts. This is on the Agenda for tonight as an action item. She also urges that brain health concerns following the COVID-19 pandemic be discussed by the BOH.

3. Approval of Agenda

Diane Pape-Freiberger made the motion to approve the Agenda for May 5, 2021. Hendrik Schultz seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Hendrik Schultz made the motion to approve the Minutes for April 21, 2021. Katie Jones seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried.

5. COVID-19 Update

Samantha Kloft shares her screen to display a presentation led by Patrice Lambert. Patrice gives the BOH a brief update on COVID-19 vaccinations in Dubuque County and touches on work being done to continue promoting the vaccine throughout the County.

She also adds that this week, the IMT will most likely not accept a full vaccine allocation for next week. This is due to a decrease in vaccine demand in the County.

Diane Pape-Freiburger adds that her and Katie Jones will be at the Farmer's Market this Saturday to assist with vaccine administration and answer questions from the public.

Katie Jones congratulates and thanks the IMT for their har work. Dubuque County is ahead of the curve will all vaccinations compared to other counties in the area. Diane adds a thank you for the CodeRED and additional messaging throughout the county.

6. Food Policy Council Presentation / Discussion

Michaela Freiburger leads a presentation on the Food Policy Council and their work in Dubuque County. The purpose of this was to introduce new BOH members to the Food Policy Council and the presentation was provided in advance through the Agenda Packet.

7. Food Policy Council Contracted Service

Tom Bechen starts the discussion by reminding the BOH that this was tabled at the last meeting because there was concern over how the BOH could approve this contract without having a connection or more involvement with the Food Policy Council. Since then, Patrice Lambert and Samantha Kloft have offered to attend Council meetings and there is now a direct link between the two groups.

Amy Crow Sunleaf adds that food is one of the most important in Maslow's Heritage of Needs and she is in favor of approving this with the Food Policy Council. Hendrik Schultz agrees.

Hendrik Schultz made the motion to approve the contract of service for Limestone Bluffs RCND. Amy Crow Sunleaf seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried.

This contract will now be passed on to the BOS.

8. Board of Supervisor / Board of Health Liaison Comments

Supervisor Ann McDonough appreciates the BOH vote on the Food Policy Council. She also shares that American Rescue Plan is funding \$18.8 million to Dubuque County for big projects related to the aftermath of COVID-19. She urges for more discussion on this and mentions that Patrice has started participating in conversation with county finance o the use of these dollars.

9. County Health Needs Assessment – Health Improvement Plan Schedule

Becky Nowachek from IDPH explains that CHNA/HIP report submission has been extended until Fall 2023. This decision was made by IDPH due to the COVID-19 pandemic taking priority in health departments across Iowa. More information, guidance, and training will be provided moving closer to 2023.

10. Next Meeting – May 19, 2021

The mask mandate resolution will be discussed at this meeting. Tom suggests this is the only item on the Agenda.

Ann McDonough asks if contact has been made with the County Attorney to address how to remove a mask mandate resolution or move forward, depending on the BOH decision.

11. Public Comment

Sarah Goodall – Urges the BOH to educate more people on the effects of the COVID-19 vaccine and masking.

Nichole Weber – Agrees with the comments of Sarah and adds that the BOH seems unqualified to discuss things such as vaccines and the mask mandate, especially in terms of mental health. Amy Crow Sunleaf responds with her personal qualifications as a BOH member.

12. Adjournment

Diane Pape-Freiburger made the motion to adjourn at 6:52pm. Hendrik Schultz seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried.