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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
August 18, 2026

BOH Members Present: Greg Barnett, Joyce Dickes, Deb Gayer, Dr. Lindstrom, Chris Showalter
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Kari Coates, Tiffany Stanbrough
Absent: Misty Day

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.

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

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

Approval of sub fund of $228,262, Chris Showalter made the motion to approve the sub fund, and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried

The updated Financial Report was distributed. Deb Gayer made a motion to approve the following claims: 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25 this was seconded by Chris Showalter.

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

Kari Coates gave the following EMS update: We went live with advanced paramedics at the end of April, averaging around 6 ALS calls a month, which means those times we don't need to call for an outside service, it is going very well.

We are really pushing for more education on sports injuries, looking at holding that training on September 23rd in Parkersburg. We held a training session in Greene last night with Trish Schrage from UNI and she did a presentation with hands on back boarding techniques and splinting. Tonight, in New Hartford we are doing a nebulizer treatment for BLS provider, state of Iowa approved EMT's to do nebulizer treatments and need to have formal education and will be doing the nebulizer education in Parkersburg on September 23rd as well. We hope to do it again at Greene in October. I took PHDLS, pre trauma life support for first responders, I am on the second phase, and it is a three-phase process, and the third phase won't be done till January. Tomorrow EMS will have state inspection coming in.

We did get new graphics on the Tahoe and truck; graphics will also be going on the explorer as well.

Still planning on doing another EMT class with NIACC in January 2027.

Jennifer Becker gave the Public Health Realignment information: With everything that has happened in the past 2 weeks, I haven't been able to prepare for this. I can briefly tell you that the goal is to create a more coordinated and efficient statewide HHS system. It will eventually include both local public health and environmental health services. Timeline starts on January 1, 2027, with full implementation on June 30, 2028. Changes to current LPH funding won't occur until July 1, 2028. Finally, because services and activities will be determined by state and district (we are in district 3) plans that have not yet been created, the exact uses of the state dollars are not yet defined and because we don't know how the governors' race will end all of this may be void.

Jennifer Becker gave the Employee Updates as follows:

1. Amber remains off from seeing patients but can help around the office if needed. She is going to have a knee scope and repair of the torn meniscus at the UIHC.
2. Bailey has been off on medical leave since August 5th and will be off at least through this week.
3. I was in the hospital from August 6th-8th due to infection throughout my entire colon and an ulcer in my small intestine. I was supposed to be off last week, but the DIA surveyors walked into the office on Monday morning, so I ended up working part of the week. The GI specialist I saw in the hospital thinks the infection has been brewing since I had my gallbladder out on June 18th. I have been in pain constantly since June 28th but the Thursday I went to the hospital was more than I could stand. I am having an MRI tomorrow afternoon to check for any other problems related to my gallbladder removal. The remaining staff have been working their tails off trying to cover both nursing and HCA visits.
4. I interviewed 3 potential new PRN HCA's and hired one but the week she was supposed to start she only showed up for 6 hours of orientation in 3 days' time. I told her we needed someone that is dependable to show up when they say they are going to. She agreed. We paid her for the 6 hours she was here. The other 2, one needs full time and the other one didn't interview well.

Medicare Survey: As mentioned above the DIA surveyors walked into the office last Monday morning. We weren't expecting them until October. Everything was good with the survey. A few paperwork things to correct but nothing related to patient care was found to be a problem. We won't get the official report until at least next week or the week after.

The 99 counties cancer project presentation is scheduled for September 8th at 6 p.m. It is a hybrid version where the presenters will be in Iowa City and people have the choice to come here for the presentation or watch it from home via zoom link that will be advertised. I got the promotional information last week and hope to get it out tomorrow or Thursday. The BOH and BOS are included in the list of groups to invite so expect an invitation.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, at 4:00 p.m. Chris Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Joyce Dickes seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tiffany Stanbrough, for

Joyce Dickes

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