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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
June 9, 2026

BOH Members Present: Greg Barnett, Joyce Dickes, Deb Gayer, Dr. Lindstrom, Chris Showalter
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Tiffany Stanbrough
Visitors: Katie Shrub from Allen Child Protection Center

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the EMA Meeting Room by Greg Barnett. No public comment was heard.

Katie Shrub gave report on the child protection center that they can provide Butler County residents.

Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried.

Joyce Dickes made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, and this was seconded by Deb Gayer. Motion carried.

The updated Financial Report was distributed. Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the following claims: 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2, 6/9, and 6/16 this was seconded by Joyce Dickes.

Misty Kofron was absent but emailed the Environmental Health Report. See attached notes.

Kari Coates was absent but emailed the following: Just wanted to tell you that I will not be able to make it. I am taking an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) to become an instructor. The only thing I really have to share with the Board of Health is that our ALS is going great. Services really seem to appreciate the higher level of care, and we have been used more than I thought we would in just the first month. The other thing is that Jen B and I took a little road trip on the 2nd and picked up BC EMS's new response vehicle, it is a 2026 Chevy Tahoe. More to come next time.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Updates as follows:

1. 263 nursing visits, 349 home care aide visits, 60 physical therapy visits, 25 occupational therapy visits, since our last meeting.
2. Our PRN HCA gave her 2 weeks' notice on May 29th because she started a new job and won't have daytime hours available. I would like to hire someone PRN again, if I can find someone to cover vacations, sick time, etc.
3. Tammy Fleshner was approached by the Early Childhood Iowa coordinator out of Mason City about an opportunity to apply for money to provide car seat education to parents with kids under the age of 5. The grant money would have to flow through the health department and that's why Tammy talked to me about it, Tammy and I would like to apply for the grant which would be up to $8,000 to purchase seats, hold 2 car seat checkup events and provide education to preschools and daycares. If the board is okay with this, Tammy and I would meet with the ECI coordinator this week or early next week to get the application process started. The grant would run from

July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Joyce Dickes made a motion to approve going ahead with applying for the grant and this was seconded by Chris Showalter.

4. University of Iowa contacted me regarding the cancer project in 99 counties in Iowa. Was wondering if we were interested in working with her and on getting info out specific to Butler County. Greg Barnett made a motion to approve going ahead with working with University of Iowa's project and this was seconded by Deb Gayer.
5. At our August meeting, I would like to spend most of the time discussing the HHS System Realignment that was started with behavioral health in 2025 and is now going to be progressing to public health including environmental health. The state is aiming for July 1, 2027, starting date.
6. We finally heard from the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization that now manages the tobacco prevention grant. We thought for sure we were not going to be awarded the grant for next year because the current year was a transition year for the behavioral health organizations formed under the HHS System Realignment but we found out on May 28th that not only are we being awarded the grant again but it was increased to $25,000, normally it has been around $11,500.
7. Disease investigations- Nothing super exciting these past 2 months other than a normal crypto case and following up with 3 dog owners. We do have an active e-coli case in the county in a health care worker. The case is currently isolated under orders from the state and must provide 2 stool samples separated by 24 hours that are both negative before she can return to work. She has provided 2 so far, one yesterday morning and one this morning, the sample from yesterday is still pending and the one from this morning is on its way to the state hygienic lab in Iowa City.
8. The opioid settlement committee has purchased 2,000 medication disposal pouches and close to 1,000 of them have been placed in various businesses and public buildings around the county. WE will be taking a bunch of them to the fair too.
9. Lastly, I am having surgery next Thursday, June 18th to remove my gallbladder. I have been dealing with increasing issues of intense pain whenever I eat and saw my PCP about it on May 1st and surgeon on May 8th. I was able to get surgery scheduled for June 18th. I will be off at least through June 26th, which is fair week, but Kenzie Gillen has agreed to take my place during the fair.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, at 4:00 p.m. Joyce Dickes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Chris Showalter seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tiffany Stanbrough, for

Joyce Dickes

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