

**CLAYTON CO. BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
May 18, 2021**

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

Others present: Patti Ruff: Clayton County Health & Zoning, Brittany Hubanks: VNA Manager, Becky Nowachek: Iowa Department of Public Health

Dr. Dikkers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Minutes from January 13, 2021 reviewed. Motion made by Ms. Carolan to approve January minutes; second by Dr. Bowden. Motion approved unanimously. Minutes from special session on 2/11/2021 reviewed by board. Motion made by Dr. Bowden to approve minutes; second by Ms. Carolan. Motion approved unanimously.

**Sanitarian Agend a–Patti Ruff**

- **Grants-to-Counties Update**
  - 18 wells tested in the third quarter with 6 wells positive for bacteria.
  - 3 of the 6 wells that tested positive re-tested and came back negative for bacteria.
- **Water Test Promotion**
  - With the analysis from the U of I research study, Patti thought it would be good to try and focus in on those older wells which have a higher chance of testing positive for bacteria and/or nitrates.
  - In the DNR database, she found over 700 old wells that have not been tested in the past 5 years. However, pulling addresses associated with those wells is not possible. She then crossed referenced her address files with Beacon to pull wells that have no record and access to the address. She felt it is a more manageable number of wells if she focused on a couple of townships at a time to send out a postcard advertising the GTC program for well testing.
  - Dr. Dikkers thought it would be a good idea to advertise or do a PSA in the papers to help coordinate with the postcards to get the word out for the importance of well water testing.
  - Patti said she would work something up and get it in the papers prior to mailing the postcards and can adjust accordingly to the call volume for testing.

**Public Health A genda–Brittany Hubanks**

- **Iowa Department o f Public Health Update**
  - Guest Becky Nowachek provided the board a brief of update regarding local public health services at the state department of health level, including updates on grant processes and staffing changes.
- **Manager’s Report**
  - Provided COVID update to the board including current county positivity rates and vaccination numbers. Discussed with the board that Governor Reynolds is set to open vaccine up to all eligible Iowans beginning April 5<sup>th</sup>. Informed the board that county vaccine providers meet weekly to discuss capacity and make vaccination plans for the upcoming weeks to meet the demand and needs of the county.

- Provided the board with agency grant updates, including the expansion of Ryan White Part B services to an 8-county area from 3.
- Board reviewed budget and agency stats provided in report.

Next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:30 PM with location/format to be determined.

Submitted by:

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Clayton Co. VNA

Patti Ruff  
Clayton Co. Sanitarian