

Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

December 17, 2021

Members present: Reylon Meeks and Anne Bacon,
Members Absent: Thomas Newton, Simon Geletta and Nicole Gilg

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	• Not enough quorum
<u>Animal Control Update</u> <i>By Troy Cline</i>	• Estimated 40,000 Human deaths from rabies every year. Most of these being in Asia, Africa and Latin America • Rabies-related human deaths in the US has declined from 100 annually at the turn of the century to one or two per year in the 1990's. • Last confirmed death in Iowa was in 2002 • As of 12-2-19 only been 2 confirmed cases of rabies in animals in Iowa. Both being bats. • 2021 Numbers ▪ 1766 calls for service from stray dogs, animal bites, car accidents, house fires and search warrants ▪ 182 of those calls were bite investigations ▪ 520 of those calls animals were picked up and taken to the ARL
<u>Director Update</u> <i>By Helen Eddy</i>	• 70% of Polk county has at least one dose of the COVID Vaccine • 352 positive cases • Numbers are stabilizing after Thanksgiving, still at a high rate • Omicron detected in Polk County • Get Vaccinated and get your booster • Deaths in Polk County over 800 • Test before you gather around family and friends
<u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review</u> <i>By Scott Slater</i>	• Nothing to add to his report
<u>Program Updates</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	• STD infections still remain high • Omicron person in Polk County was not travel related. Also, being detected in county counties in Iowa. • Continuing doing contract tracing • Continuing monitoring travelers • Omicron is surging in the United States • Averaging around 28% under 18
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	None
<u>Public Comments</u>	None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:05 am

Next Meeting January 21, 2022 at 8:30am

Others present:

Kari Lebeda-Townsend, PCHD

Helen Eddy, PCHD

Scott Slater- PCHD

Mandy Penning- PCHD

Tony Leys- Des Moines Register

Troy Cline- PC Animal Control