



# Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health

Cerro Gordo County Board of Health  
Friday, June 9th, 2017  
MINUTES

Present: Dr. Johnson, Chair  
Kristy Marquis, Vice Chair  
Sydney Bermel, Secretary  
Barb Kellogg  
Chris Watts

Staff: Ron Osterholm, Health Director  
Brian Hanft, REHS, MPA, Environmental Health Service Manager  
Linda Read, RN, BSN, Family and Community Health Service Manager  
Val Conklin, RN, BSN, Family and Community Health Asst. Service  
Manager  
Cathy Gomez, MBA, Finance & Administration Service Manager  
Karen Crimmings, RN, CIC, Chronic Disease Prevention and Health  
Promotion Service Manager  
Jodi Willemsen, BBA Acute Infectious Disease, Epidemiology and  
Preparedness Service Manager  
Kara Vogelsson, MHA, CPH, Organizational Development and Research  
Manager  
Kara Ruge, CCPH, IOM, Marketing & Public Information Officer  
Kelli Gerdes, EP-C, Health Promotion Manager

Guests: Emily Dunbar, MPH, Public Health, Hospital, EMS Program Coordinator

Meeting was called to order at 12:35pm.

Service Awards: Diane Smith, Customer Service Assistant was presented with a 25 year service award.

Linda Read, RN, BSN, Family Community Health Service Manager was presented with a 30 year service award.

Minutes: Minutes were approved for May 12th, 2017 meeting with a motion by Barb Kellogg and second by Kristy Marquis, motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Action Items:
  - a. None
2. Discussion Items:

- a. Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Accreditation Submission Update: Kara Vogelson presented that the submission for PHAB took place on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. We are currently waiting for the Accreditation Board completeness review. A site visit will be scheduled 5-6 months from submission date, which will include a minimum of 3 people from local or state public health agencies.
- b. New Building RFQ Update and Funding Outlook: Ron Osterholm presented that the RFQ Committee has selected 3 firms to be interviewed. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, the RFQ Committee will interview the selected firms in hopes of narrowing down to one firm by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cathy Gomez provided insight of what would be presented to the Board of Supervisors regarding the cost comparisons of current location vs. new location. The Health Department will be asking the Board of Supervisors for a 3.5 million dollar bond to be paid out over 20 years.

New Business:

1. Action Items:
  - a. None.
2. Discussion Items:
  - a. Introduction of Emily Dunbar, Coordinator, Area 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness and provide direction overview: Emily Dunbar comes to us from Population Health at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa. Emily graduated with a Master of Public Health from Eastern Virginia Medical School. She will be coordinating the preparedness planning for 12 counties. The Board of Health would like to invite her back on a yearly basis.
  - b. Present North of Mason City Chicken Confined Animal Feeding (CAFO) Environmental Assessment and Surveillance Operation: Brian Hanft talked about the environmental assessment that is currently being done to establish a baseline prior to the CAFO being built. A 3 prong approach is being used to collect samples which include: ground water testing, surface water testing and air quality testing. It is The Health Department's intent to do monitoring to see if there are going to be changes.

Core Team Dialogue

None.

Core Team was adjourned at 1:27pm.

Health Director/ Board of Health Discussion

Health Director and the Board continued discussion on the new building and setting up a meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Chris indicated he would like Ron, Cathy Gomez (Health Dept. Finance), Heather Mathre (County Finance) and Tom Drzycimski (Personnel) meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the new building.

Ron reminded the Board that Linda Read's last day will be June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ron acknowledged the work Kara Vogelson and Alyse DeVries accomplished with PHAB and the effort by staff.

Health Director was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm.

Next Board of Health meeting is August 11th, 2017 at 12:30pm in the Edna McCaulley Conference Room at Public Health.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sydney Bermel  
Secretary