

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 July 13, 2022.

Present were members: Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Dr. Matt Sexton, and Sally Yungtum. Amanda Kirchhoff, Ange Miller, Bethann Thompson, Hailey Finn, Lindley Sharp, Lindsey Lambert, and Traci Smith were also in attendance.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Gesme, to approve the July 13, 2022 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022, regular meeting, pending the grammar correction in paragraph nine. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton, to appoint Bethann Thompson as Bremer County Board of Health Secretary. Motioned carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Hailey Finn, Black Hawk County Public Health, presented the Fiscal Year 2022 I-Smile update. Finn stated that 63 children received I-Smile services within Bremer County in FY22 compared to 21 children receiving services in FY21. Additionally, Finn informed the Bremer County Board of Health members that Margaretta Carey Elementary School was chosen for the third-grade dental surveys for the 21-22 school year. The I-Smile program received 23/40 of the consent forms back to complete the oral screens. Finn stated that from the 23 students screened, only 2 were noted at high risk for possible decay. Finn was asked what the next steps are for the 2 children determined high risk. In response, Finn shared that the program will work with the families of the children to ensure that they are referred to a dental office or facility and that the children receive the appropriate care.

Traci Smith, Black Hawk County Public Health, presented the Fiscal Year 2022 1st Five update. Smith stated that Black Hawk County Public Health 1st Five surpassed its performance measure goal for FY22. Smith shared that 91% of incoming referrals received for children 9 months to 31 months 15 days were based off a developmental screen performed by a primary care provider in service delivery area for FY22. This is a 5% increase from FY21. Additionally, Smith reported that there was an increase in patients served from 11 in FY21 to 17 in FY22. When asked where Smith observes the majority of referrals for the program, Smith stated that Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner, the Janesville Clinic, and the Waverly Health Center are most recognized.

Lindsey Lambert, Bremer County Building, Zoning, and Sanitation, presented an update on Major Subdivision – Arrowhead Ridge 3 – Final Plat and assured the Bremer County Board of Health that all safety and health requirements relating to the development of the project are being met. Motion by Bochmann, second by Sexton, to approve the Major Subdivision – Arrowhead Ridge 3 – Final Plat, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Amanda Kirchhoff, Operation Threshold, presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Women, Infant, Children (WIC) update. Kirchhoff stated that due to COVID 19, Operation Threshold was limited on its efforts, but will continue to distribute program materials to childcare centers, obstetric offices, pediatric offices, local hospitals, churches, and community partners. Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, inquired if Kirchhoff had partnered with United Way or other community organizations to reach more members of Bremer County. Kirchhoff responded that they had not in the past but that she would reach out to the Bremer County Health Department to distribute handouts and materials

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at a later date and going forward. Yungtum asked if Kirchhoff had noticed an increase in lactation in response to the formula shortage. Kirchhoff responded that she had seen an increase.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, presented a department update for the dates covering April 21, 2022, through June 30, 2022. Sharp introduced Ange Miller as the new Bremer County Health Department Deputy Administrator, who started with the department on June 20, 2022, and Bethann Thompson as the new Bremer County Health Department Public Health Assistant, who started with the department on May 2, 2022. Sharp shared that much of May and June were spent on new employee training. Sharp also stated that the department is still looking to add a Part-Time or Occasional Public Health Nurse. Sharp shared that the Bremer County Health Department has continued to see success with their Diabetes Prevention program, served 64 persons at various Foot Clinic during the month of June, and served 7 persons through their Loan Closet Program. Sharp informed the Bremer County Board of Health that the department is focused on working with Waverly-Shell Rock United Way, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations in Bremer County to better connect persons with needed resources. In addition to this, the Bremer County Health Department plans to focus on investigating, diagnosing, and addressing health hazards affecting the population and assessing and monitoring population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.

Sharp presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on September 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM location TBD.

Motion by Gesme, second by Sexton, to adjourn the July 13, 2022, regular meeting at 7:54 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethann Thompson, Acting Secretary