

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 6:28 PM on November 8, 2023. The meeting was held at the Bremer County Health Department located at 403 3rd Street SE. in Waverly.

Present members were Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Joe Sampson, and Sally Yungtum. Dr. Courtney Bochmann entered the meeting after 7:30 PM.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sampson, to approve the November 8, 2023, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sampson, second by Gesme, to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Lindsey Koehler, Bremer County Building and Zoning, provided the board with a Grants to Counties quarter one of fiscal year 2024 update. Koehler showed a new report summary created by Iowa Health and Human Services that will be utilized for the contract. Koehler covered details of the report including the number of wells plugged, reconstructed, and tested for nitrates, coliform, and E-Coli, well shocking performed, well permits and septic permits issued, time of transfer inspections, septic compliance issues, and then shared what the claims/expenditures were for the quarter.

Lindley Sharp gave a Bremer County Health Department update for the period covering July 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023. Sharp shared that there was no update from the Health Management Associates assessment on the health and human service delivery throughout the entire state of Iowa. Sharp also shared about the number of communicable disease investigations and school immunization audits conducted for the period, that the Deputy Administrator had completed four different flu clinics, and that ongoing meetings were happening with Martin-Gardner Architecture for the new Public Health/Emergency Management Association building.

Sharp presented the Bremer County Health Department budget and finances for July 2023 through October 2023. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Gesme, to accept the budget and finances as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp then showed the board the Service Area 6 Public Health Emergency Preparedness initiative to distribute Stop the Bleed kits and training utilizing regional funding for any school wishing to participate in the project within the 14-county region, including Bremer County. The project included gaining a signature from each county's "Clinical Advisor" to distribute these kits according to the regional plan. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sampson to authorize Dr. Bochmann to sign the "Service Area 6 Stop the Bleed Kit Distribution Clinical Advisor Review" form. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp shared about an amendment to the Public Health 6-Year Emergency Response contract for the Bridge Access Program. The amendment is to increase immunization rates for COVID-19 and flu vaccines for eligible populations. One of the approved work areas in the contract amendment is to enroll in the Bridge Access Program launched by the Centers for Disease

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Control and Prevention to help ensure uninsured and underinsured adults continue to have access to no-cost COVID-19 vaccinations. Sharp presented the application for the Bridge Access Program and shared that it would be similar to the Vaccines for Children program. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Sampson to enroll in the Bridge Access Program contingent on Dr. Bochmann's professional insight and willingness to serve as the medical equivalent on the application. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented the 2023-2028 Bremer County Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan reports to the board of health. These reports are available on the Bremer County website and will be submitted to Iowa Health and Human Services to meet the fiscal year 2024 local public health service contract requirements. Motion by Gesme, second by Bochmann to accept the 2023-2028 Bremer County Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Yungtum went back to agenda item numbers nine and ten (Stop the Bleed and Bridge Access Program Enrollment). Sharp provided a brief overview of the agenda items to Bochmann as they would require Dr. Bochman's signature and knowledge of the processes for both projects. Bochmann signed the Stop the Bleed Clinical Advisor form and agreed with the rest of the board to participate in the Bridge Access Program.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on January 3, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Bremer County Health Department office located at 403 3rd St. SE, Waverly, IA 50677.

Motion by Sampson, second by Hildebrandt, to adjourn the November 8, 2023, regular meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindley Sharp

Lindley Sharp, Secretary