**Louisa County Board of Health**

Meeting Minutes May 10th, 2022

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

**Members Present via Zoom**:

**Excused/Absent**: Jacinta Wangui

**Staff Present:** R. Smith

**Guests:** Jim Rudisill

**Guests via Zoom:** Brian Thye

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Griffin at 1328.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve May 10th, 2022 agenda by Schantz, 2nd by Verink. All approved, so carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Schantz to approve April 19th, 2022 board minutes, 2nd by Mincer. All approved, so carried.

**Environmental Health Update**

New Business: Thye presented EH finances, stats, and the system installation report through April 2022.

Thye reports he has had a complaint regarding wastewater discharge that he plans to investigate.

Griffin notified Thye the BOS received a letter from the Lake Odessa Cabin Owner’s Association regarding the discrepancy in yearly fees associated with holding tanks vs. mechanical systems and old vs. new systems; Thye reported he received the same letter. Thye states the current fee schedule was based on a 2017 BOH decision following Iowa DNR intervention with the county when multiple cabins were found to be illegally discharging waste into the lake. All systems installed after the 2017 decision fall under the new fee schedule, however, systems installed prior to 2017 do not fall under the rule. After discussion, Thye stated he would request RUSS Director, Bruce Hudson, compose a letter in response to the Homeowner’s Association explaining the 2017 BOH decision.

Old Business: None

*Thye exited the meeting.*

**Public Health/Home Health Update**

New business/Financial Report:

Smith presented financial and home visit caseload data through April 2022.

CHC Subcontract Discussion and FY23 Immunization Grant: Smith presented financial data on the Immunization Grant after working on the grant application for FY23. Smith stated she noticed significant changes in funding since FY21 that were not discovered for FY22 due to the removal of the application process by IDPH during COVID last year. Louisa County has seen almost a 50% reduction in funding since FY21. Based on the financial data, LCPH is now operating at a loss to provide immunization services in the county, but continues to offer 40% of the grant funding to CHC through a subcontract. After discussion, Smith stated that it no longer made financial sense to the taxpayers of Louisa County to continue to subcontract with CHC and recommended the Board vote to not renew the subcontract for FY23. Motion by Schantz to not renew the subcontract with CHC for the FY23 grant year, 2nd by Mincer. All approved, so carried. Motion by Schantz, 2nd by Verink for Smith to apply for the FY23 Immunization Grant for similar activities as in FY22, without the subcontract with CHC. All approved, so carried. Smith states she has been unsuccessful in reaching the CEO of CHC regarding the subcontract prior to the meeting but will continue to attempt to reach him. The BOH plans to also draft a letter notifying the CEO of CHC of their decision.

Old Business: Smith notified the board no further applications have been received for the open CNA position; referrals are currently being turned away due to staff shortage.

**Public Input**

No public in attendance.

**Meeting**

Next BOH meeting: Tuesday, June 14th @ 1330

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Schantz at 1405.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roxanne Smith*

Secretary Pro Tem

Motion to Approve:

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