

MINUTES

Linn County Board of Health Meeting
March 27, 2019 at 4:00 PM
Linn County Public Health Conference Room
501 13th Street NW, Cedar Rapids, IA
Contact: Kim Honn, 892-6000
*Indicates Action Items

1. Call meeting to Order with a Quorum – Mark Taylor, Chair

Mark Taylor, Board Chair, established a quorum at 4:03 PM and called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Mark Taylor, Stacey Walker, Dr. James Levett, Leslie Wright, Heidi Carmer - Legal and Kim Honn – Recorder

LCPH Staff Present: Pramod Dwivedi, Larry Hlavacek, Tricia Kitzmann and Jim Hodina

2. Recognize Guests – Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director
Stephanie Neff with Cedar Rapids Community School District (CRCS)
Ann Torbert with Linn County Extension
RaeAnn Gordon with Linn County Extension
Michelle Canfield with HACAP
3. Public Comment – Limited to Three Minutes Each
None
4. Approve Agenda *
Motion made to approve agenda as presented.
****MSC Levett/Walker**
 - BOH member/s excused absences
Mary Tarbox
5. Approve February 27, 2019 Minutes *
Motion made to approve minutes as presented.
****MSC Wright/Levett**
6. Introduction of New Staff – Pramod Dwivedi
None
7. Pick a Better Snack - Stephanie Neff, Health & Wellness Supervisor with Cedar Rapids Community School District
Ms. Neff on behalf of ISU and the CRCS presented a PPT presentation on the school's farm to school initiative called Pick a Better Snack. Their original goal is to get the school engaged in food systems work and collaboratively leverage community resources to improve child and youth exposure to food systems not just the

food without an understanding of where it comes from, how does it contribute to the local economy, what are some careers paths and etc.

The Board engaged in a question and answer session. It is Ms. Neff and others hope the Board will share this initiative with their peers and stakeholders throughout the community.

8. BOH Committee Reports:

A. Policy and Government Relations Committee – Mark Taylor Committee Chairs

1. Policy Statement on Fund the Trust *

Motion made consenting to the Board Chair signing the Letter of Support.

****MSC Walker/Levett**

2. PO-GV-001-02 Orientation/Information for the Board of Health *
3. PO-PM-001-03 Public Health Quality Improvement *

Motion made to approve the two above policies as presented with a few minor edits on the Public Health Quality Improvement Policy.

****MSC Wright/Levett**

4. Chapter 5 Environmental Health *

Motion made to approve Environmental Health Chapter 5.

****MSC Walker/Wright**

B. Monthly Finance Reports Approvals – Pramod Dwivedi

1. February 2019 Financial Statements *

Motion made to approve Financial Statements as presented.

****MSC Levett/Walker**

9. Health Director's Report – Pramod Dwivedi

- A thank you was shared from a 5th grader at Excelsior Middle School that Jim Hodina received after a class presentation.
- Agency is recognizing National Public Health week April 1 – 7th and activities are planned throughout the week.
- One abstract was accepted by NACCHO on Developing and Tracking a three-year budget forecast for local public health agency. Mr. Hodina and Mr. Hlavacek worked on this as part of the Strategic Plan.
- Attended NACCHO Leadership conference in DC a few weeks ago and met with Senators Grassley and Ernst, along with Representative Finkenauer. They discussed the importance of public health funding and to increase the CDC funding by 22%. The CDC Director, Dr. Redfield, and he appears to agree to open the Harris building when it is done - he will consider this...stay tuned. Also met with Assistant Secretary of Department HHS and they discussed climate change.
- PHAB Re-Accreditation team was created and deadline is March 2020.
- Linn County employees, including Jim Hodina, were featured in the Business View magazine for Best Sustainable Practices by Government. Mr. Hodina talked about Solarized Cedar Rapids Linn County.
- Linn County will be placing window clings in all county vehicles for the Anti-Idling policy.
- Public Health is sometimes considered the leaders in some areas, such as; syndromic surveillance importance, MAPP evaluations and stories, refugee alliance, two colleges serve on two NACCHO workgroups, speak at University of Iowa Epidemiology department and College of Public Health, and etc.
- Please read the report for more information, such as Learning Institute, quality improvement, strategic plan.
- State Innovation Model (SIM) is ending in April 2019. The work will be sustained by renaming and rebranding it as My Care Community launched on April 18th – the Board is invited to join us at the PSC

formal board room. The logo was presented to the Board that will be launched on the 18th with other community organizations.

**10. Board of Health Attorney Report – Heidi Carmer
Nothing to report.**

11. Next Meetings:

- **Board of Health Meeting – Wednesday – April 24 , 2019 at 4:00 PM**
 - **Policy and Government Relations Committee – Thursday – April 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM**

12. Adjourn

No further business the meeting was adjourned 5:07 PM.

Respectfully,

Kim S. Honn, Recorder