

Marshall County Board of Health
September 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Annex Building
101 East Main St.

Present: Dr. Ken Lyons, Teresa Jenkins, Dr. Kerri Metzger, Jim Goodman, Carol Hibbs, Tyler Kelley

Zoom: Heather Bombei

Staff: Sydney Grewell

Guests: Sierra and Krissy from MICA

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	Sierra Stevens and Krissy from MICA. Presented of WIC and ISMILE numbers for Marshall County for last fiscal year.	Informational
Minutes	Minutes of June 13, 2024, meeting approved. Jim Goodman/Teresa Jenkins /No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
Reports		
Environmental Health	Tyler Kelley reported on environmental health activities in the county: 1. Tyler has been on the job for one month. Getting training from Todd. 2. Has completed the following activities during July: - Time of transfer- 0 -Building Permits - 5 -Soil Analysis -1 -Septic-5 -Nuisances-0 -Zoning-0 -New Well-1 -Well Closure-0 -Pool Inspection-0 -Tattoo Inspection-0 -Well Tests- - 3. Has completed the following activities during August: - Time of transfer-3 -Building Permits -5 -Soil Analysis -4 -Septic-12 -Nuisances-0 -Zoning-10 -New Well -0 -Well Closure-0 -Pool Inspection-0 -Tattoo Inspection-0 -Well Tests- 0	Report filed with minutes.

Emergency Management Agency	Kim Elder reported on EMA activities in the county: 1. CERT rodeo is being hosted by Marshall County on 9/14-9/15 2. Siren project is complete. 3. Task force group created to address the EMS essential services needs within 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 have had 7 new LTBI patients: Currently monitoring 11 patients. One active TB patient is being monitored with DOT who is almost complete. 2. Working with UPH Marshalltown and PHC to develop and rollout the CHA survey, more to come later.	Report filed with minutes.
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. 13 disease investigations since our last meeting. 2 Cryptosporidiosis, 2 cyclospora, 4 E. coli, 3 pertussis, 2 shigella 2. Only had one 10% absenteeism report so far this school year at East Marshall Middle School.	Report filed with minutes.
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. Collaborating with CAPS to do a social media post about what MCPH is and the services we provide for September. 2. Providing information about vaccines, health topics and public health contact information to the CICS office for their clients in need. 3. Working with Refugee and Immigrant Voices in Action (RIVA) to deploy information in different languages for our community members. 4. Promoting COVID, flu, RSV, shingles vaccines and other routine vaccines through radio and social media.	Report filed with minutes.
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. Worked with EMA and UPH to complete a functional Hazmat exercise 2. Partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters and participated in their back-to-school event to provide vaccine information, vaccines and sunscreen. 3. Working with Knock and Drop Iowa to provide vaccines and health screenings during the Cultural	Report filed with minutes.

	Festival on September 25th. Refugee and Immigrant Voices in Action (RIVA) is also partnering to provide health information in different languages. 1. Plans to work with them to do another COVID vaccine clinic and cervical cancer talk 4. Continued work with our LTC facilities to get the coalition back together next meeting is in the works. 5. Worked with IVH safety team to discuss their plans that included PH.	
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. Attended the Iowa County Public Health Association (ICPHA) State meeting in August as part of the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) conference to discuss PH policy within our state. 2. Participating in monthly public health office hours facilitated by Iowa HHS and Dr. Kruse to stay up to date on all the things happening within HHS. 3. I was invited to attend a public health roundtable in November to discuss PH realignment in the state with Dr. Kruse.	Report filed with minutes.
Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.	1. No report.	Report filed with minutes.
Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.	1. Vaccines for Children (VFC). Current patient count is 34 with 70 vaccines given. 1. Getting more individuals contacting us about vaccines and them coming to the office. 2. Vaccines for Adults (VFA) will begin as soon as enrollment is approved. More information later. 3. Working with Stacey Tool-Crawford to do a vaccine clinic prior to immunization audits to reduce the number of Provisionals 1. Also talking about offering more clinics like HPV specific in the future. This is still in the works Continuing to ask our community partners how PH can be of service and building on those ideas.	Report filed with minutes.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. Taylor Appelgate hired July 16th 2024 and has already been doing vaccines at school, training is going well. 2. Things director has attended recently: 1. National Homeland Security Conference in July. 2. Regional meeting, region 5 which was nice to meet with different counties and gain different insight and ideas 3. Iowa Immunization Summit September 9 3. The whole team is preparing for immunization audits which will begin 9/23 where Tina and Paula will be teaching Taylor and myself how to complete them. 4. Networking with other local public health administrators and other agencies at different events has allowed me to grow my reach and be able to provide greater opportunities for the residents of Marshall County.	Report filed with minutes.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	1. No report	Report filed with minutes.
Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.	1. Current county budget remaining- 85.30% 2. Current grant revenue- 19.53%	Report filed with minutes.
Unfinished Business		
	1. No report	Informational Filed with minutes.
New Business		
Taylor Appelgate hired as new PRN public health nurse effective July 16 th , 2024.	1. Taylor is doing great and has already been very active in the department. Doing weekly vaccine clinics on her own and participated in Big Brother Big Sisters back to school event with Sydney and Tina.	Informational Filed with minutes.

Enrollment in the Iowa Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program	1. Dr. Kerri Metzger was sent the information for operating agreements on 9/6/24 and signed necessary forms. 2. Director Sydney Grewell completed remaining forms and submitted the application of 9/10/24; organization stated it would take a week for confirmation of enrollment. 3. Board members informed of overview of the program and how operations of vaccine administration would be conducted.	Informational Filed with minutes
Intent to apply for Opioid Settlement Funding through Marshall County Attorneys office.	1. Letter of intent to apply for funding is due 9/27/24. 2. Discussed with the board how we could use the funds for education within the county. Board members suggested working with other agencies to come up with a plan to best utilize the funding. Also suggested reaching out to other local public health agencies for additional ideas.	Informational Filed with minutes
Review and or develop PRN nurse coverage protocol and address past polices and procedures.	1. It was determined that there are no current written policies or procedures for PRN nursing staff. 2. The board and director discussed the basis of duties and on call payment for the PRN nursing staff. All agreed written protocols should be developed. 3. The director will reach out to other counties and develop polices and procedures and present them at the next Board of Health meeting.	Informational Filed with minutes
Community Health Needs Assessment survey partnering and future goals.		Informational Filed with minutes
Next Meeting	Thursday, December 12, 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 11:18.	

Prepared and submitted by,
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