



Lincoln County Health Department

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Lincoln County Health Department
Board of Health Minutes
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The meeting was held in the Lincoln County Commissioners Chambers with Zoom conference call/video.

Members Present:

Commissioner Hutsell
Commissioner Coffman
Commissioner Gilchrist
Danita Hammond – community member
Dave Rettkowski – consumer
Jace Angelly – healthcare

Dr. Raaj Ruparel – absent

Members Absent:

With all members present, a quorum was present.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hutsell, at 1:00

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was shared with no additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes:

March 20th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Gilchrist to approve, second by Mrs. Danita Hammond to approve, Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

No public comment was received.

New Business:

DOH Consolidated Contract Amendment #12 was reviewed. The amendment requires LCHD staff to conduct 4 sanitary surveys instead of 3 and provides \$800 in funding for each survey completed. Motion to approve Con Con amendment #12 was made by Commissioner Coffman, second by Mr. Angelly to approve and forward to Board of Commissioners for signature.

Professional Services Agreement presented to pay Eric Bolz for facilitation services for community health forums. Mr. Bolz will facilitate the first forum for \$3,500 and prepare a

final report. Mr. Bolz will also facilitate up to 4 additional forums at a cost of \$1,500 per forum with assistance from LCHD staff. Motion made by Mrs. Hammond to approve agreement, second by Mr. Angelly. The agreement passed unanimously and forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

The role and intent and process of the DSHS General Terms and Conditions Contracts was presented to the board for review. Recommendation made by Ed Dzedzy to not sign GT&C's at this time because we have no contracts with DSHS. Board Concurred.

Ed Dzedzy informed the Board that LCHD has naloxone available at the health department for distribution to high-risk individuals with substance abuse concerns, as well as to family and friends of high-risk users to address opioid overdose.

Liz Richardson updated the board on current Youth Tobacco, Vape and Marijuana prevention activities.

Jolene Erickson, Community Health Director updated the board on the fall campaign to improve immunization rates. This collaborative effort between the health department and our hospital districts will include providing immunization clinics in the schools.

Old Business:

Carey Guhlke-Falk, Director of Community Collaboration provided updates:

- “Back in the Swing” health event took place on April 15th. The event took place in partnership with Lincoln Hospital’s annual blood draw at the fairgrounds. 24 vendors on site with approximately 50 community members.
- Health equity project strategies and interventions were discussed for future implementation supported by BHT funding.

Liz Richardson, Assessment Coordinator provided updates:

- Community Health Needs Assessment update – the CHNA process is moving into the community forum stage to gather community input into health priorities, gaps in services and identify access issues. 5 forums to be facilitated by Erich Bolz, a professional facilitator with additional forums to be supported by LCHD staff. The first forum is scheduled for June 1 in Davenport.
- Update on the LinconCountyCares.org website – a resource page of Lincoln County health related service providers.

Ed Dzedzy, Director provided updates:

- Public Health Building Update – modular building should be on site on May 16th. Building marriage, electrical, carpeting, sewer and water and data wiring to take place next two weeks. Move in first part of June.
- FPHS – Additional funding in support of FPHS was provided by the legislature. Early review indicates that Lincoln County may receive additional funding to support an EPH policy position, an opioid/illicit substance abuse prevention position and \$75,000 to enhance immunization rates.

Reports:

Dr. Ruparel – Health Officer - No reports at this time.

Commissioner Hutsell - No reports at this time.

Board Members – No reports at this time.

Ed Dzedzy, Director – No report at this time

Board of Health Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023

With no further business – the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.