Pottawattamie County Board of Health Minutes

July 12, 2019 7:30 am

Supervisors’ Hearing Room – County Courthouse

**Members present**: Dr. Barbara Lee, DVM, Dr. Shawn Jones, Lea Voss Dr. and Michael Guzman

**Member absent**: Dr. Eneh Okoruwa

**Others Present**: Kris Wood, Matt Wyant, Maria Sieck, Tracy Nosekabel, Diane K. Anderson, Antonio Igbokidi, Linda McQuinn, Tara Slevin, Sherrie McDonald, Liz Addison, Jenny Sharrick

1. **Called meeting to order**: Meeting called to order at 7:31 am by Dr. Shawn Jones
2. **Reports:**
   * 1. **WIC: (HO)**  Kris Wood provided a WIC report and informed the Board of the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Grant submission which includes an action plan to continue to work with breastfeeding mothers to get ready to go back to work and a quality improvement plan to touch base with Council Bluffs hospital lactation consultants. WIC is distributing farmer’s market checks that will run through the end of October. The last farmer’s markets in Council Bluffs are September 26th and October 12th. The Southwest Iowa Breastfeeding Coalition was granted $5,000 through CHI to purchase breast pumps for women without insurance or not on the WIC program.
     2. **Family Inc.:** Liz Addison provided information on the I-Smile program. Since the program started, Pottawattamie County has had an 18% increase in Medicaid children that visit a dentist making Pottawattamie above the state average. Limited dental providers and one pediatric specialist accept Medicaid in Pottawattamie County. I-Smile is providing information to medical providers to increase child dentist visits. The Children’s Oral Health Coalition meets quarterly, has provided $14,300 in services at schools, and is promoting a “re-think your drink” campaign to reduce drinking sweetened beverages and increase water.

Jenny Sharrick thanked Dr. Jones for his office participation in the I-Smile program. Family Inc., received the Early Head Start funding of 1.2 million dollars for 5 years and is hiring an additional 16 positions. Ms. Sharrick shared information on the Title V program for Maternal and Child Health and requested a voluntary MD or DO Medical Director from the Board to have in place by October 1st.

* + 1. **IDPH STD Update:** Linda McQuinn provided the Board information on STD rates. Pottawattamie is higher than Douglas County and has the highest rates in Iowa for Gonorrhea; the western side of Iowa has increased. The Chlamydia rate decreased in the past year. Private offices are encouraged to provide extra genital testing to prevent reinfection.
    2. **Public Health Division:**

Maria Sieck updated the Board on current activities. Immunization Grant billing is complete for the last FY and the Local Public Health Grant has one month left to bill.

The Public Health Division has signed an agreement with the Council Bluffs Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program to provide capillary testing for lead. There is also a signed agreement with Titan Nurse Staffing to fill staffing if needed.

STD: Public Health has more than doubled testing for HIV testing in the last six months and is working with IWCC to provide more testing at the housing units. STD/HIV testing and education on campus is expected to significantly increase.

Regional Health: The Board reviewed the Resolution to adopt Mental Health as the sole priority for the 2019-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan and adopt to a Metro Area regional approach to implement the Health Improvement Plan. Motion made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Lea Voss to approve the resolution. Motion Carried. Mr. Wyant shared the interest of the Surgeon General on the regional health work for the C4 Coop Health Departments. A meeting with the Surgeon General will happen sometime this fall and the Board will be informed when a date is set.

Septic Variances: Tracy Nosekabel reviewed the septic variance for 13911 Sunrise Terrace Lane. The Board acknowledged the previous approval of the variance request by email on June 26, 2019.

Mosquito Count: Environmental Health is working with ISU Extension to conduct a mosquito count to determine flood impact on the mosquito population in Pottawattamie County.

Dr. Guzman asked about public education on heat and drowning awareness. Mr. Wyant informed the Board that the Division is working on a marketing plan with targeted outreach, currently promoting general health information on social media. Ms. Sharrick shared social media information that Family, Inc. shares targeted toward child health. Mr. Nosekabel shared recent swimming pool inspection activities.

1. **Approve minutes of last meetings**: Motion made by Lea Voss and seconded by Dr. Lee, DVM, to approve minutes of May 10, 2019. Motion Carried.
2. **Other Business**:

Diane K. Anderson introduced herself as the Regional Community Health Consultant to the Board and provided information on the areas of Board of Health responsibilities.

1. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Dr. Jones, Seconded by Dr. Lee, DVM to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be September 13, 2019 and in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room.