

DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

801 Court, Adel, Iowa 50003

Dallas County Health Department: (515) 993-3750

DATE OF MEETING: JULY 28, 2020

TIME OF MEETING: 7:00pm

PLACE OF MEETING: 902 Court St., Adel, IA 50003 – Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

ITEM 1: Chairman Kim Chapman called the regular meeting of the Dallas County Board of Health to order at 7:02pm. Members present included Chapman, Dr. Josh Kindt, and Lina Tucker Reinders. Staff present included Suzanne Hegarty, Ted Trewin, and Abigail Chihak. Also present were Chuck Sinnard, Dallas County Attorney, and Heather Bombei (via phone), Regional Public Health Consultant.

ITEM 2: Tucker Reinders moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kindt. **All ayes, motion carried.**

ITEM 3: No items were brought to open forum.

*Vice Chair Monty Button arrived.

ITEM 4: Kindt moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Tucker Reinders. **All ayes, motion carried.**

ITEM 5: Kindt moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 and July 7, 2020 meetings. The motion was seconded by Tucker Reinders. **All ayes, motion carried.**

ITEM 6: Hegarty provided an update on COVID-19 response. She displayed the coronavirus.iowa.gov page and described how testing has been trending upward since June. She further stated that about halfway through June the department saw an increase in positivity. At this time, the county is averaging about 7% positivity among those tested. She explained that the second hump in the data is likely due to re-opening of businesses and 4th of July celebrations. Tucker Reinders recommended that the board officially recognize mask usage as an effective mitigation strategy and encourage participation. Hegarty presented a pre-drafted letter for the board to review. Tucker Reinders moved to approve and sign the letter after adding language that guidance is consistent with IDPH and CDC, adding a reference to schools, and fixing the spelling of Dr. Kindt's name. **The motion died for lack of a second.** Kindt stated that he would support the motion without the school amendment, explaining that guidance around schools is very fluid and subject to change at the moment. Tucker Reinders altered her motion to approve the letter with the additions that language is consistent with IDPH and CDC and the name change. Kindt seconded the motion. **Two ayes, two nays. Motion did not pass due to lack of a majority.**

ITEM 7: Board members participated in a workshop on Chapter 31 of the Dallas County Health Regulations.

ITEM 8: Chihak presented the board with a drafted Departmental Social Media Usage Policy to guide staff on media usage on behalf of the department as well as a Social Media Monitoring Policy to provide a code of conduct for all engaging in department-sponsored social platforms.

Chapman stated that she will need to confer further with the county human resources office regarding this policy. Tucker Reinders requested clarification on disciplinary actions and commenting. **No action was taken.**

ITEM 9: Trewin stated that the Grants to Counties contract arrived that day and will be added to the August agenda. No other business was brought before the board.

ITEM 10: Button moved to adjourn the meeting. Kindt seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Chapman adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm. The next regular meeting of the Dallas County Board of Health will be August 25, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
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