

Bremer County Board of Health
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The Bremer County Board of Health called its regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM on July 1, 2020. Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the meeting was held both in person at 403 3rd Street SE Waverly, IA 50677 and via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82133443667> meeting ID: 821 3344 3667. Present were members Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Matt Sexton and Sally Yungtum. Also present were: Tim Neil, Ken Kammeyer, Shelley Wolf, Cassandra Johansen, Erin Barkema, Amanda Kirchhoff, Kim Howard, Janine Johnson, Eileen Daley, Amanda Ramthun, Katie Schwartz and Paula Geise.

New board member Amanda Gesme introduced herself and was welcomed to the Bremer County Board of Health.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sexton to approve the July 1, 2020 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sexton to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Gesme shared with the board that Pathways received FEMA COVID-19 funding and will now be part of the COVID Recovery Iowa Team.

Business:

Amanda Kirchhoff, WIC Operation Threshold presented a fiscal year 2020 update for WIC in Bremer County as well as fiscal year 2021 plans. Yungtum asked questions regarding the breast feeding data and other board members asked questions regarding transportation issues with only have one WIC location in Bremer County.

Kim Howard, Janine Johnson, Eileen Daley from Black Hawk County Health Department presented on fiscal year 2020 programs Child Adolescent Health (CAH), 1st Five Healthy Mental Development (1st Five), and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) as it relates to CAH services for Bremer County.

Amanda Ramthun presented on the fiscal year 2020 Tobacco Control grant for Bremer County. Ramthun also highlighted the fiscal year 2021 goals and objectives with a focus on student led initiatives in three Bremer County school districts.

A special meeting was held with Bremer County Board of Health and Bremer County Board of Supervisors to discuss home health programming for fiscal year 2021. Lindley Sharp presented a document outlining roles and responsibilities of local boards of health, current department programs, budgets from fiscal year 2016 through 2020, unduplicated number of home health patients for a five year period, and process to decertify a home health program. Sharp expressed concerns that current level of county general fund contribution was primarily supporting home health (for programming that

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helps less than 1% of the Bremer County population) and that the \$250,000 maximum contribution wasn't going to be enough to support department in a year or two. Erin Barkema shared how other counties in public health Region 2 use their local public health services funds. Yungtum asked what Paula Geise (a previous home health administrator for a hospital based program) did to improve financial outcomes. Both boards expressed a need for strategies to continue to offer all programs of the health department. Hildebrandt asked that a special meeting be held outside of regular board meeting times and Yungtum asked that Barkema organize a planning session for health department service provision and funding to be held in September.

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

Lindley Sharp gave a Bremer County COVID-19 update and briefly updated the board on home health and public health programming stating that things were starting to pick-up due to the lessening of restrictions in the Governor's Proclamation. Sharp reported that all programs are being carried out in a safe manner.

Motion by Hildebrandt and second by Gesme to approve a payroll addition for Jacki Schares as the Service Area 6 EMS & Public Health Preparedness Program Coordinator at \$28 per hour effective July 26, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

A special Board of Health meeting will be held on August 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM with a location to be determined due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on September 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM with a location to be determined due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindley Sharp, Acting Secretary