

# WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

February 11th, 2022

Worth County Public Health

95 9<sup>th</sup> St N, Northwood, Iowa 50459

8:30 AM

- I. Call Meeting to Order** at 8:33am. Present: Dr. Stephanie Seemuth, Denny Bartz, Mark Smeby, Kathy Meyer, and Diane Myli.
  - a. Acknowledge Guests:** Erin Barkema, IDPH, present via telephone.
  - b. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Mark Smeby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Meyer to approve the agenda with no additions. All in favor, motion passed.
  - c. Previous meeting minutes** approved as read.
  
- II. Local Public Health Services Program Changes-Erin Barkema IDPH:** Erin Barkema from IDPH presented via telephone the upcoming changes to the Local Public Health Services Program starting in FY23. Discussion on these upcoming changes and how it will affect Worth County and our Public Health services. Mark Smeby had to leave the meeting at 9:19am. Erin Barkema left the meeting after her presentation.
  
- III. FY22 Budget Update:** Handout and update on the FY22 budget status.
  
- IV. Courthouse Minimum Hourly Rate for 2022:** Updated the Board of the counties minimum wage increase to \$14.03 for 2022.
  - a. Review Current Wages:** Review of our current starting wages. Discussion held on our current transit, secretary, and home care aide/homemaker wages. Motion by Kathy Meyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny Bartz to raise our starting wage from \$13.25 to \$14.03 for secretary and transit positions, and to raise our starting wage from \$13.50 to \$14.28 for home care aide/homemaker positions. All in favor, motion passed. Motion by Diane Myli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny Bartz to bring all employees up to the approved starting wages if they are not at or above that wage already, effective immediately. All in favor, motion passed.
  
- V. Update on WCDA Grants and County Vehicle Status:** Informed the Board of the condition of our county vehicle, and update on our WCDA grant application submission.
  
- VI. CMS COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate/Policies:** Update on the status of the CMS COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Handout of updated COVID-19 vaccine mandate, infection prevention and control, and N95 policies for our agency set forth in order to comply with the regulations of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. Motion by Denny Bartz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Meyer, to approve the updated policies for Worth County Public Health. All in favor, motion passed.
  
- VII. Environmental Health:** FY22 Grants to Counties update and handout given.
  
- VIII. COVID-19 Updates:** Update on COVID-19 status and upcoming changes.

Call for adjournment of meeting by Dr. Stephanie Seemuth. Motion by Denny Bartz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Myli, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10am. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Reyerson.

Next Board of Health meeting scheduled for 4/1/2022 at 8:30am.