

DRAFT MINUTES
Iowa State Board of Health Teleconference
March 10, 2021
10:00 – 11:20 a.m.
Iowa Department of Public Health

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

The March 10, 2021, State board of Health meeting is officially called to order at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present Electronically	Absent
Chris Atchison	Vicki Lewis
Karie Foster	Kierstyn Mickelson
George Kovach	Jason Harrington
Jay Hansen	
Michael Wolnerman	
Leone Junck	
Sarah Reisetter – Deputy Director	
Julie McCauley – Recording Officer	
Susan Dixon – Public Service Manager	

I. Minutes – Jay Hansen, Chair

a. Approval of January 13, 2021 Iowa State Board of Health Meeting

A motion was made by Chris Atchison, seconded by Michael Wolnerman to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 State Board of Health meeting.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Approval of February 24, 2021 Iowa State Board of Health Meeting

A motion was made by Chris Atchison, seconded by Michael Wolnerman to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 State Board of Health meeting.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously

II. Rules

a. Department of Public Health-[641]--Susan Dixon

i. Notice of Intended Action

a. Ch. 41, “Safety Requirements for the Use of Radiation Machines and Certain Uses of Radioactive Materials”

b. Chapter 69, “Renovation, Remodeling, and Repainting—Lead Hazard Notification Process,”

III. Substance Use/Problem Gambling Treatment Program Committee Report – Vickie Lewis

a. Vickie Lewis was absent so Chair Jay Hansen provided the report on recent activities.

Topics included policy discussions about pandemic funds and future plans for those funds and a movement toward certified community behavioral health center trends in the state.

In the past two months the committee has approved the following:

- 3 (three) – 270 day licenses
- 2 (two) – 1 year licenses
- 1 (one) – 3 year licenses
- 5 (five) - Deemed Status

IV. Department Reports

a. Department Report – Kelly Garcia, Interim Director

Director Garcia acknowledged the one year anniversary of the state’s first response to COVID19 adding that all the work that has been done by the IDPH team is nothing short of heroic. She encouraged the board to reach out and thank folks if they have an opportunity. She informed the board that currently in the legislative session we are awaiting budget targets and our conversations have been focused around the needs at the State medical examiner’s office. She

shared that we have a new forensic pathologist starting in early summer which will help to keep caseloads lower. She stated that IDPH has the federal funds to continue focusing on the IT updates and enhancements that are way overdue, including updating our disease surveillance system.

b. Medical Director Report – Dr. Caitlyn Pedati, MD

Dr. Pedati informed the board we continue to follow virus activity and numbers are close to what they were in early June 2020. She states that we have been informed by the state hygienic lab we have had 20 cases of the B117 variants in the state of Iowa and we will continue to follow the surveillance. Dr. Pedati recognized and thanked the IDPH teams for all their hard work in the past year.

c. COVID – 19 Vaccine Planning – Ken Sharp

Ken stated that we continue to see an increase in the vaccine allocation in the state and we have almost reached a million doses received by Iowans. He also shared that once the J&J vaccine was approved we decided to focus on tier 2 population and work force settings. IDPH worked with 17 counties and 50 employers to get those vaccines administered. On Monday, March 8th we opened up eligibility to people 64 and younger with underlying health conditions.

d. Legislative Update – Maddie Wilcox

Maddie shared that last week was the first funnel week. 2nd funnel is coming up first week of April. Maddie gave overview of the health data, vaccine, and licensing board bills to the board. She will have more to share in the May meeting.

IV. New Business – Heather Adams, Assistant AAG, gave the Board a legal overview of regulations, roles, responsibilities, and expectations of State Board of Health members

VII. Adjournment

A motion has been made by Leone Junck, seconded by Michael Wolnerman to adjourn the March 10, 2021 SBOH meeting.

A verbal vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting officially adjourned at 11:20 a.m.