

**Bremer County Board of Health**  
**415 East Bremer Avenue**  
**Waverly, IA 50677**  
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The Bremer County Board of Health regular meeting was called to order by Chair, Sally Yungtum, at 6:30 PM on March 10, 2021.

Present were members: Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Matt Sexton and Sally Yungtum. Randall McKenzie, Ben Wilkens and Lindley Sharp were also in attendance.

Hildebrandt motioned to nominate Sally Yungtum as Bremer County Board of Health Chair and Dr. Matt Sexton as Bremer County Board of Health Contingent Chair, Bochmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann to approve the March 10, 2021 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sexton to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received. During public comment, Hildebrandt asked if any of the board members had received any comments regarding the decision to become a de-certified home health agency. Bochmann stated he had received a few questions from the general public about the decision to de-certify. No other board members had received comments.

Randall McKenzie, Bremer County Building Zoning and Sanitation introduced the board to Ben Wilkens who would be taking McKenzie's position at the end of March 2021 as McKenzie had announced his retirement. Yungtum and other board members expressed their gratitude to McKenzie for his years of service and welcomed Wilkens to his position. McKenzie gave a Grants to Counties update for fiscal year 2021 quarters one and two. Yungtum asked a question about sandpoint wells and pits in Bremer County and other board members asked about unused balances to the Grant to Counties grant due to COVID-19. McKenzie stated that signs had been placed in the courthouse to advertise well water testing and the board encouraged building and zoning to send a flyer to the health department to advertise services via the health department Facebook page in order to increase testing and ensure grant dollars were spent.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department gave a department update. Sharp presented the board a handout from the Iowa Department of Public Health showing how local public health agencies throughout Iowa ensure the health and safety of all communities. Sharp then updated the board with current COVID-19 vaccine data, gave an update on current health department staffing, stated that all Medicare certified home health patients had been placed with new home health agencies by February 1, 2021, and shared with the board the primary tasks the health department had been focusing on from January-March 2021.

Motion by Hildebrandt and second by Bochmann to change Grant to Counties Project Director from Randall McKenzie to Ben Wilkens effective April 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. The board thanked McKenzie again for his service and welcomed Wilkens to his new position. McKenzie and Wilkens exited.

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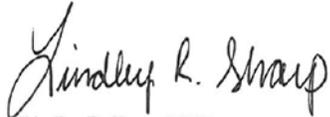
Sharp presented the budget and finances for the months of January through February 2021 and gave a brief update on the anticipated changes to the fiscal year 2021 budget due to increases in grant amounts, decreases in revenue due to home health, and decreases in expenditures due to changes in staff. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sexton to approve the budget and finances report. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented temporary job descriptions and volunteer positions for Bremer County Health Department Open Point of Dispensing for COVID Vaccine Clinics. Sharp shared that if the department would need to hire these temporary positions, that this would be a covered expense with the COVID-19 Response grant that was awarded to the department. Sharp also shared that the grant would cover the expense of needing to rent a larger space at the Bremer County Fairgrounds as the health department can currently only accommodate up to 100 persons safely during a vaccine clinic. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann to authorize the health department to hire and sign a contract with the Bremer County Fairgrounds as needed, and to notify the board upon initiating a contract or hiring temporary staff. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on May 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Waverly Civic Center.

Motion by Sexton, second by Gesme to adjourn the March 10, 2021 regular meeting at 7:24 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindley R. Sharp".

Lindley Sharp, Acting Secretary