IRHA Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2019
11:00AM-1:00PM U of Iowa College of Public Health, Dept of Epidemiology Room S402
145 N Riverside Drive Iowa City, IA 52246

The Iowa Rural Health Association is committed to: strengthening health systems for rural residents and communities through leadership, education, advocacy, public awareness and networking.

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Tel: 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 198 514 162

AGENDA

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda –
Debra Hoyle, President-Elect called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were in person: Jon Rossman, Mary Charlton, Susan O’Brien (staff), Debra Hoyle, Kevin Kruse (staff), Brandi Janssen, Kelli Todd, and guests Dean Edith Parker and IEMSA Board president, Mark Sachen. Attending by Zoom were: Angela Mortoza, Kate Walton, Samra Hiros. Absent were Ben Woodworth, Courtney Long, Teresa Bomhoff, Michael Trachta.

MOTION: Jon Rossman made a motion to approve the agenda and Mary Charlton seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2019 Board Meeting

MOTION: Jon Rossman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2019 board meeting. Mary Charlton seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Welcome from Edith Parker, Dean, University of Iowa College of Public Health

Welcome from Edith Parker. Thanked IRHA for the opportunity to present and thanked the board for their work on ensuring the health for all rural Iowans. UICPH is hosting a national conference environmental health sciences and host research book clubs. The college continues its education research and service programming.

The college hosted an Ag health and safety course held last week – I-CASH and ISASH being held the following week in Des Moines, IA. Ms Parker stated that rural health permeates all of our departments.
NIH sending resources to the college to support rural health. UICPH continues to offer resources for small businesses/involve students. Our mutual areas of interest align: Shrinking state appropriations-dollars moving outward. Both of our orgs can benefit from student involvement.

MS Parker stated that they’d be happy to share membership materials on behalf of IRHA and IRHA can distribute U of I materials, promotional brochures. The U of I CPH holds forums twice a year for students.

**Mark Sachen, President of Iowa Emergency Medical Services**

Mr. Sachen gave a PowerPoint presentation will be emailed out to the board after the meeting. Mark spoke about EMS licensure compact gaining traction in state legislation – REPLICA Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompACT; interstate licensure compacts allow special licensure or exceptions to state licensing requirements for specific health care providers to practice across state lines in other states that have adopted the same compact as long as certain requirements are met. ET3 is a bill and not about transportation.

Volunteers pay out of pocket to obtain their own training. Some stats: IEMSA holds a regional conference, have 1521 members, 24 corporate members, 179 affiliate members, and 13 training center members. They offer their membership the following: a Leadership academy, workshops, day on the hill, summit, goals and initiatives. Mark would like to submit an article on GEMT for IRHA’s August newsletter. IA Legislature appropriated $14 million for the state- via Future Ready Iowa. There are four levels of care providers: EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT, Paramedic (Iowa and national).

**Fiscal Report**

Samra Hiros, Secretary/Treasurer provided an update on April’s financials.

**MOTION:** Mary Charlton motioned to approve the April financials and Jon Rossman seconded the motion. The financials were approved.

**Old Business**

Todd Linden asked the board to review the handout he put together regarding strategic planning next steps. The handout was emailed to the group and hard copies were available for the board in person. Jon Rossman stated that we have mutual roundtable issues/education: issues that have rural EMS and livable rural communities. Is there any interest in participating in a community paramedicine task force - and how to manage with MCOs? Nobody is developing a legislative agenda that focuses on rural health. Perhaps IRHA can provide voice to executive branch – annual report to the governor? We need a legislative day which would focus on EMS, workforce, telehealth, aging, reignite a committee to replace the now defunct Empower Rural Iowa Taskforce.

Need to work together with a policy expert at Iowa Hospital Association – Bill Menner to ask IHA for a meeting. Facilitator and strategic planning lead Todd Linden asked the group to identify 3-5 top topics and then he along with DMS will put together a workplan and identify top priorities. The board stated that the following were top priorities: Rural EMS, Telehealth (pharmacy), Livable rural communities – cancer, Workforce (aging), Closing of maternal health centers, and Community development – IJAG

Todd Linden recommended also that we focus on the following: 1. Membership 2. Advocacy, and then 3. identify 5 topics and then strategy and collaborations to support all three.
Mr. Linden stated that board development/engagement needs to happen first. Jon Rossman recommended the next board meeting on Aug 6 to include 1 hour of organizational development and to look at the following more closely: quality of board orientation – do we provide enough for new (board) members. Why, for what reason, what are ways for them to be engaged?

It was noted that the meeting ran over by 30 minutes and a few board members had to leave the meeting early (Angela Mortoza and Brandi Janssen) so 2020 board nomination discussion and the draft attendance policy will be voted on at the Aug 6, 2019 board meeting.

**MOTION:** Megan Hartwig made a motion to end the meeting and Jon Rossman第二ed.

The next board meeting will be held at DMS’ offices 6919 Vista Drive W. Des Moines, IA 50266 on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. A doodle poll will be sent to confirm the time with possibly an extra hour for organizational/board development included in the Aug 6 board meeting.