

Iowa State Board of Health
11/9/2022
MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Donald Macfarlane, MD, PhD, Chair
Andrew Allen, Vice-Chair
George Kovach, MD
Leone Junck
Ann McBride, RN
Sandra McGrath, RN
Kierstyn Borg Mickelson
Samantha Rozeboom, MD
Chelcee Schleuger, RN, BSN

Members Absent: Nick Ryan, JD
Kierstyn Borg Mickelson

Staff Present: Heather Adams, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kruse, MPH, PhD, State Medical Director
Ken Sharp, Public Health Operations Deputy
Sarah Resisetter, J.D., Director of Compliance
Ilesha Smith, Recording Officer

Staff Absent: Kelly Garcia, IHHS Director

In accordance with its statutory duties, the Iowa State Board of Health is the policy-making body for the Iowa Department of Public Health. The board's mission is to protect and promote the health of all Iowans by reviewing the field of public health and making recommendations to the department, the Iowa General Assembly, and the governor on a wide range of public health issues. The board also adopts rules consistent with the law for the protection of the public health and the prevention of substance abuse.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Donald Macfarlane called the video meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from 09/14/2022

On a motion by Andrew Allen, seconded by Ann McBride, all members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Introduction to the New Medical Director - Robert Kruse, State Medical Director

Dr. Kruse joined the IHHS agency on October 7, 2022. Dr. Kruse attended the University of Iowa to study biomedical engineering and completed his Master's in Public Health at St. George University. He has held a teaching appointment as Assistant Professor at Rutgers University's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in the Department of Family Medicine and Community

Health in Central New Jersey. Dr. Kruse's board certification is in Family Medicine. He previously served as the Medical Director of Occupational Health at MercyOne in Des Moines.

Director's Report - Robert Kruse on behalf of Kelly Garcia, IHHS Director

Director Kelly was not able to attend the board meeting however Dr. Kruse presented the report on Director Garcia's behalf. HHS leadership have continued to fill roles for the Community Access and Family Wellbeing and Protection Division Administrators this past week. Once those positions are filled, the interview process for the child care, early intervention and support, eligibility, child support, and wellness and preventative health director positions. HHS also hosted a leadership retreat on October 26th where Director Garcia opened up discussion on culture setting and change management. The retreat ended with a service project for the Food Bank of Iowa.

Dr. Joshua Akers from the Polk County Medical Examiner's Office resigned in October. The county's autopsies will be performed by the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner (IOSME) starting October 31st. An additional 400 forensic autopsies are expected to be performed on top of the 1,600 autopsies performed by IOSME. Dr. Klein is meeting with John Norris to discuss next steps and ensuring that timely burials are a priority. Iowa labs are also seeing increases in viruses, particularly Rhinovirus and other enteroviruses that have been predominant since August.

Two initiatives were announced by HHS in October focused on healthy habits, nutrition, and addressing food insecurity. \$265,000 in grants were awarded to 15 counties through the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Choices Count framework. The other initiative is a pilot program targeting women between the ages of 21-44 who are food insecure but may not qualify for SNAP, WIC, or Free and Reduced Lunch Programs. Many of the targeted group are young mothers who work in low wage jobs or have left the workforce, making this project important to Iowa employers.

STS continues to await the court appointed monitor's annual report following the October visit. The facility received glowing remarks via verbal exit conference and the report is under seal so reports can be shared at this time. Final interviews are underway for the Chief Medical Officer to oversee the State Resource Centers. This position will also serve as a faculty member of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

IHHS Transition Plan Overview - Cassie Tracy

Cassie provided an overview of the recently published transition plan for HHS. The presentation included an orientation on how to read the report on stakeholder and staff engagement, identified projects along with the teams involved, and the progress of current and future projects. More than 130 employees have invested time to engage in work teams during initial phase and implementation work. There are several tasks that need to be completed. These tasks include: Strategic Planning, Organizational Structure and Personnel, Office Space and Infrastructure, Contracts, Grants, Data Sharing and other Agreements, Technology Services, Budget Transfer and Reconciliation, Statute and Administrative Rules, Boards, Commissions,

Committees, Councils, or Other Bodies. These tasks are broken up by date, to be completed by July 1, 2023 and to be completed after July 1, 2023.

Board member Andrew Allen asked about how the feedback tool was able to capture real time information on organizational culture. Cassie shared that the tool used allows for the team to get pulse checks on information in a more timely manner rather than using the annual survey that collects information once a year.

IHHS Governance - Review of Recommendations, Robert Kruse, State Medical Director

Sarah Resisetter shared comments on how the alignment team is currently reviewing survey results collected from board and councils and that additional conversations need to be completed to understand what the new governing structure will look like for the agency. Board member Donald Macfarlane presented some recommendations on what the future board could comprise of in relation to the Council for DHS. Some recommendations included allowing board members form an ad hoc committee time to study legislation, examining controversial medical issues, and be a statutory advisory committee of the Council for DHS. Dr. Kruse highlighted the importance of how legislation will need to occur to change board composition and that Director Garcia and the governor's office will be working together on that task.

Board member Sandra McGrath commented on the challenges experienced during the pandemic with recommendations about medical decisions. She recommended that involvement with local public health to provide perspectives from their communities and how health varies across the state. This information can be shared with the board members at meetings. Board member George Kovach agreed that the board should be an advisory committee to the DHS council. Board member Leone Junck commented that the health board should be left separate given the number of topics both the board and council receive and the challenges that could present itself during meetings to review those topics.

Board member Andrew Allen preferred to align the two governing groups with member representation on substance abuse and child welfare. Board member Sandra McGrath commented on representation for the board where varied representation should be able to vote on for topics. This would disallow multiple members of the same represented group to vote on decisions at meetings.

Council for DHS member Rebecca Peterson attended the meeting and has agreed to share the recommendations drafted by board member Donald Macfarlane to share with other council members. She did pose the question of who legislators would refer to for any medical inquiries or questions. Board member Sandra McGrath shared insight that the medical director, deputy medical director, and the public health bureau chiefs provide expertise and guidance on important medical issues.

Administrative Rules - Iowa Department of Public Health [641] - Notice of Intended Action Chapter 9, Outpatient Diabetes Education Program," Chapter 11, "Human Immunodeficiency

virus (HIV) Infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).” Chapter 91. “Iowa Domestic Abuse Death Review Team,” Chapter 109. “Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program.” and Chapter 142. “Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders”

The proposed amendment adds an additional definition for “physician assistant” in specific sections of Chapters 9, 11, 91, 109, and 142 as described in the 2022 Iowa Acts House File 803. Board member Samantha Rozeboom asked about inclusive language for nurse practitioners and why that language was not included in every chapter. Susan Dixon provided an explanation about how the administrative rule process could omit information and board members are welcomed to provide input to the administrative rule committee. Board member Donald Macfarlane commented about the various levels of health professionals and how the board should participate in information sharing with the committee. Board member Sandra McGrath commented on the usage of capitalization for professions in the document. Ken Sharp shared historical context about how specific the language was chosen for the bill from the legislators.

Chapter 43. “Minimum Requirements for Radon Testing and Analysis”

The proposed amendments implement the Radon School Testing Bill, House File 2412. The proposed amendments clean up outdated certification agency language throughout the chapter, update rules to include current radon mitigation and measurement standards, and add measurement training course approval and training requirement sections for school district employees.

Chapter 95. “Vital Records: General Administration”

The proposed amendment implements the 2022 Iowa Acts, Senate File 577. The proposed amendment establishes a process to request and issue a birth certificate for a nonviable birth when a healthcare provider diagnoses a nonviable birth. Board member Sandra McGrath inquired about the process. Melissa Bird shared insight on the history of how a parent of a nonviable birth could not issue a birth certificate. The process now allows the department to provide that service to Iowans.

Substance Use/Problem Gambling Treatment Program Committee Report - New Committee Appointee Discussion

Ken Sharp and Lori Hancock-Muck provided a short overview of the history and purpose of the committee. The committee is made up of three members and currently board members Andrew Allen and Sandra McGrath hold seats. Board member Andrew Allen shared his experience as a member of the committee and how he enjoys meeting with leadership to discuss these issues. Board member Sandra McGrath shared insight on the organization and the flow of discussion. The meetings provide members to have decision making power and are productive. Board member Samantha Rozeboom volunteered to join the committee, seconded by Allen Andrew and Sandra McGrath with no other volunteers.

Board member Andrew Allen provided shared discussion from the committee on naloxone access at schools and workforce concerns. There is a one year planning grant in preparation for

understanding how CCBHC in the state will fit the new model provided by SAMHSA. Andrew also shared reports from the alcohol involved deaths workgroup with statistics of the following:

The committee approved the following:

- One - One year license
- One - Two year license
- One - Three year license
- One - Deemed status
- One - Complaint investigation
- One - Denial

Adjournment

On a motion by Leone Junck, seconded by Ann McBride, all State Board of Health members present voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 12:19 PM.

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