

Bremer County Board of Health
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The Bremer County Board of Health called its regular meeting to order at 6:32 PM on September 11, 2019 in the conference room at the Bremer County Health Department located at 403 3rd Street SE. Waverly, IA. Present were members Dewey Hildebrandt, Lisa Miller, Dr. Matt Sexton and Dr. Courtney Bochmann. Member absent was Sally Yungtum. Lindley Sharp, Amanda Ramthun, Janelle Ballhagen and Randy McKenzie were also in attendance.

Motion by Sexton, second by Miller to approve the September 11, 2019 agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2019 regular meeting with the addition of including "Lisa Miller as in attendance". Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Business:

Amanda Ramthun, Waverly Health Center, gave a Fiscal Year 2019 update on the Bremer County Tobacco Grant. One goal was to increase the number of tobacco free/nicotine free community events in Bremer County which Ramthun reported happened at Waverly's Best Damn Run, Waverly's Oktoberfest and Revibe. The second goal for the fiscal year was to work with Waverly Health Center's and Community Memorial's diabetes educators to put in place a cessation protocol for their diabetes programs. Ramthun also reported that the City of Waverly established Tobacco and Nicotine Free Parks. Ramthun ended with giving the Board an overview of focus areas for Fiscal Year 2020.

Janelle Ballhagen, Allen Hospital, gave a Fiscal Year 2019 update on Allen Women's Health Maternal Health Services and Allen Women's Health Family Planning Services. Ballhagen shared the highlight from Maternal Health that over 90% of their patients deliver a baby over 2500 grams, meaning less than 10% of babies born are low birth weight. Ballhagen also shared with the Board the services that both men and women get with family planning services including, cancer detection, STD testing and treatment, counseling individuals in reproductive life planning, and assisting individuals in attaining their life goals.

Randy McKenzie, Bremer County Building and Sanitation gave a Fiscal Year 2019 update on the Grants to Counties contract. During the fiscal year, 161 Bremer County residents were served under the contract. McKenzie also shared numbers associated with water tests, well plugging and septic permits issued during the year.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, reported on budget and finances and distributed reports from June 2019 and July 2019 revenue and expenses. Sharp also reported on the expected expenses with Wellsky and how the new electronic health record system would fit into the budget. Motion by Miller, second by Bochmann to approve the budget and finances as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sharp gave a brief update on home health, reporting on current staffing within the department, stating that the home health census had been down, that the department would be training in Wellsky and transitioning out of Carefacts starting December 1, 2019.

Sharp also gave a brief update on public health contracts. Sharp shared on the closed point of dispensing exercises with Community Memorial Hospital, Denver Sunset Home and Bartels. The Diabetes Prevention Program which Sharp coaches, continues to go well with participants achieving a minimum of 150 minutes of activity per week as well as 1.44-12% weight loss. The Bremer County Community Foundation also granted the Health Department \$2,000 for the Diabetes Prevention Program. The foot clinic program saw 72 patients during the months of June and August and is currently in need of volunteers. Sharp also shared on a discussion with Black Hawk County Health Department in establishing a once per month HIV/STD/Hepatitis service clinic out of the Bremer County Health Department office.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Local Public Health Services Performance Measure Report.

Motion by Miller, second by Sexton to authorize Dr. Bochmann to sign the 2019/2020 Adult and Child Immunization Standing Orders. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on November 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Bremer County Health Department location.

Motion by Sexton, second by Bochmann to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lindley Sharp, Acting Secretary