

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES*
02-27-24 – 9:00 a.m.
Keokuk County Public Health Office
1303 – 200th Ave | Sigourney, IA 52591

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Mike Hadley at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Mike Hadley, Shirley Holm, Heather Collins, Jerlyn Bowers. Others Present: Allie Helmuth, Robbin Clubb, Jorie Altenhofen, Eric Dursky, Katherine Smith, Katy Gottschalk, Jamie Crouse, Alison Buckallew

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Jerlyn Bowers; motion carried.

American Home Finding MIC / WIC: See attached. Provided an overview of their services and statistics in Keokuk County. The new location is the United Methodist Church on Spring Street in Sigourney, 3 times per month. They see pregnant or postpartum women and children up to 5 years old. I-smile dental screening kindergarten through 9th grade. If parents with no insurance or Medicaid cannot find a dentist, they will assist to find one. 1st Five receives referral from clinic/doctor. They will contact the family and connect the child to the needed services.

Discussion/Approval of consent agenda:

- a. Minutes of previous meeting
- b. Administrators report
- c. Financial and Statistical report

No questions or concerns regarding the consent agenda. Motion to approve the consent agenda by Shirley Holm; motion carried.

Sanitarian Report: The Sanitarian is getting busy with septic systems. Also doing training. He will be attending the 2024 Public Health Conference of Iowa in Ames in March. Discussed implementing code for tattoo parlors.

Discussion/Possible Approval to purchase building signage: Allie explains that people drive by our building and don't know where we are located. She is getting quotes. Motion to approve purchase of building signage by Jerlyn Bowers; motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Approval to purchase car: Allie explains the increase in mileage and the current car is getting close to being replaced. She would like to purchase another car to use now in conjunction with the current car we have. The money is in the budget this fiscal year. The vehicle would be purchased outright. Motion by Heather Collins to approve purchase a car; motion carried.

Discussion/Update regarding FY 25 Budget: Allie explains that departments were asked to voluntarily cut their FY 25 budget. Public Health reduced the budget by \$43000.00. The Sanitarian budget was reduced \$9000.00. These new budgets will be resubmitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Open house update / Succession Story: The open house was a great success. The succession story is the meal site blood pressure clinics; checking blood pressures and educating people regarding their blood pressures, has been a great success.

Date for next meeting – March 26, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Discussion of Old/New business and Public Input: Allie informs the board that RUSS, Regional Utility Service Systems, want to start doing our Sanitarian program as they could save money. She explains to the board that our current sanitarian does other tasks more than septic inspections, water testing and well plugging, including assistance with bed bugs and dog bites. Allie asked the board if they were interested in setting up a meeting with RUSS to discuss their services. The consensus of the board was to continue with the current Sanitarian arrangement that we have.

Regionalization was discussed. Will address it when it occurs.

Heather Collins updated the board on some of the illnesses seen thus far during the school year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Mike Hadley at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbin Clubb