

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 6:35 PM on May 3, 2023.

Present were members: Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Dr. Joe Sampson, and Sally Yungtum.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to approve the May 3, 2023 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bochmann, second by Sampson, to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2023, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Jared Parmater and Alexandria Writz from Black Hawk County Public Health gave July 1, 2022, through April 24, 2023, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) update. Parmater and Writz shared that one of the goals for the program in the fiscal year was to increase the number of educational events held in Bremer County. Events attended to work towards this goal were attending Christmas on Main in Waverly, a Community Baby Shower held at the Waverly Public Library and provider outreach at Rohlf Memorial Clinic with pediatric providers. Parmater also shared that as of April 24, 2023, 412 were conducted in Bremer County, which is 13% of all tests in the service area of Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, and Grundy counties. Bremer County board members asked Parmater and Writz what remediation is done in homes where children are testing high for lead. Parmater stated that if the child lives in a rental property, the landlord will be contacted and Writz stated that education on hand and mouth behaviors is discussed with parent/guardians as well as educating on increasing cleaning with wet rags and mops to control the dust where lead painted areas rub together and dust or paint chips are visible. Yungtum then signed the Fiscal Year 2024 CLPPP designation form before Parmater and Writz exited.

Lindley Sharp gave a department update for the period covering March 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023. Sharp shared about the essential public health services activities the department completed including education and training opportunities, investigating communicable and infectious disease cases, communication activities via Facebook, coalition meetings attended, and emergency preparedness exercises and emergency plan work completed. Sharp also shared the type of phone calls received from the public and the services the department connected the individuals to and the number of non-population health services provided.

Sharp presented the Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances for July 2022 through April 2023. Motion by Gesme, second by Bochmann, to accept the July 2022 through April 2023 budget and finances as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented the Bremer County Fiscal Year 2024 Bremer County Health Department wage increases of 5% effective July 1, 2023, for Administrator Lindley Sharp (\$85,162/year) and Deputy Administrator Angela Miller (\$65,205/year). Yungtum asked Hildebrandt what other departments across the county were getting for annual pay increases, to which Hildebrandt responded that some department heads and elected officials were receiving more than a 5% increase and that other

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departments had budgeted for less. Discussion was held on whether wage increases would be as high next fiscal year, which was not likely. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on July 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Bremer County Health Department office located at 403 3rd St. SE, Waverly, IA 50677.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Bochmann, to adjourn the May 3, 2023, regular meeting at 7:42 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindley Sharp

Lindley Sharp, Secretary