

Iowa State Board of Health
7/13/2022
Draft - MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Donald Macfarlane, MD, PHD, Chair
Andrew Allen, Vice-Chair
George Kovach, MD
Leone Junck
Sandra McGrath, RN
Nick Ryan, JD
Chelcee Schleuger, RN, BSN
Michael Wolnerman, RPh, CCIM

Members Absent: Kierstyn Borg Mickelson

Staff Present: Heather Adams, Assistant Attorney General
Kelly Garcia, Interim Director
Ken Sharp, Division Director
Sarah Resissetter, J.D., Deputy Director
Ilesha Smith, Recording Officer

Staff Absent: None

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 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken to determine if a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from 5/11/2022

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

Administrative Rules - Iowa Department of Public Health [641] - Notice of Termination
Chapter 4, "Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders"

The proposed decision to terminate the Notice of Intended Action for Chapter 4 originated from the original NOIA which addressed updates outside of the scope of the Iowa Acts Senate File 2345. The termination will allow for a resubmittal of Ch. 4 NOIA that is limited in scope outlined in the legislation.

On a motion by Sandra McGrath, seconded by Donald Macfarlane, all members present voted unanimously to approve.

Administrative Rules - Iowa Department of Public Health [641] - Notice of Intended Action Chapter 4,

“Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders”

The proposed amendments will add definitions for “Iowa newborn screening panel,” “Iowa newborn screening program,” and “federal recommended uniform screening panel,” rescinds language requiring State Board of Health approval to add or remove disorders, giving fee authority to State Hygienic Laboratory. Changes required by law after passage of SF2345.

Leone Junck asked about why a parent would deny certain screenings for a newborn. There are some personal preferences that parents would like to have when it comes to screening of their child. George Kovach asked if some parents have denied screening. Some parents have denied the screening, a small percentage. Sandra McGrath mentioned some parents are concerned about insurance and the billing of the screening services could be difficult. Donald Macfarlane shared insight on how insurance companies would charge for services depending on the first or second day of birth.

No action was required.

Chapter 14. “Water Treatment Systems”

This proposed rescission of Chapter 14 will eliminate the registration requirement at the state level for water treatment systems in regards to Senate File 2232 signed by Governor Reynolds. It is now unlawful practice for a person to sell, lease, rent, or advertise the sale, lease or rental of a water treatment system in this state.

George Kovach inquired about the water treatment product needing to be certified and not the seller. Ken provided additional context on the current practices of national governing bodies that have taken on responsibility to address consumer safety for these products.

No action was required.

Administrative Rules - Iowa Department of Public Health [641] - Adopted and Filed

Chapter 11, “Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)”

The amendments increase the eligibility for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program for medication and insurance assistance. The amendments also modify the requirements for medication assistance to account for some health plans. The Department received one comment in support of the amendments.

On a motion by George Kovach, seconded by Leone Junck, all members present voted unanimously to approve.

Chapter 42. “Permit to Operate Ionizing Radiation Producing Machines or Administer Radioactive Materials”

The amendments address changes made in the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (AART) policies and procedures. The AART is recognized by national accreditation entities and regulatory bodies, including the Department. The Department tries to align rules with AART requirements whenever possible to reduce duplication, conflicting requirements, and burden on the regulated community.

On a motion by Andrew Allen, seconded by George Kovach, all members present voted unanimously to approve.

Chapter 73. “Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)”

The amendment will ensure Iowa can move with the federal WIC Online Ordering Pilot Project by allowing a WIC participant, vendor, or contract agency to participate in the project.

On a motion by Sandra McGrath, seconded by George Kovach, all members present voted unanimously to approve.

Substance Use/Problem Gambling Treatment Program Committee Report

The committee approved the following:

- One - Two year license
- One - Three year license
- Three - Deemed status
- One - Denial, then Approved for two year license

Director’s Report - Kelly Garcia, Intertim Director

Director Kelly Garcia provided information on merging the DHS and IDPH web pages. Work is being done to clean up and merge content information. Much of the alignment work is ahead of schedule. Early fall will be when the communications share the updates with a launch scheduled for October. A human centered design approach focuses on client perspectives and designing a webpage to meet their needs. Rebranding efforts have taken into consideration the uniqueness of program areas and how to create a “family of brands” for the new agency. In a survey sent to department staff, “trusted partner” was a common theme found in the results. The new brand will be displayed at the July 29th town hall sessions. Additional guidance will be provided on the branding updates.

The department announced Iowa’s first case. Vaccine was secured and the public health team developed a process that was smooth. Polk county made the decision to announce a case in the county.

The National Suicide Prevention hotline, 988, goes live July 16th. A press release will be issued on the 15th announcing the new hotline. The CDC came to complete their visit in early July and provided preliminary findings of their work. The next steps will be for CDC to provide a formal report and a set of recommendations.

Healthy Iowans released the latest State Health Assessment with seven priorities for Iowa: access to care, economic stability and income, housing, mental health and mental disorders, active living and healthy eating, substance use, and cancer.

Director Garcia will be working with Glenwood Resource leaders on conversations on systemic issues supporting community living. Director Garcia also visited the mental health institute facility in Cherokee to discuss services on inpatient treatment and forensic commitments. In the next few weeks, Director Garcia and Susie Christensen, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, will go on a listening tour to each corner of the state engaging clients, social workers, justice system leaders, community members, case workers, etc. These conversations will allow for the HHS agency to address the challenges families face when obtaining services and how to reduce some burdens when services are needed.

Director Garcia has asked board members to start thinking about what the State Board of Health and Council for DHS will look like under the new agency. There are discussions looking at the current statutes in place and how the new governing structure should look like in the future. This will be a topic of discussion for the next meeting. Director Garcia is also engaging the Council for DHS to also consider the same for the next meeting as well. Similar discussions will be had with the advisory committees and thinking of ways to consolidate the numerous groups currently present.

The electronic meeting of the State Board of Health is being held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8 entitled "Electronic Meetings." The code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person meeting of the Board is impractical due to the schedules of the Board members. The electronic meeting will originate in the Director's Conference Room, 6th floor, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E 12th Street, Des Moines and public access meeting shall be provided at this location. Notices and agendas were posted in the building and posted on the Department's website. Minutes of the meeting will be kept.

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Adjournment

On a motion by Sandra McGrath, seconded by Leone Junck, all members present voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 11:05 AM.