

## IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 20, 2024

### **Attendance**

Board: Dr. Steven Rippentrop, Abby Maas and Teresa Sauerbrei

Via phone: Jodi Matthes until 10:30 a.m.

Environmental Health Staff: Sherry Lutz

HD Staff: Lori Sheeler and Emilie Brecht

Public: Becky Hackett-Leas, I-Smile Coordinator; Ben Gray, Marengo Chief of Police and Travis Schlabach

**Call to Order** – Rippentrop called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda** – Maas motioned to approve agenda. Motion seconded by Rippentrop. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2023** – Maas motioned to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Sauerbrei. Motion carried unanimously.

**Guest Speaker:** Becky Hackett-Leas, I-Smile Coordinator gave update on the latest Iowa County schools dental screening data.

**Guest Speaker:** Ben Gray, Marengo Chief of Police and Travis Schlabach, City Counsel. Shared their concerns about the enforcement of the Iowa County Animal Bite Ordinance. AM proposed the formation of an Animal Bite Taskforce.

### **Environmental Health Update** – 7/1/23 – 3/18/24

#### Grants to Counties

Well plugging: 6

Water tests: 8

Well permits: 14

Quarterly report submitted 12/29/23.

FY24 Grants to Counties \$50,505.

Funding Expended to Date: \$2,804.50.

#### Septic Permitting

Permits: 51

Completed Projects: 41

#### Time of Transfer

Inspections: 16

Nuisance Complaints – 2 still in process; 1 new complaint –turned over to DNR

Septic Complaints – 2 in process;

Monthly revenue/expense reports emailed to BOH members.

### **Health Department Update** –

Director Report

- Open Meeting Law review.
- New Host for Iowa County website.
- Facilities update.
- RN position open since 2/24/23.

### Public Health

- Animal bites, Reportable diseases and VFC Immunizations discussed.
- US Measles outbreak discussion.
- CDC changes to COVID isolation protocol.
- SA5-HHC – Stop the Bleed, AED and Stockpile projects discussed.

### Grants FY 2024

- Contracted Grants reviewed.

### Home Health

- Patient census & new referrals reviewed.

### Fiscal Report

- Fiscal Report emailed to BOH members.

### Action Items

- Approve 2024 Sliding Scale Fee effective April 1, 2024. Motion to approve by Maas. Seconded by Rippentrop. Motion passed unanimously.
- Review and approve Public Health policy updates. Maas motioned to approve. Seconded by Sauerbrei. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approved promotion for Health Department staff Abigail Schaffner to work >30 hours per week and receive benefits effective 3/21/2024. This entitles prorated benefits for hours worked. Lengthy discussion ensued. Motion to approve by Sauerbrei. Seconded by Rippentrop. Nay: Maas: Motion passed.
- Discuss Health Department FY 2024 Budget. BOS is requesting amendments to FY 2024 Budget. Motion by Maas to reduce identified line items associated with the Assistant Officer position by 75% of approved Budget. Seconded by Rippentrop. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

At 11:34 a.m. Maas motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Rippentrop. Motion passed unanimously.