**Louisa County Board of Health**

12635 County Rd G56, Ste 103

Wapello, IA 52653

Meeting Minutes March 12th, 2024

**Members Present**: Shawn Maine, Lynn Mincer, Randy Griffin

**Members Present via Zoom**: Jacinta Wangui

**Excused/Absent**: None

**Staff Present:** L. McElhinney

**Guests:** Brian Thye, Jim Rudisill

**Guests via Zoom:** None

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Maine at 1730.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve March 12th, 2024 agenda by Griffin, 2nd by Mincer. All approved, so carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Griffin to approve February 22nd, 2024 board minutes, 2nd by Mincer. All approved, so carried.

**Environmental Health Update**

New Business/Financial Report:

Thye presented EH stats through Feb 2024; McElhinney presented the EH finances through Feb 2024. Thye reported that he has placed a water test card at the Farm Store to increase awareness. Thye reports he attended a DNR meeting about wells and updates to septic mandates coming soon and there was a discussion about drought conditions and flood plains held. Thye states he received 6.5 CEU’s for the meeting.

Old Business:

None

*Thye exited meeting.*

**Public Health/Home Health Update**

New business:

L. McElhinney presented financial and home visit caseload data through Feb 2024. L. McElhinney reported that Milestones had amended the contract to increase $1500 for homemaker services.

Vax Care Update:

L. McElhinney presented she and Brandy had been meeting with Vax Care to inquire about a partnership for private vaccines. L. McElhinney states there is a small cost of $20 per month for equipment needed and that cost comes out of the money to be reimbursed to LCPH for administration fees. L. McElhinney reported LCPH was in a waiting pattern before being able to on-board with Vax Care that would take 30-45 days.

COVID Guidance Update:

L. McElhinney reported that Iowa HHS had updated their COVID guidance to recommend those with respiratory symptoms (not just those with COVID-19) are to be excluded until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication AND respiratory symptoms are mild and improving. L. McElhinney reports the CDC has also adopted these recommendations, but the guidance for health care workers has not changed.

2023 Mosquito Surveillance Report:

L. McElhinney presented the 2023 Mosquito Surveillance Report which highlights mosquito surveillance that took place from June 5 to October 4, 2023.

Old Business:

L. McElhinney reported that Johnson County had reached out with plans to resume quarterly STI testing in Louisa County.

**Public Input**

None

**Meeting**

Next BOH meeting: Tuesday, April 9th @ 5:30pm

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Mincer at 1755, 2nd by Griffin.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Leah McElhinney*

Secretary Pro Tem

Motion to Approve:

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