

Bremer County Board of Health
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The Bremer County Board of Health regular meeting was called to order by Chair, Sally Yungtum, at 6:29 PM on January 13, 2021.

Present were members: Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Matt Sexton (via Zoom) and Sally Yungtum. Sheena Fry, Lindley Sharp and Erin Barkema were also in attendance.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to approve the January 13, 2021 agenda, but adjust the sequence of Item I. Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(i) to after Item J. Next Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

No public comment was received.

Sheena Fry-Waverly Health Center, introduced herself to the board stating she is the new Certified Health Coach at the WHC. Sheena shared that she is currently working on "Smoke Free Homes" and adding properties to the "Smoke Free Homes Register" which is a program of the Iowa Department of Public Health which provides smoke free rental property listings. Sheena also shared that the City of Waverly is currently a Wellmark Healthy Hometown finalist.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department gave a department update. Sharp informed the board of the current COVID-19 planning happening in Bremer County and also updated the board with the progress of the home health program decertifying from Medicare. Sharp shared that the department is having issues with finding placement for two home health patients. The board instructed Sharp to send a two week notice to both patients with a reminder of the end of service date and to include in the letters which agencies, and number of times, referrals had been sent to respective agencies.

Sharp presented the budget and finances for the months of November through December 2020. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Gesme to approve the January 2021 budget and finances report. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 health department budget. Sharp shared that at a previous Board of Supervisor meeting that the BOS recommended a \$150,000 general fund contribution for FY22. The board asked how upcoming COVID-19 vaccine efforts in the current and upcoming fiscal year was going to impact the budget being presented. Sharp shared that Open Point of Dispensing Clinics for mass vaccination would be needed at some point in the upcoming future and would likely result in the need to ask the Bremer County Board of Supervisors for additional general fund support. Sharp shared that several vaccine providers in the county do not have the capacity to vaccinate large numbers of persons in a short amount of time if there was a surge in vaccine that needed to be administered within a timeframe. Sharp told the Board that the department had been working on Open Point of Dispensing Plans and asked for support from both the Board of Health and Board of Supervisors to remain flexible with the budget with unknowns in regards to when vaccine allocations would increase and the unknown of if there would be additional response funds awarded to local public health to help offset any additional Bremer County general fund support for COVID vaccine efforts. All board members

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expressed their support of amending the FY21 and FY22 budget for COVID vaccine efforts and asked that Sharp present these plans and ask for support from the Bremer County Supervisors as well. Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 department budget to be submitted to the Bremer County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 Local Public Health Services activities. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to approve billable activities of: Collaborative Relations, Community Health Assessment, Disease Outbreak Investigation, Reportable Disease Follow-up, Surveillance, Health Education, Immunizations, Local Board of Health Support, Public Health System Development, Screening and Assessment, Community Utility (Resource Referral), Resource Navigation (Care Coordination), Home Care Aide (Homemaking), Home Care Aide (Personal Care) AND remove Nursing (Skilled) as a service. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp proposed that Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 agency costs, charges and fee scales for Local Public Health Services activities remain the same with no changes and to address again after July, 1, 2021 due to major staffing changes and a mid-year cost report that will need to be filled with Medicare by June 30, 2021. Motion by Bochmann and second by Hildebrandt to continue current agency costs, charges and fee scales. Motion carried unanimously.

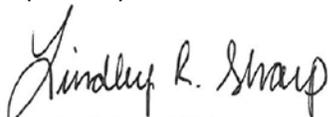
Bremer County Health Department Open Point of Dispensing for COVID Vaccine agenda item was discussed during Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 department budget due to the impact planning and response would have on the current and upcoming budget. See minutes above.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on March 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Waverly Civic Center.

Lindley Sharp requested a Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Yungtum asked that the regular January 13, 2021 meeting be adjourned prior to going into closed session. Motion by Bochmann, second by Gesme to adjourn January 13, 2021 regular board of health meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Sally Yungtum, at 8:13 PM.

Chair, Sally Yungtum, asked for a motion to move into Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i) at 8:15 PM. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to move into Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously. Present were members: Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Matt Sexton (via Zoom), Sally Yungtum, and Lindley Sharp. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to adjourn Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously. Closed Session was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lindley Sharp, Acting Secretary