

Bremer County Board of Health
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The Bremer County Board of Health regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dr. Courtney Bochmann at 6:28 PM on September 13, 2023.

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

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Gesme, to approve the September 13, 2023 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gesme, second by Dr. Sampson, to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2023, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Lindsey Lambert, Bremer County Building and Zoning, provided the Bremer County Board of Health with an update regarding Grants to Counties for quarters three and four of fiscal year 2023. Lambert shared that the number of Bremer County citizens served in quarters three and four was 146. Of the private wells tested during quarters three and four, two wells had elevated levels of nitrates, 11 had elevated levels of bacteria, one had elevated levels of eColi, and five had elevated levels of arsenic. Lambert also reported that Iowa State University Extension had mailed out postcards on the birthdates of residents, inviting them to set up water testing. Lambert exited after the update.

Traci Smith and Brenda Rieken from Black Hawk County Public Health gave July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, 1st Five and I-Smile program updates. Smith reported that 17 referrals came from Bremer County practices in the fiscal year 2023 and that 67% of practices in Bremer County utilized 1st Five services in their clinics during the fiscal year. Smith shared the strategies used to achieve the high practice 1st Five utilization rate such as target trainings with providers to impact referral and screening benchmarks. In addition, the 1st Five staff also promoted the 1st Five program with community partners in Bremer County and at various health fairs and coalition meetings. Rieken shared that the I-Smile program served 33 children in Bremer County during the fiscal year and the schools served were Tripoli Pre-K and Kindergarten and Waverly Head Start. For fiscal year 2024, Rieken shared that Durant Elementary in Sumner would be a possible i-Smile qualifying school. Rieken also highlighted the Cavity Free Iowa initiative, the program's partnership with Allen College and Hawkeye Community College. Rieken also summarized the implementation, science, and practice of providing silver diamine fluoride to high-risk children, if indicated. Smith and Rieken exited after their updates.

Lindley Sharp presented the Bremer County Health Department Budget and Finances for July 2023 through August 2023. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Dr. Sampson, to accept the July 2023 through August 2023 budget and finances as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp gave a department update for the period covering July 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023. Sharp reminded the board of the Alignment of Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) and that Iowa HHS had hired Health Management Associates (HMA) to assess health and human service delivery throughout the entire state of Iowa. Sharp stated the HMA's assessment would be

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completed at the end of October 2023 and would include recommendations and rationales for at least two proposed options for service delivery maps and at least two proposed funding models for the local HHS system in Iowa. Sharp also shared the communicable disease investigations conducted for the period, stated that two meetings had taken place with Martin-Gardner Architecture for the new Public Health/Emergency Management Association building, and shared the work being completed for the opioid litigation settlement money that Bremer County has been receiving.

Sharp presented a department annual report covering the dates of July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. The report highlighted different chronic diseases, communicable diseases, immunization, food insecurity, and foot clinic services provided and showed the expenditures and revenues of the department during the fiscal year. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Gesme, to approve the 2023 annual report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp shared the children and adult immunization standing order for immunizations for the Bremer County Health Department for the period September 2023 through September 2024. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Dr. Sampson, to authorize Dr. Bochmann to sign the 2023-2024 children and adult immunization standing orders. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on November 8, 2023, at 6:30 PM at the Bremer County Health Department office located at 403 3rd St. SE, Waverly, IA 50677.

Motion by Gesme, second by Dr. Sampson, to adjourn the September 13, 2023, regular meeting at 7:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindley Sharp

Lindley Sharp, Secretary