**Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

Dr. Wells called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. at the Corydon Courthouse basement meeting room. Present were: Dr. Joel Wells, Tom Swearingin, Susie Gibbs, David Rhodes, Shelley Bickel, Bill Byrns, Penny Fetters and Linda Stanley. Jennifer Reed was on the phone.

Susie made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom seconded it. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Tom made a motion to approve the December 2nd, 2020 minutes. Susie seconded it. All in Favor. Motion carried.

We looked over the Policies with No Changes and the Revised Policies. Shelley will amend Article 3 membership to add one Registered Nurse. Susie made a motion to approve the governing bylaws. Tom seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shelley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Tom seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

David Rhodes, Environmental Health, presented his Data Report. He has $5090 remaining of his Well Grant. The 21/22 Budget is pretty much the same as last year’s, except he added 10% for insurance, and his 3.5% pay raise. His budget is right on track for this year. Tom made a motion to approve the Budget for FY 21/22. Susie seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried. They reviewed the Revenue.

Penny introduced a program called ‘Recipes for Healthy Kids and Healthy Environments’. Dave would conduct nine 45-minute lessons. It is for kids age 9-13. It can be used inside or outside the classrooms. It was created by the EPA. Other board members could also participate.

David talked about contractors. Currently, a homeowner can get a bond and install their own sewer system. He is checking into getting away from that. He called other counties to see how they handle installing sewer systems. ADLM (Appanoose, Davis, Lucas and Monroe) make their contractors sign up with Iowa workforce and have a $10,000 bond. There is also Certified Installers of On-Site Wastewater Treatment. There is a 2 day class and a 125 question test. They would be trained in putting in sewers. This would eliminate home owners doing it. David thinks he would only have one contractor do this.

Shelley went over the Revenue Public Health has due. She said what will change most in our budget is salaries, due to working overtime a lot due to Covid. We got denied our next round of Covid Cares money, because we had an increase in clients and revenue. We added the Nine to Thrive program, with Jessica Hysell. That brings in around $50,000 a year and her salary and supplies comes out of that. Penny asked what the ‘Board/Commission Expense’ is, and why there is $40 under ‘Equipment/Office/Data’. Shelley will check into these. Shelley increased Medicare, Medicaid and salaries in the 20/21 budget. Tom made a motion to approve the budget. Susie seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Shelley gave an update on Home Health. We have 4 nurses. Kelley is now the lead person on doing Admissions. We are docked if we do not get these in in a timely fashion. Ron is leading monthly meetings. We are very busy. We are working to keep mileage down.

Shelley gave an update on Nine to Thrive. Jessica Hysell works Monday thru Friday at the hospital and has her own office there. She works with doctors and is in direct contact with all expectant mothers. Every Step would like us to work with Missouri mothers also. Jessica also helps with contact tracing.

We are going to start Lead Clinics, starting in February. We are going to do 5 counties. SCICAP who runs the headstarts in Clarke, Decatur, Wayne, Lucas and Monroe, have asked us to do all the lead screenings, so we will be doing all the lead screening in those 5 counties. Susan will be doing this. She still does the First Five programs and also does the Jail Nursing, which has been busy. Susan also does a lot of the Covid work.

Prepardness is ongoing, of course.

We were starting a handwashing program for Kindergarteners, Magicals and daycares. Then Covid hit. We will resume that when Covid lets up.

The Code of Ethics form and Conflict of Interest forms need to be signed.

We elected officers for 2021. Tom nominated Dr. Wells to be the Chair. Tom nominated Penny to be Vice Chair. Susie seconded both. Motion carried.

Shelley gave a Covid update. Currently, we have 526 cases. We got 1 last night. We only have 3 active cases. We are at 10% positivity rate. We have done 526 contact tracings. We are one of the few in the state still doing our own contact tracing. We had a low over Christmas, then a surge after Christmas. We are still doing the schools. Before Christmas, they came out with the new 10 day rule. Students may go back to school on day 8 if tested negative, or day 11 if not tested. There is a new system called DOMO. We are using Cares money to build this database. Rapid tests from Wayne county are not getting in the database, so there are some issues with it. We are still doing serology tests. We have had 11 positives. Penny asked about the new covid strains. Dr. Wells said the hospital does not deal with strains. There is one test for Covid 19. The new strains are not expected to change anything we are doing. The new strains should still be susceptible to the vaccine we have. Our next level is vaccines. We will be giving 220 vaccines. That includes the 11th dose. We are giving 20 to the hospital. We are working on Phase 1A. We are doing all the schools, Magical, Fire Fighters, Funeral Home people. February 1 we plan to start Phase 1B, which is the elderly, courthouse and stragglers from 1A. Bill will be doing outside traffic control. Tom and Ron, Shelley’s husband, will be using a gator to transport people if needed. We can’t do a drive-up because we have to keep the vaccine at room temperature. We hope next week to know how many more doses we are doing. The faster we give the doses, the faster we should receive more. We will have a seating area, and we will put stickers with times on the vaccine recipients, and after 15 minutes if they feel ok, they can go. We hope to use Walden Park and/or the fairgrounds. We reached out to Dairy Concepts, Shivvers and East Penn about giving vaccines. East Penn did not sign up. Shelley reached out twice to them. There was talk about using a bus to transport people getting the vaccine at the clinics.

Dr. Wells gave an update on the Hospital and Clinic. He stated they have had Covid patients almost every day since November. There are days they get them all home, but then they get another admission. They had a lot of elderly for a while, but they are seeing younger patients (40-50 years old) on oxygen. Most people don’t know where they got it. We are going to have to go back to education, to try to get more people to get the vaccine-there is a lot of reluctance in this community. After people see that there are millions of people who have gotten the vaccine, with no adverse effects, more people will be willing to take it. Our sign up list is impressive-a lot of elderly residents have signed up.

Shelley stated that the state surveyors walked in the door yesterday, about 2pm. They are surveying our entire homecare program.

Next meeting will be at 8:30 am, Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Berdette will zoom in.

Tom made a motion to adjourn and Dr. Wells seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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