

Bremer County Board of Health
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The Bremer County Board of Health called its regular meeting to order at 6:28 PM on May 8, 2019 in the conference room at the Bremer County Health Department located at 403 3rd Street SE. Waverly, IA. Present were members Sally Yungtum, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Matt Sexton and Dr. Courtney Bochmann. Absent was member Lisa Miller. Lindley Sharp, Amanda Kirchhoff and Jackie Preston were also in attendance.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sexton to approve the May 8, 2019 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second Bochmann by to approve the March 20, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Per the request of Amanda Ramthun, Community Health Specialist from the Waverly Health Center, Lindley Sharp, on behalf of Ramthun, shared that the City of Waverly designated all parks in Waverly as Nicotine Free.

Business:

Amanda Kirchhoff, Operation Threshold, presented a Fiscal Year 2019 summary to the Bremer County Board of Health. Kirchhoff shared on the progress in addressing the gap between Women Infants & Children (WIC) enrollment and participation that was identified in 2018 and addressed the program quality improvement project on protecting clients' confidentiality by Operation Threshold's WIC Department. Kirchhoff highlighted the successes seen with the department's Breastfeeding Action Plan. Board members had several questions regarding natural feeding practices and questions surrounding where mothers who reside outside of Waverly go in order to access support groups, receive education, and how mothers who live in Bremer County who don't birth at the Waverly Health Center can receive benefits if they are part of the WIC program.

Jackie Preston, Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc., presented a Fiscal Year 2019 summary to the Board of Health on the Substance Abuse Grant. Preston reported that in the first through third quarter of the grant, Pathways provided services and programming to 1,622 adults and youth. Most of the service and programming provided was through the "SHEEP puppet program" to 2nd graders in the Waverly-Shell Rock and Denver schools districts. Additionally, Pathways also helped plan and facilitate the Family Fun Fair event held in Waverly in April 2019 and reported that Pathways staff worked with law enforcement regarding prescription drug disposal. Board members asked why only the Waverly- Shell Rock and Denver school districts were served and Preston stated that they were the only districts who accepted to have the programming within their schools.

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Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, reported on budget and finances and distributed reports from February 2019 and March 2019 revenue and expenses. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to approve the budget and finances as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp gave a brief update on home health reporting that the Biller/Coder position would be eliminated earliest by the end of May 2019. Sharp reported that billing and coding duties had officially been contracted out to Healthcare First and that the home health program is in the process of demoing new electronic medical record vendors in order look for more ways to efficiently conduct home health business, further reduce costs, and look for better department efficiencies.

Sharp also gave a brief update on public health contracts stating that the department has been keeping busy with public health emergency preparedness tabletop exercises with the Bremer County Healthcare Coalition and Sub-Service Area 6B. The diabetes prevention program continues to go well. Participants are at the halfway point and have exceeded a 7% weight loss as a group. Sharp reported that she applied for grant funding to help support the program through the Bremer County Community Foundation (BCCF) and will find out if awarded the funds in June. The foot clinic program continues to grow and due to a change in staff, all nurses are in the process of training for this program. Sharp notified the board that the Waterloo Visiting Nurse Association will be done providing foot clinics in Denver, Readlyn and Waverly effective July 1, 2019. Due to this, Sharp has applied for funding through the Waverly Shell-Rock United Way in order to expand the foot clinic program into Denver, Readlyn and Janesville.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Employee Wage changes as presented by Sharp. Motion carried unanimously.

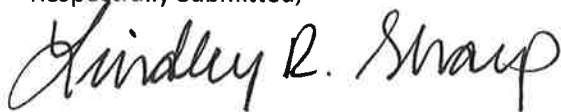
Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann to approve the Bremer County Board of Health Policy and Procedure for Position Statements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to adopt the Bremer County Board of Health Position Statement on Fluoride. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Hildebrandt to adopt the Bremer County Board of Health Position Statement on Immunizations. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on July 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Bremer County Health Department location. Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lindley Sharp, Acting Secretary