**Louisa County Board of Health**

Meeting Minutes August 9th, 2022

**Members Present**: Randy Griffin, Lynn Mincer, Tim Verink

**Members Present via Zoom**: Joellen Schantz, Jacinta Wangui

**Excused/Absent**:

**Staff Present:** R. Smith

**Guests:** Brian Thye, Jim Rudisill

**Guests via Zoom:** Bruce Hudson

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Griffin at 1330.

**Approval of Agenda**

Smith requested to add agenda item 5.a.ii, monkeypox update, to the agenda. Motion to approve August 9th, 2022 agenda with proposed changes by Schantz, 2nd by Verink. All approved, so carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Verink to approve June 14th, 2022 board minutes, 2nd by Wangui. All approved, so carried.

**Environmental Health Update**

New Business: Thye presented EH finances, stats, and the system installation report for FY22 end and July 2022.

Review Chapter 69 Petition for Waiver: Hudson and Thye presented the new Iowa DNR Petition for Waiver form now required when a homeowner is requesting a septic waiver from the BOH. Hudson stated the IDNR implemented it for better consistency and oversight across the state.

Old Business:

Thye requested advertisements be put in all three Louisa papers on a rotating basis to advertise the GTC free water testing program. Smith stated she would begin the advertisements, adding to the ad that each home can be tested yearly under the program.

*Hudson and Thye exited the meeting.*

**Public Health/Home Health Update**

New business/Financial Report:

Smith presented financial and home visit caseload data from FY22 end and for July 2022.

IDPH/DHS Merger: Smith gave an update on the recent merger between IDPH and DHS; as of 7/1/22, the two departments are now under the same umbrella. A new org chart was presented showing the new structure, however, Smith stated she expects many changes ahead as the merger continues to unfold.

Monkeypox Update: Smith reported that no cases have been reported in Louisa County, however, LCPH staff are poised to respond, if needed. An overview of high-risk populations was given; Smith noted that at this time, monkeypox was not a huge public health threat to the general public. Smith also provided clarification on monkeypox vaccine and the difference between PEP and PEP++ vaccines, noting that LCPH is not likely to receive the vaccine.

Old Business:

FY22 Year-End COVID Data: Smith presented year-end data on COVID vaccines given and monies received to date. Money received included the COVID grant, and insurances billed for the vaccine admin. fee. Smith stated from this point forward, all revenue received from Covid vaccine administration will not be tracked separately but included with other immunization revenue unless otherwise requested by the Board.

Smith continues to work on the LPH Collaborative team, the Collaborative for Eastern Iowa will be on Tuesday, September 13th in Cedar Rapids. The Board will need to discuss an alternative meeting date for September.

Smith reviewed the changes to the LPHS grant and the move towards not funding non-population health activities such as home health. After discussion, LCPH will continue to offer home health services under the program that was formally known as State Grant (SG), due to the need for these services in Louisa County. Smith reminded the Board that Milestones has been effective in covering most personal care and homemaker services in lieu of the LPHS grant. Smith plans to continue to seek out other funding sources to cover skilled nursing care to the patients on SG for that service.

**Public Input**

No public in attendance.

**Meeting**

Next BOH meeting: Tuesday, September 20th @ 1330

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Verink at 1400.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roxanne Smith*

Secretary Pro Tem

Motion to Approve:

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