



Hardin County Board of Health

Minutes

April 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM

Via Zoom due to in person meeting being impractical because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Meeting called to order by Jeff Hoffman at 6:05 pm
2. Guests
 - a. Megan Harrell
 - b. Heather Bombei, Iowa Department of Public Health
 - c. Jessica Sheridan
2. Establish Quorum
 - a. Jeff Hoffman
 - b. Breanne Butler
 - c. Tim Broer
 - d. Renee McClellan
 - e. Maile Carter
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion by Tim Broer to approve the agenda as presented, second by Breanne Butler. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes from Feb 11, 2021.
 - a. Motion by Maile Carter to approve meeting minutes from Feb 11, 2021, second by Tim Broer. Motion carried.
5. Public Input
 - a. Heather Bombei recognized Public Health Week April 5-9, 2021
 - b. Jeff Hoffman gave update on MICA's Health programs.
6. Conflict of Interest statements - Reminder to get them in.

7. Public Health Discussion: Water Fluoridation and COVID-19

a. Discussion on benefits of fluoride in water and current status of Hardin County community's fluoride levels of 35 milligrams per liter. Eldora and Iowa Falls have natural levels half of what is recommended. As of January 12, 2021, Eldora decided to discontinue the water fluoridation process. Delta Dental foundation has grants available up to \$25,000 to upgrade systems. Discussion about a position statement from the Board of Health to participate in the fluoridation of the water.

b. Discussion on whether or not the Hardin County Board of Health can change quarantine guidelines for Hardin County. The Board of Health goes by the guidance of the Iowa Department Public Health and doesn't feel they can change the guidelines at this time.

8. Greenbelt Home Care Report- Jeff Hoffman

a. Board of Directors approved financial statements.

9. Sanitarian Report- Jessica Sheridan

a. Site evaluations are being done. Water testing is being done. Three public nuisance reports are being addressed.

10. Public Health Report- Megan Harrell

a. Let the community know Greenbelt Home Care is indeed taking new referrals. Putting ads in the paper has helped. Census is in the 140's Which is steady normal number for GBH.

b. P Public Health has given 7,176 vaccines since December.

11. Adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion by Renee Second by Tim.

12. Next Scheduled meeting will be June 10 @6 pm.

Vision Statement: Achieve equity in health status and ensure the safety of those
who live, work, and play in Hardin County