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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
April 9, 2024**

BOH Members Present: Joyce Dickes, Dr. Lindstrom, Deb Gayer, Chris Showalter  
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Day, Kari Coates, Tiffany Stanbrough  
Visitors Present: Carla Miller, Mindi Watters from NICAO, Lezah Hansen from ISmile  
Absent: Greg Barnett

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

The staff from North Iowa Community Action Organization (NICAO) gave reports on the programs that they provide to Butler County residents. Lezah from ISmile gave a report on the child health program that they provide to Butler County residents as well.

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

Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, 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: 2/27/24, 3/5/24, 3/12/24, 3/19/24, 3/26/24, 4/2/24, 4/9/24, 4/16/24 and this was seconded by Chris Showalter.

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

Kari Coates gave the EMS update. To date, she has responded to 146 calls. Kari reported that the Butler County EMT class has started and has 9 students enrolled and class is going well.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Updates as follows:

1. There were 421 total home health visits made in February, up from 414 home health visits in January. The numbers for April aren't completed yet. Tammy has been off for several weeks with a health issue.
2. The FY25 Immunization grant application was released on March 12<sup>th</sup> and needs to be submitted by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The dollar amount for the grant remains the same as the current fiscal year at \$8,585. I am mostly done with the application, just need to finish the budget portion and that will be submitted.
3. The county Substance Abuse grant which is the Board of Supervisors grant has been submitted.
4. The Local Public Health Service (LPHS) grant application has been partially released. They are having us make changes to the FY24 grant instead of creating a whole new application for the next fiscal year. This is new and I'm currently waiting for the FY25 workplan guidance to be released so I can finish the application. LPHS grant is due on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Funding remains the same for FY25.
5. The Tobacco Prevention grant was due March 21<sup>st</sup>, and it was submitted on time. The allocation amount is \$11,907.

6. The Care For Yourself grant has not been released yet.
7. Kari and I hosted a Mental Health first aid certification class last Saturday. We had 19 participants from EMS, LEO, EMA, Public Health, Fire, and a Minister. It was a good class and met one of the health improvement plan goals for this year.
8. The disease surveillance update, we have had one cryptosporidiosis and one campylobacter case since last meeting. I have followed up on 4 dog bites since the last meeting and I have one to call next Monday.

The Staff Update was then given by Jennifer Becker. A job was offered to an LPN on Monday, and she accepted the position, but on Friday she rescinded her acceptance. Her explanation for rescinding the position was that she needed health insurance on the first day of work and the county's policy is that insurance is effective after 30 days of being employed. The county has since changed that policy and the insurance will become effective the first of the month after the date of hire. Jennifer had texted the LPN but hadn't heard back from her. Jennifer has put out a new ad on Facebook and put an ad on Indeed. The question to the board was if they had any other suggestions? Lonna's last day is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 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