

**CLAYTON CO. BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**  
**June 1, 2023**

Members present: Dr. Gary Bowden, Vicki Carolan, Dr. Forrest Whitford

Others present: Brittany Hubanks: VNA Manager, Adam Sadewasser: Substance Abuse Services, Leah Hemesath: Helping Services of Northeast Iowa, Patti Ruff: County Sanitarian

Ms. Carolan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes from March 16, 2023 reviewed by the board. Motion made by Dr. Bowden to approve the minutes; second made by Dr. Whitford. Motion carried unanimously.

**Helping Services of N E Iowa–Leah Hemesa on behalf of Ashley Havenstrite**

- Ms. Hemesath provided a presentation and update of Clayton County Helping Services activities and services available including Domestic Abuse Advocacy, Family Support, Substance Abuse & Problem Gambling Prevention, Tobacco Prevention, and State Opioid Response initiatives to the Board.

**SASC–Adam Sadewasser**

- Mr. Sadewasser provided update of Clayton County SASC activities.
  - Completed life skills classes with MFL/Marmac 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 8 sessions focused on substance abuse, conflict management, and decision making
  - Completed life skills classes with Alternative High School: 8 sessions focused on substance abuse, decision making, and general life skills
  - Starmont 9<sup>th</sup> grade health classes: Completed classes focused on alcohol use, decision making, and brain development
  - Central 8<sup>th</sup> grade health class: Completed class focused on general substance abuse
  - Participated in 4<sup>th</sup> grade safety fair teaching about tobacco prevention. Students from EDCO, Clayton Ridge, Central, MFL, and Postville 4<sup>th</sup> grades attended.
  - Reality Check Prairie du Chien: Seniors from Central and Clayton Ridge participated as credit for their financial literacy course. Mr. Sadewasser assisted in facilitation by discussing long-term affects if they were a smoker.
  - Mr. Sadewasser assisted in facilitation of the Family Resource Center's poverty simulation training held in Elkader.

**Sanitarian Agenda–Patti Ruff**

- Ms. Ruff reported on water testing increases during the pre and post flooding throughout the county. Ms. Ruff worked with Clayton County EMA, Sara Moser, to coordinate with the HOA presidents at Abel and Essman Islands to facilitate and make water testing available to all island residents throughout the flooding time period.
  - To date, 82 tests have been completed with 66 of those occurring in May.
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> are scheduled testing dates at the island homes.

- So far, only 1 test has come back bad. All others have tested within safe ranges.
- Grants-to-Counties (GTC):
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter expenditures totaled \$9,909.
  - \$19,270 remains for the rest of the grant year.
- Ms. Carolan posed question to Ms. Ruff on regarding any updates on fine amount for non-certified installers? Ms. Ruff reported she had done preliminary research with process having to be put to the side due to focus needing to be on water testing during county river flooding. Ms. Ruff will bring formal information and recommendations to the next Board of Health meeting for member consideration and voting.

### **Public Health Agenda—Brittany Hubanks**

- Ms. Hubanks reported on the submission of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Local Public Health Services Report to the state. Highlights shared with the Board included collaboration with a local school nurse on outreach and education for vaccines for children, public health RN joining the Clayton County Disaster Recovery Committee, and CHA/HIP process.
- Ms. Hubanks reported on the recent Immunization Program Audit performed by the State of Iowa. Ms. Hubanks shared that the audit was successful with no deficiencies found.
- Ms. Hubanks Reviewed manager's report with the board, including COVID updates and agency program updates.

Meeting dates for July discussed by Board. Two dates were selected as options: July 6, 2023 at 6 PM or July 13, 2023 at 6 PM. Ms. Hubanks stated that she would send an email poll to Dr. Dikkers and Ms. Nieland to determine which date would work best. Ms. Hubanks went on to state that she would email the Board with the chosen date once Dr. Dikkers and Ms. Nieland had a chance to review and select. Next scheduled meeting TBD. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Submitted by:

Brittany Hubanks, BA  
Clayton Co. VNA