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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
June 17, 2025**

BOH Members Present: Greg Barnett, Joyce Dickes, Dr. Lindstrom, Chris Showalter  
Absent: Deb Gayer  
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Kari Coates, Misty Kofron, Tiffany Stanbrough  
Visitors: Lezah Hanson from I-Smile

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.

Lezah Hanson from I-Smile gave a report on the dental program that they provide for Butler County residents.

Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. 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. Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the following claims: 4/29/25, 5/6/25, 5/13/25, 5/20/25, 5/27/25, 6/3/25, 6/10/25 and 6/17/25 this was seconded by Joyce Dickes.

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

Kari Coates gave the EMS update. Update on the peer support team has been more active than anticipated, seems to be successful and receptive. We are working on making Butler County EMS our own service to be advanced/paramedic first responders' service. Still working on finding a medical director, meeting with a doctor later this week if he would be interested, knowing it is a lot to ask to be a medical director for a new service. We will need to get a pharmacy grant for medications as well; this is a process but a process that is feasible and will benefit our county. Jen Nichols and I took the advanced cardiac life support class, this will help us with our process and just a good certification to have. We received a grant from Poet and this money will be used training materials.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Updates as follows:

1. Since our last meeting, we have made 350 nursing visits, 361 home care aide visits, 86 PT visits, and 15 OT visits. We also made 62 homemaker visits.
2. The VA has been reducing the services we can provide to our home care patients. Skilled nursing has not changed but they are reducing the kinds of home care aide services we can provide and have eliminated homemaker services.
3. Immunizations: With the 3 cases of measles in Iowa the state has made available MMR vaccine to any person regardless of age or insurance who needs an MMR vaccine. We have 20 doses on order, but they haven't been received yet.
4. Care for Yourself program: We have completed the grant application and been awarded the grant, but no contracts have been issued because the funding from CDC is up in the air. Today we received an email from IHHS that all appointments for women scheduled after June 30<sup>th</sup> need to be canceled immediately. No new appointments can be scheduled on or after June 30<sup>th</sup>. We have to stop all outreach

activities effective immediately. We must notify all our medical providers that no services will be provided through the CFY program after June 30<sup>th</sup> because there are no funds to pay for anything.

5. Tobacco Prevention program: Program was moved to the behavioral health services organization. We have contracted with them for at least the next fiscal year to provide tobacco prevention services but don't know what will happen for the FY 26-27 grant year. We also don't know how these services will be billed or what reporting we will have to complete. Last we were told that it hasn't been decided.
6. County Substance Abuse: This grant has been completely taken over by behavior health services organization and we will no longer be administering this grant.
7. Communicable disease: Since our last meeting, I have investigated 3 e-coli cases, 1 shigella case and 1 rocky mountain spotted fever case. We also had another possible infectious TB case but luckily after collecting 3 sputum samples on the person it ended up being negative for TB. Also, I had 3 dog and 2 cat bites. I also sent out algorithms to providers so they can decide who needs rabies vaccine if a bite occurs.
8. Death Investigations: Mackenzie Gillen and I have been busy with death investigations so far this year, we have investigated 23 deaths in 6 months, and our annual average for the past 5 years is 25.

Jennifer also stated that at the next meeting, she will have the BOH-BOS agreement to be reviewed and signed. The BOS is reviewing on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and this will be brought to the next meeting in August.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 12 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