

SIOUXLAND DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
 REGULAR MEETING
 September 8, 2021
 Siouxland District Health Board Room
 12:00 noon

BOARD MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT IN 2021	STAFF PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT
George Boykin, Vice Chair	X		0	Kevin Grieme, Director	None
Rod Earleywine	X		2	Tyler Brock	
Sandra Granger, MD	X		0	Deb Lemmon	
Adam Lloyd	X		2	Michelle C-Rosendahl	
Diane Prieksat*	X		4	Angela Drent	PUBLIC
Judy Turner, Chair	X		0	Anais Adame	CONF LINE
Matthew Ung	X		2	Linda Drey	Available
				Ivy Bremer	
Present * Online/Video Conference				Tasha Wendel	
				STAFF ONLINE	
				Leann Orr	

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Judy Turner.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Adam Lloyd to approve the agenda, seconded by Sandra Granger. Motion carried.

3. MINUTES OF August 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING – APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN MEETING MINUTES

George Boykin moved to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the August 4 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Adam Lloyd. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The FY21 and FY22 Payable Registers for expenses to be paid on September 14 for Siouxland District Health Department (SDHD) were emailed to Board of Health members on September 2. Department bills were reviewed and approved by roll call vote for member online.

5. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

Communicable disease updates provided by Tyler Brock, Deputy Director & Director of Laboratory Services. Seeing increases in positive COVID cases the Midwest States. Locally no contact tracing but focusing on keeping ill people home and not keeping well people quarantined at home. SDHD publishing data on a weekly basis. Monitoring trends versus daily numbers. Moving in the direction of reacting to COVID cases as somewhat normal manner rather than an extraordinary fashion. Approximately 30% of new cases were fully vaccinated which is consistent with 6 weeks. Nine of the 28 hospitalized COVID patients are fully vaccinated. Variants appear to more transmittable with higher viral loads, but not more severe. Co-infections such as RSV have also caused needs for hospitalization of children. Concerns related to hospital capacity are not only linked to physical bed capacity but rather the volume of patients that can be cared for and managed with the shortage of healthcare workers.

There is no vaccine supply shortage in the United States. Upon FDA approval of the additional 3rd dose for immunocompromised individuals, the local demand for vaccine increased. SDHD received 22 requests for allocations of vaccine within a two-day period which was the highest volume of requests to date. Still waiting for approval of the booster dose for those categories of people not eligible as immunocompromised. Number of those vaccinated in Woodbury County is increasing.

Siouxland Community Health Center is managing the vaccine incentive program discussed in the previous Board of Health meeting.

Seasonal illnesses such as salmonella were also present during the month.

6. APPROVAL FOR SIOUXLAND DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH- PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The eight regional Fiscal Agents for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Hospital Preparedness Funds were approached by the Iowa Department of Public Health regarding a new public health workforce initiative. Funds are targeted for the employment of individuals in the areas of: planning, education & exercise, EMS planner, health equity and administration. Federal funding would cover all salary and fringe benefits of the positions beginning now and through June 30, 2023. These positions will work across the SDHD's regional service area that includes: Woodbury, Ida, Cherokee, Plymouth, Sioux, O'Brien, Osceola and Lyon counties. The Director is seeking tentative approval to move forward in these discussions, and if the discussions work out, would bring a contract with IDPH back to the Board of Health for approval.

George Boykin moved to authorize the Director of Health authority to move forward with discussions related to the Public Health Workforce Development funding initiative, seconded by Matthew Ung. Motion carried.

7. TOBACCO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Anais Adame, Health Promotion Specialist and Tobacco Coordinator, provided an overview of the tobacco program services and the Tobacco Free Siouxland Coalition. Grant requirements include getting 2 – 3 child care centers and work sites to implement tobacco free policies prohibiting use of tobacco or nicotine on the grounds. Future initiatives include working with the LGBTQ community. Also, working with Rosecrance Jackson Center on vaping diversion classes for college and high school students.

8. IDPH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM UPDATE

Angela Drent, Health Promotion Specialist, provided an overview of the work completed as a part of the Physical Activity Access Program funded by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Handout was provided at the meeting. SDHD just completed the 2nd year of the grant and anticipate moving in to the 3rd year. Staff work with local metropolitan planning agencies with the goal to increase walkability and bike ability in neighborhoods where low income seniors reside. Improvement projects, identified by neighborhood research and input from residents, are shared with city engineering for implementation. An example included the need for improvement of a side walk connection to a curb cut for safer access to the bus stop.

9. PRIVATE WELL WATER AND GRANTS TO COUNTIES PROGRAM/SERVICE UPDATE

Board packet included a summary sheet for private well drilling permits and services supported by the Grants to Counties Program, \$40,000 funded this year. Michelle Clausen-Rosendahl and Ivy Bremer were present to review services offered, along with other support of testing the quality water for Woodbury County Residents. DNR has just provided SDHD with an updated 28E Agreement related to future services which will be discussed at a future BOH meeting. The Agreement has been sent to the County Attorney for review and will then go to the County Board of Supervisors for approval which authorizes the SDHD to provide the services.

10. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES – none

11. OTHER –

- a. SDHD Grant Summary prepared by Michelle Lewis, Health Planner/Development Coordinator was included in the BOH packet.
- b. Introduced new I-Smile Coordinator, Tasha Wendel.

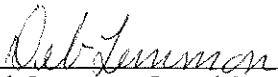
1. NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING DATE

The next Board of Health meeting will be October 13, 2021 at 12 noon in the Siouxland District Health Department Board Room.

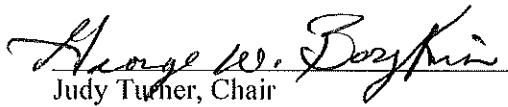
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Adam Lloyd to adjourn the Board of Health meeting, seconded by Rod Earleywine. Motion carried.

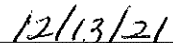
Board Chair Judy Turner adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.



Deb Lemmon, Board Secretary



Judy Turner, Chair



Date Approved