

***Dubuque County Board of Health Special Meeting
Minutes of June 1, 2022***

Link to view the Meeting Recording:

Chair Sandra Larson called the June 1, 2022, Dubuque County Board of Health Special Meeting to order at 5:00pm in-person and via zoom. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Tom Bechen, Marsha Horwitz, Sandra Larson, Jessica Smith, Amy Crow Sunleaf, Hendrik Schultz

Members Absent: Adam Hoffman

Others Present: Ann McDonough, Harley Pothoff, Stacey Killian, Samantha Kloft, Ben Fischer

Additional Notes: None

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comments

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Amy Crow Sunleaf made the motion to approve the Agenda for June 1, 2022. Tom Bechen seconded the motion. 4 Aye, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Marsha Horwitz requests a change to the minutes from May 18, 2022. She informs the BOH that she did not provide an update from the most recent Wellness Coalition Meeting, as she was not there.

Amy Crow Sunleaf made the motion to approve the Minutes as amended, from May 18, 2022. Hendrik Schultz seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried.

5. Action Items

a. Certification Letter – City of Bernard

Request for a signed certification letter came from the City of Bernard to the BOH asking for support on a local ordinance stating that no wells be drilled within city limits. Documents related to the proposal were provided to the BOH in advance via the Agenda Packet.

Sandra Larson made the motion to support the Certification Letter sent from the City of Bernard. Hendrik Schultz seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried.

b. **BOH/BOS Joint Meeting Preparation**

Sandra Larson shares with the BOH that because of conflicting schedules, dates are slightly changed for in-person Executive Director interviews. They will now be July 7th and 8th at 2pm or later.

A joint meeting was requested by the BOS for the BOH and BOS to meet regarding ARPA proposals and budgeting for more staff. The BOH would like to have this meeting on Monday, June 20th when Budgeting Director Stella Runde is available.

The BOH was provided with documents via the Agenda Packet to facilitate this conversation. This includes a list of VNA staff roles and responsibilities, as well as deficit funding history. Samantha Kloft begins this conversation with a proposal to request ARPA funds for strategic planning. She feels this would better equip the BOH to request more staff in the future. The BOH decides to continue moving forward with the proposal for more staff, in addition to requesting funds for strategic planning. The BOH is interested in pursuing many public health issues, including behavioral health and chronic disease. A comparison of Dubuque County staffing and budget was also compared to 8 other Iowa counties during the conversation.

At the next BOH meeting on June 15th, the BOH will further develop a presentation that will be given to the BOS at the joint meeting on June 20th.

6. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – June 15, 2022 @ 4:30pm

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

Amy Crow Sunleaf made the motion to adjourn. Hendrik Schultz seconded the motion. 6 Aye, motion carried. Sandra Larson adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm.