

**Bremer County Board of Health**  
**415 East Bremer Avenue**  
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The Bremer County Board of Health regular meeting was called to order by Chair Sally Yungtum at 6:26 PM on November 2, 2022.

Present were members: Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Dr. Joe Sampson, and Sally Yungtum. Adam Hoffman, Bethann Thompson, Erin Barkema, Jan Heidemann, Kathy Folkerts, Lindley Sharp, Lindsey Lambert, and a representative from Navigator Heartland Greenway were also in attendance.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Gesme, to approve the November 2, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2022, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A new Board of Health member, Dr. Joe Sampson, exchanged introductions with all other Board of Health members and was warmly welcomed to the group. Sampson is the owner of Readlyn Veterinary Associates and is excited and eager to offer his knowledge and perspective to the Bremer County Board of Health.

No public comment was received.

Lindsey Lambert, Bremer County Building, Zoning, and Sanitation, presented an update on the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Ordinance. Lambert stated that the Bremer County Building, Zoning, and Sanitation Department has prepared a first draft of the pipeline ordinance. The ordinance focuses on science-based setbacks to ensure accuracy and reliability. A challenge that Lambert and her department have faced during the process of drafting the ordinance is a major lack of research regarding carbon pipelines and the impact they have on the public and the environment. Lambert informed the Board of Health members that there will be a workshop at the courthouse on November 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM to work on the finalization of the ordinance. After the draft is finalized, Lambert will forward copies via email to the Bremer County Board of Health members. On December 6, 2022, the first public hearing for the ordinance will be held at the Waverly Civic Facility at 7:00 PM. During this public hearing, Lambert requested for Board of Health members submit letters of support in relation to the ordinance either individually, or as a group. Lambert also informed the board that the Iowa Utilities Board has not responded to the submitted letter of objection. Lambert made the Board of Health members aware that the ordinance will not include anything regarding the route of the pipeline or the size of the pipe used; the ordinance focuses on the distance the pipeline must be from houses, schools, buildings, and other facilities and landmarks. Hildebrandt added that the county would be responsible for hiring an engineer inspector if the carbon pipeline project is approved. This inspector would be the one responsible for ensuring that farmers' tile lines are not damaged during the construction process. Lambert stated that the inspector position would potentially be a three-month full-time position and the selected individual would work closely with both Lambert and Landon Moore, Engineering Department.

Lambert requested approval from the Bremer County Board of Health to sponsor a private well workshop through Map Inc. in the spring of 2023. Lambert stated that the workshop would be for our county and surrounding county sanitarians. Lambert assured the board that the workshop would not cost Bremer County anything to host, and also would not cost any individuals interested in participating anything either. The event would be covered by grant funding and would be put on by Midwest Assistance Program. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to approve the Bremer County

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sponsorship of a private well workshop through Map Inc. in the spring of 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, and Jan Heidemann, Bremer County Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Coordinator, presented an update on the Iowa Opioid Litigation Funding. Sharp stated that in August 2022, the Board of Supervisors received their initial opioid litigation payment and then tasked Sharp and Heidemann with how to spend the funds. Sharp also stated that there is not a lot of research that has been done in Bremer County on opioid use. Sharp and Heidemann have worked with Wartburg College to conduct qualitative research utilizing focus groups. Wartburg College is working on finalizing the report and will then send it back out to the focus groups for additional feedback. After sharing it with the focus groups, it will be sent to governing bodies along with recommendations on how to spend the funds. Sharp also stated that the funding does not include other substance abuse such as marijuana, heroin, or methamphetamines. Sharp and Heidemann will also be meeting with Pathways. A suggestion for the funding to be spent on Narcan training has also been made.

Sharp presented the Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances for July through October 2022. One notable expense that the health department had was the purchase of a new fridge, freezer, and ultra-cold freezer. Also, Sharp stated that her department plans to regroup with the women's shelter in Waverly to discuss ways to provide financial assistance using the COVID-19 Response Funding. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to accept the July through October budget and finances as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department, presented a department update for the dates covering September 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022. Sharp shared the different essential public health services and activities that the Bremer County Health Department focused on during September and October. Sharp discussed the continued success of the Bremer County Health Department Diabetes Prevention Program. Sharp and Ange Miller, Deputy Administrator, coached 9 sessions of the Diabetes Prevention Program for a cohort of 5 prediabetic individuals. The cohort for these 5 individuals started in July 2022 and will end in June 2023. Sharp also coached two sessions of the DPP for a cohort of 8 prediabetic individuals. The cohort for these 8 individuals started in January 2022 and will end in December 2022. In addition, the Bremer County Health Department also served 66 persons at various foot clinics during September and October 2022 and served four persons through their Loan Closet Program. The BCHD Deputy Administrator administered 38 COVID-19 vaccines and 106 flu vaccines to a total of 113 people. Sharp informed the Board of Health members that the department has still been unsuccessful in filling the part-time Public Health Nurse position. Sharp stated that they had received an application from an individual with their LPN. Sharp asked if she should proceed with the interview and if the board would be open to changing the job description to allow for LPNs to apply. The board stated that Sharp would need to work with Barb Meeker, Human Resources, to discuss changing the job description and job opening post.

Sharp presented an update on the American Rescue Plan Funding New Building. Hildebrandt stated that the land has been purchased and that the Board of Supervisors is just waiting for the official documents. The Board of Supervisors is hoping for an early spring construction start date. Sharp shared that they are unsure of the desired layout of the building currently. Hildebrandt also stated that if an engineer assists with the construction and planning that no architect will need to be hired.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on January 4, 2023, at 6:30 PM location TBD.

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Motion by Gesme, second by Sampson, to adjourn the November 2, 2022, regular meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethann Thompson, Acting Secretary