



Hardin County Board of Health
Minutes

February 11, 2021 6:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order by Jeff @ 6:00pm
 - a. Rocky Reents
 - b. Megan Harrell
 - c. Jessica Sheridan
 - d. Nicky Nachazel
 - e. Heather Bombei
 - f. Sarah Petersen
2. Establish Quorum
 - a. Jeff Hoffman
 - b. Curtis O'Loughlin
 - c. Tim Broer
 - d. Diane Meier
 - e. Maile Carter
 - f. Breanne Butler
 - g. Renee` McClellan
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion by McClellan to approve the agenda as presented, O'Loughlin seconded. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2020.
 - a. Motion by Broer to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by McClellan. Motion carried.

5. Welcome new members, recognition and thanks to departing members
 - a. Introductions by new Board of Health members Breanne Butler and Maile Carter.
6. Public Input
 - a. Carter stated Unity Point Occ Health stated that Greenbelt Home Care is closing and that is why Unity Point is moving into Hardin County. Hoffman stated that Greenbelt Home Care is not closing.
7. Motion to move into Closed Session
 - a. Motion by Carter, seconded by Broer. Motion carried.
8. Closed Session under Iowa Code 21.5(1) (g) and (h)
9. Discussion: Water Fluoridation. Sarah Petersen, IDPH; Carlie Beam, I-Smile Coordinator
 - a. Discussion on benefits of fluoride in water and current status of Hardin County community's fluoride levels. .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 had on a letter of support from the Board of Health to participate in the fluoridization of the water. Sarah will share examples of position statements from other counties.
10. Election of Officers
 - a. McClellan nominated Hoffman for chair, seconded by Carter. McClellan nominated Broer for Vice Chair, seconded by Carter. McClellan nominated Butler for Secretary, seconded by Broer. Broer motions to accept the nominations as presented, Carter seconded. Motion carried.
11. Conflict of Interest
 - a. Hoffman sent the Conflict-of-Interest statement to all Board of Health members; he requested the forms be filled out and returned back to him.
12. Community Health Needs Assessment
 - a. Conversations with MICA to do focus groups to gather ideas and perspectives. Focus group with head start parents, FADSS program parents, survey with LIHEAP Applications.

13. Greenbelt Home Care Report: Jeff Hoffman

- a. Hoffman shared that the Board of Health has representation on The Greenbelt Home Care Board of Directors. Hoffman shared completed accomplishments as well as pending/ongoing duties that the board of directors are working on.

14. Sanitarian Report: Jessica Sheridan

- a. Sheridan shared information regarding current sanitarian activities in Hardin County. Sheridan is expecting so she will be working on inter agency sharing for when she is on maternity leave.
- b. Discussion on radon awareness and kits. Will look into getting kits to get out into the community.

15. Public Health Report: Rocky Reents & Megan Harrell

- a. Greenbelt Home Care and Public Health Update
 - i. Harrell shared that Greenbelt Home Care has been focusing on all things COVID-19 activities and vaccination. Current home care census is about 140 patients. Greenbelt Home Care is currently accepting referrals. The agency added 3 more phone lines due to high call volumes. Majority of incoming calls are positive but we do have a few disgruntled individuals who wish they could get their vaccine now.
- b. COVID-19 activities and status
 - i. Reents shared vaccine allocation and administration numbers for Hardin County. Discussed vaccine strategy for Hardin County regarding the phases and current status of vaccine.

16. Public Health Discussion

- a. None.

17. Adjourn

- a. Motion by Broer to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm, seconded by McClellan. Motion carried.

18. Next Scheduled Meeting-April 8, 2021

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