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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 11, 2025**

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Public Health Break 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 Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

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

The updated Financial Report was distributed. Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the following claims: 12/24/24, 12/31/24, 1/7/25, 1/14/25, 1/21/25, 1/28/25, 2/4/25, 2/11/25, and 2/18/25 and this was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom.

Misty Kofron gave the Environmental Health Report. See attached notes.

Kari Coates introduced the EMS new hire, Jennifer Nichols. Jennifer has a lot of experience and is an advanced EMT. Jennifer will be covering Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eventually Kari would like to hire for a weekend package but that will be more in the future. EMS updates are that the EMS class is going well, did lose one student due to family emergency. Currently, we have 11 students, 7 students are from Butler County.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Updates as follows:

1. Grants- Grant season is starting, the application process has been released for two of our grants, the LPHS grant and the Immunization grant. The LPHS grant for \$43,978 with allocating funds of 75% to public health and 25% to individuals. The LPHS grant is due 2/21/25. The Immunization grant for \$8,585 is due 3/11/25. I am still waiting for the CFY grant application to be released. With the redistricting that has occurred at the state level, we will probably not be eligible for the substance abuse grant and possibly the tobacco prevention grant. The CFY grant, we have used 112 of the 200 slots allocated to us for our coverage area. We have voiced interest in adding Winnebago and Worth County to our coverage area. At this time, neither of those counties have a coordinator.
2. Child Passenger Safety- Tammy Fleshner continues to volunteer to provide child passenger education and will meet families at the office to install car seats. She ordered 8 free seats from the state to give to families in need.
3. Communicable Diseases- We have had a case of e-coli reported, one case of cryptosporidiosis and one case of campylobacter. Our tuberculosis (TB) case continues to be seen once per day to administer his medications, will continue to see him until the end of March 2025. He has a repeat CT at the end of February to check on the TB lesion.
4. Home Health- We haven't accepted advantage plans probably in 20 years because of poor or no payment, unfortunately many of our referrals we have had are for advantage plans. I

have decided to pilot taking 1 advantage plan and provide services. We accepted a UnitedHealthcare patient and provided 5 visits. The claim was accepted and acknowledged by UnitedHealthcare, and we are waiting for the claim to be moved to the adjudication process. For the months of December 2024 and January 2025, the nurses made a total of 334 home visits, home care aides made 381 visits, 17 PT visits, and 15 OT visits were made by therapy. Referrals have been up since the beginning of the month.

5. Staff Updates- We received a home care aide application last week and she is coming in for an interview next week.

The election of officers remains the same for year 2025, Dr. Lindstrom made the motion to approve the election of officers, and this was seconded by Chris Showalter.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Chris Showalter seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tiffany Stanbrough, for



Joyce Dickes