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DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**March 20, 2024, at 4:30pm
Dubuque County Offices - West Campus
1225 Seippel Rd. Dubuque, IA
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81990032574>**

MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Larson called the March 20, 2024, Dubuque County Board of Health regularly scheduled meeting to order at 4:30pm, via in person and zoom.

Members Present in Person: Sandra Larson; Amy Crow Sunleaf; Pat Lehmkuhl

Members Present via Zoom: Lynn “Tut” Fuller; Jess Smith; Mike Fidgeon

Members Absent: Preeti Joseph

Staff Present: Allie White, Carissa Brown, Bailey Avenarius, Noah Dougherty

Others Present: Diane Pape Freiburger

Others Present via Zoom: Kevin Dragatto, Ryan Pregler, Carla Kasal

1. **Roll Call** – A quorum was established.
2. **Public Comments** – Diane Pape Freiburger shared that “Iowa Immunizes” was having a guest speaker for the student workshop, regarding discussion and promotion of the HPV vaccine.
3. **Chairperson Announcements & Updates** – Chairperson Larson provided an update on the significance of local public health and expressed appreciation for the efforts of local public health workers. Larson followed this by sharing about the positive impacts the widespread distribution of naloxone has had on other communities. Larson finalized the chairperson announcements with discussion regarding a Telegraph Herald opinion piece about exemptions to vaccines in local schools.
4. **BOS/BOH Liaison Comments** – No BOS member present.
5. **Approval of Agenda** - Motioned by Crow Sunleaf to approve the March 20, 2024, regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting agenda; seconded by Lehmkuhl. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
6. **Approval of Minutes** –Motioned by Lehmkuhl to approve the February 21, 2024, regularly scheduled Board of Health and March 7, 2024 Opioid Subcommittee meeting

minutes; seconded by Fidgeon. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

7. Presentations & Reports –

- a. Environmental Health Report-** Discussion and updates regarding environmental health provided by Dubuque County Public Health Coordinator, Noah Dougherty.
- b. Opioid Settlement Funds Report-** Discussion and updates regarding Opioid Settlement Funds by Dubuque County Public Health Project Coordinator, Carissa Brown.
- c. DCPHD Report –** Discussion and updates regarding the DCPHD provided by Public Health Director, Allie White.
- d. VNA Report –** Discussion and updates regarding the Dubuque VNA provided by VNA Director, Stacey Killian.

8. Action Items –

- a. Variance request for 12934 Circle Ridge Rd.-** Crow Sunleaf motioned to approve the variance request at 12934 Circle Ridge Rd., seconded by Smith. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
- b. Discussion and possible action on new Private Sewage Disposal System Application & Acknowledgement Form-** Director White discussed the required measures necessary to implement a modified ordinance that would combine Iowa Code Chapter 69 and a modified version of Dubuque County Ordinance Chapter 34. The objective being to mandate certification through the IOWWA for contractors conducting septic installations and modifications in Dubuque County.

9. Response to Public Questions – None.

10. Unfinished Business –

- a. Documentation of variance request and determination-** Director White spoke with Dubuque County Auditor, Kevin Dragotto regarding documentation of DCPH variances. Dragotto informed that the variances need not be tracked through a deed, plat, chain-of-title, or abstract. Dragotto also informed that it is typically the issuing board's or department's responsibility to track variances. White contacted the county attorney regarding the issue, but as of the BOH meeting on March 20, 2024, had not received a response.
- b. Discuss and adoption of Strategic Plan postponed until April.**

11. New Business- None.

12. Board Communication & Reports – Fidgeon spoke about Hillcrest's partnering with Caprice Jones, Founder and Director of "Fountain of Youth." Jones has grant funding for a jail re-entry program and Hillcrest will be providing a space for individuals to be housed while they make the transition from jail back into the local workforce.

13. Next Meeting – April 17, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.

14. Public Comment – Pape Freiburger spoke about religious exemptions to vaccines in Dubuque County and informed that Iowa Immunizes will be hosting an informational table at 'PrideFest'.

15. Adjournment – Larson adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes by: Noah Dougherty