

Bremer County Board of Health
415 East Bremer Avenue
Waverly, IA 50677
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The Bremer County Board of Health called its regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM on May 6, 2020. Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the meeting was held via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7391507503> meeting ID: 739 150 7503. Present were members Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Matt Sexton and Sally Yungtum. Jackie Preston, Ann Smisek, Erin Barkema, Katie Schwartz and Lindley Sharp were also in attendance.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sexton to approve the May 6, 2020 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Jackie Preston, Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc. presented the annual update for the Bremer County Substance Abuse Prevention Grant.

Lindley Sharp and Katie Schwartz, Bremer County Health Department proposed to the Board of Health that a furlough be put in place for a Bremer County Health Department employee due to a low home health census due to COVID-19. Ann Smisek, Ahlers Cooney, P.C. answered board questions regarding the difference between a furlough and lay-off and the impacts to the employee and employer for each scenario. When asked how you decide which employee needed to be furloughed or laid-off, Smisek recommended using seniority unless a policy was in place for something different. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to act on a department furlough based on employee with the least amount of seniority to be re-evaluated every 30 days or as deemed necessary by Bremer County Health Department administration. Motion carried.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, reported on budget and finances and distributed reports for February 2020 and March 2020 revenue and expenses. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sexton to approve the budget and finances as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp gave an overview of the health department's response to COVID-19 in Bremer County from dates March 16, 2020 through May 6, 2020. Sharp also gave a brief update on home health and public health programs.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 employee wage increases as presented and to approve Sharp for a 3% increase. Motion carried.

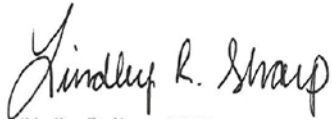
Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to approve vacation day carry over to be used by September 30, 2020 for Lindley Sharp due to COVID-19. Motion carried unanimously.

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The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on July 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Bremer County Health Department location and/or via Zoom pending the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindley R. Sharp". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Lindley Sharp, Acting Secretary