

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 6:26 PM on January 4, 2023.

Present were members: Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Dr. Joe Sampson, and Sally Yungtum. Allison Martin, Ange Miller, Bethann Thompson, and Lindley Sharp were also in attendance.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sampson, to approve the amended January 4, 2023 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gesme, second by Bochmann, to re-elect Sally Yungtum as Board of Health Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Yungtum, to elect Dr. Courtney Bochmann as Board of Health Contingent Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Allison Martin, Waverly Health Center, presented an update on the Bremer County Tobacco Prevention Grant. Martin shared the fiscal year 2023 goal focus areas, including eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke, promoting quitting among young people and adults, and coalition development. Martin also informed the Board of Health members that some of the latest projects included making initial and follow-up contacts with property owners and local insurance companies to determine current smoke-free policies and provide education on the Smoke-Free Homes Program and Registry. Additionally, Martin stated that they have recently worked with Bremer County schools, healthcare clinics, and other community partners to actively achieve their goals and objectives with this grant. Yungtum also gave Martin a contact in Sumner to potentially set up a booth at a women's event in February 2023.

Lindley Sharp, Bremer County Health Department (BCHD), presented a department update for the dates covering November 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Sharp shared the different essential public health services and activities that the Bremer County Health Department focused on during November and December. Sharp discussed the continued success of the Bremer County Health Department Diabetes Prevention Program. Sharp coached 4 sessions of the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) 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 2 sessions of the DPP for a cohort of 8 prediabetic individuals. The cohort for these 8 individuals started in January 2022 and ended in December 2022. Combined, this cohort lost over 220 pounds. In addition, the Bremer County Health Department also served 65 persons at various foot clinics during November and December 2022 and served 2 persons through their Loan Closet Program. The BCHD Deputy Administrator administered 2 COVID-19 vaccines and 6 flu vaccines to a total of 6 people. Sharp also stated that there is no need for further assistance from the Board of Health relating to the carbon pipeline ordinance. Hildebrandt stated that the attorneys have reviewed the ordinance and they are prepared to proceed with next steps. Bochmann asked if there was ever an update with the Iowa Utilities Board ruling regarding the carbon pipeline and Hildebrandt stated that they had not announced any decision at this time. Hildebrandt also informed

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the Board of Health members and BCHD staff that there will be a carbon pipeline training in Independence on January 24, 2023.

Sharp presented the Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances for July through December 2022. Motion by Bochmann, second by Sampson, to accept the July through December 2022 budget and finances as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Bremer County Health Department Budget. Motion by Bochmann, second by Gesme, to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Bremer County Health Department Budget with the amendment of a 5% pay increase for the Administrator and Deputy Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

Hildebrandt moved, Sampson second, to approve payroll step increase changes effective January 1, 2023, for Bethann Thompson, Public Health Assistant, from \$19.67 per hour to \$20.36 per hour, and Angela Miller, Deputy Administrator, from \$60,000 per year to \$62,000 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented an update on the American Rescue Plan Funding New Building. Sharp stated that they have begun to draft the floor plan for the new building. Sharp also shared that one point of discussion was the potential for a semi-truck bay and possible onsite storage for trailers and other emergency preparedness items. Right now, the plan is for the building to have a large conference room, a smaller meeting room, 2 clinical or patient rooms, and up to 6 offices.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on March 1, 2023, at 6:30 PM location TBD.

Motion by Gesme, second by Hildebrandt, to adjourn the January 4, 2023, regular meeting at 7:34 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethann Thompson, Acting Secretary