

Marshall County Board of Health
March 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Annex Building
101 East Main St.

Present: Dr. Ken Lyons, Teresa Jenkins, Dr. Kerri Metzger, Kim Elder, Jim Goodman

Zoom: Carol Hibbs

Staff: Sydney Grewell

Guests: Nan Benson, Heather Bombei, Maria Vargas-Gonzalez, Sarah Walker, John Shaw, NAMI Connection member

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order	The Marshall County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Lyons.	
Introduction of guests	Dr. Lyons welcomed all the guests.	
Presentation	Sarah Walker and John Shaw presented on the GTSB prevention project for Marshall County. Discussion for the board to write a letter of support.	Motion by Dr. Keri Metzger. Seconded by Jim Goodman. No abstentions/ Unanimous. Filed with minutes.
Presentation	A member from the NAMI Connection group spoke about mental health services available in Marshall County.	Informational
Minutes	Minutes of January 18, 2023, meeting approved. Teresa/Dr. Metzger/No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
Reports		
Environmental Health	Taveis was absent therefore there was no report on Environmental Health activities in Marshall County.	N/A
Emergency Management Agency	Kim reported on Emergency Management Agency activities in Marshall County.	Informational
Public Health Report		
Reported using the 10 essential public health services		
Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.	1. Since our last meeting we had 8 new LTBI patients: 2 in January 5 in February 1 March. Currently monitoring 9 patients. 2. Assisting new residents of Marshall County complete immunization requirements.	Report filed with minutes.

	3. Getting feedback from community partners on how MCPH can be of assistance.	
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. Worked closely with MCSD to mitigate the risks of potential hazardous toxic fumes. 2. Worked with multiple state epidemiologist to close outstanding CADE cases. 3. Continuing to follow the 8 open CADE cases. 4. Staying up to date on acute outbreaks at long term care facilities per state guidelines. 5. Staying up to date on 10% absenteeism reported by school districts. Only 2 were reported from January 2024-March 2024.	Report filed with minutes.
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. Took part in the Marshall County Healthy family fair on March 9th. Main event was our mega brain borrowed from Guthrie County which allowed us to educate on brain health including parts of the brain, diseases, helmet safety, and concussions. Generated a lot of discussion with community members. We handed out education materials in the form of coloring books focusing on germs, helmets, and concussions. Tina Nelson and I educated the public on vaccines and other public health services. 2. Continuing to educate listeners on multiple health related topics every Tuesday on Live Healthy Marshall County with lots of new guests. 3. Worked with a DMU physical therapy student to produce brochures that can be distributed to the public on topics including bed mobility, task modification and safe vehicle transfers. 4. Using Facebook on a regular basis to inform Marshall County on Public Health topics and upcoming events. 5. Working on providing information in multiple languages to ensure proper understanding of vital information.	Report filed with minutes.

Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. Attended the Marshall County Mental Health coalition at the end of January. 2. Meet with Story County Public Health to network and learn about their outreach. 3. Meet with UnityPoint Health Marshalltown and Poweshiek County Public Health to discuss the Maternal Health Grant which includes Marshall County. 4. Meet with David Hick of YSS and the Homelessness Coalition to see how public health could become involved. 5. Spoke at noon optimist about Marshall County Public Health and our presence in the community. 6. Attended multiple EMS meetings with Kim Elder to introduce myself and bring public health into those important conversations surrounding local and state EMS. 7. Connected with Zuli creator of Knock and Drop out of Des Moines. 8. Continuing to build relationships with local providers and clinics.	Report filed with minutes.
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. Staying up to date with current policies and procedures that affect public health.	Report filed with minutes.
Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.	1. Tina and Paula are completing the required training to uphold their nursing licensure. 2. Reviewing HIPAA guidelines and procedures necessary for our department	Report filed with minutes.
Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.	1. VFC continues to be the largest area that MCPH serves. Please see <u>page 5</u> of the packet for current numbers until this point for FY24. 2. Using the interpreter services almost daily for patient interactions. 3. Working with other local public health agencies to provide care to patients who I cannot assist. 4. Asking patients if there are any other services, I can assist them with in the office. I have been able to help two families get started on Medicare/Medicaid paperwork. 5. Assisting patients with getting established with care at local agencies.	Report filed with minutes.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. Working with Tina and Paula to implement new ideas and practices for Public Health. A new VFC scheduling tool was established between MCPH and the school nurses. 2. Tina and I attended ALICE training provided by the county that took place at the courthouse. 3. Tina and Paula are continuing to stay up to date on vaccine storage and handling through online training modules. 4. I along with Kim and Teresa will be attending the Public Health Conference of Iowa on March 26th and 27th. 5. I will be attending the virtual Government Social Media Conference April 16th- April 18th. 6. I am continuing to acquire education on TB, diseases, and immigration medical requirements through on the job interactions.	Report filed with minutes.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	1. Working with Kim to bring back the Long-Term Care coalition to provide services of public health and emergency management to our community LTC facilities.	Report filed with minutes.
Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.	1. FY24 Immunization Services Grant all funds used. 2. FY24 LPHS grant \$332.85 remaining. Will be used end of March. 3. PHEP grant \$18,762 remaining. EMS portion \$8,000 remaining and will be used by local EMS. 4. 6 year public health response contract \$211242.27 remaining. 5. County budget has \$27,655.04 remaining for fiscal year. This only allows salaries to be paid for. Understood for director to only spend money on required bills.	Report filed with minutes.
Unfinished Business		
Change the dates of future board of health meetings to the second Thursdays of the months due to conflict with other regional public health meetings.	Future meeting dates agreed on. Calendar updated, shared to BOH members and posted online.	
New Business		

Requesting board approval for Sydney Grewell to enroll in the Certified Medical Assisting at Marshalltown Community College program for fall of 2024 using \$11,000-\$13,000 of the part-time administrative assistant salary within the budget to be used to pay for the cost of the program.	Sydney Grewell reported on CMA class requirements, weekly time requirements and required externship. The board expressed interest in having more information regarding externship before giving approval.	Motion to table approval until further information is gathered about externship required for program. Motion to table by Teresa Jenkins. Seconded by Kim Elder. No abstentions/ Unanimous. Filed with minutes.
Requesting board approval to hire an additional PRN nurse with a start date after July 1, 2024.	Position approved by the board. Open to hire CMA, LPN or RN. Wage to be determined based on MCPH budget.	Motion by Kerri Metzger. Seconded by Tereasa Jenkins. No abstentions/ Unanimous. Filed with minutes.
Next Meeting		
	Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 101 East Main Street, Annex conference room 103. Plan to have a Zoom link available.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:00.	

Prepared and submitted by,
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