

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

January 7th, 2022

Worth County Public Health

95 9th St N, Northwood, Iowa 50459

8:30 AM

- I. **Meeting called to order** at 8:30am. Present: Dr. Stephanie Seemuth, Denny Bartz, Mark Smeby, Kathy Meyer, and Diane Myli.
 - a. **Acknowledge Guests:** None
 - b. **Agenda approved** as presented with no additions. Motion by Denny Bartz, 2nd by Mark Smeby to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion passed.
 - c. **Previous meeting minutes** approved as read.
- II. **Elect Board of Health Officers:** Motion by Mark Smeby, 2nd by Kathy Meyer, to reappoint Dr. Stephanie Seemuth as chair and Denny Bartz as vice-chair of the Board of Health. All in favor, motion passed.
- III. **Local Public Health Technology Upgrades and Confinement Grants:** Discussion and handout given in regards to the Local Public Health Technology Upgrade and Confinement funds. Discussed ways in which the funding may be utilized.
- IV. **American Rescue Plan Funds:** Discussion on the county American Rescue Plan funds. Motion by Kathy Meyer, 2nd by Denny Bartz to approve that a one-time payment will be available to all Worth County Public Health staff, in the event that it is decided there will be a one-time payment for county employees.
- V. **WCDA Grant:** Discussion on applying for a WCDA Grant to purchase a Home Care Aide vehicle. Motion by Kathy Meyer, 2nd by Mark Smeby to submit an application this month to the WCDA for a Home Care Aide vehicle. All in favor, motion passed.
- VI. **Current FY22 Budget Update:** Handout and discussion on the FY22 budget status.
- VII. **RAM Software:** Update on our current internal software, as it will no longer be available at the end of 2022. Discussion on the software changes that we will need to make, and the Electronic Health Record program that we are currently looking into.
- VIII. **FY23 Budget**
 - a. **FY23 Budget Review:** FY23 budget reviewed and discussed. Motion by Diane Myli, 2nd by Denny Bartz to approve the FY23 budget as presented. All in favor, motion passed.
 - b. **Cost of Living Discussion:** Discussion on the Comp Board's 6% cost of living recommendation, which was acknowledged by the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Denny Bartz, 2nd by Kathy Meyer to approve a 6% cost of living for Worth County Public Health employees, which is included in the approved FY23 budget. All in favor, motion passed.
- IX. **Mileage and Meal Rates:** Discussion on the county mileage and meal rates approved by the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Denny Bartz, 2nd by Diane Myli to approve the mileage rate at \$0.585 and the meal rate at \$35/day per the county. All in favor, motion passed.
- X. **COVID-19 Discussion:** Update and discussion on COVID-19.

Next Board of Health meeting scheduled for 2/11/2022 at 8:30am.

Call for adjournment of meeting by Dr. Stephanie Seemuth. Motion by Mark Smeby, 2nd by Denny Bartz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54am. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Reyerson.