

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 Secretary Lindley Sharp at 6:28 PM on July 10, 2024. The meeting was held at the Bremer County Health Department located at 403 3rd Street SE. in Waverly.

Sharp called for the election of a temporary chairperson for the July 10, 2024, meeting due to the absence of the Board of Health chair and vice chair. Motion by Dr. Joe Sampson and second by Mandy Gesme to elect Dewey Hildebrandt as the temporary chairperson for the July 10, 2024 meeting. The motion carried.

The present board of health members were Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, and Dr. Joe Sampson. Dr. Courtney Bochmann and Sally Yungtum were absent. Also, in attendance were Lindley Sharp, Katie Strub, Amanda Kirchhoff, Lindsey Koehler, and Lindsay Wolff.

Motion by Gesme, second by Dr. Sampson, to approve the July 10, 2024, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gesme, second by Dr. Sampson, to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2024, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Katie Strub with UnityPoint Health presented an annual update for Allen's Child Protection Center. Strub stated that due to website changes with Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS), she did not have a Family Planning and Maternal Health update. In 2023, 745 patients were served in a 27-county region for the child protection center.

Amanda Kirchhoff with Operation Threshold presented an annual update for the Women, Infants, Children (WIC) program. Kirchhoff shared that in 2023 a total of 526 unduplicated Bremer County women, infants, and children were served by the program. Additionally, as of June 24, 2024, a total of 479 unduplicated women, infants, and children have been served in Bremer County. Strub and Kirchhoff exited.

Lindsey Koehler, Bremer County Building, Zoning, and Sanitation, presented a final plat for SLG, LLC's Arrowhead Ridge Subdivision-Plat 4. Koehler shared that the final plat was for 15 lots with rural water and private septics. Motion by Dr. Sampson, second by Gesme to approve the final plat for Arrowhead Ridge Subdivision-Plat 4. The motion carried unanimously. Koehler exited.

Lindsay Wolff with Pathways gave an annual update for the Substance Abuse Prevention contract. Wolff shared the outcomes of the Too Good for Drugs and Generation Rx evidence-based programs. Wolff exited.

Lindley Sharp presented the Bremer County Health Department budget and finances report for July 2023 through June 2024. Motion by Dr. Sampson, second Gesme, to accept the budget and finances report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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Sharp gave a department update for the period covering May 2024 through June 2024. This update primarily covered the fiscal year 2025 (FY25) contract updates including:

- FY25 Local Public Health Services Contract
 - The contract was signed by board authorized signatory on July 3, 2024, for a contract amount of \$57,850 with performance measures (and financial disincentive if not completed) of the completion of the local public health system survey and Administrator/Director collaborative meeting in Des Moines.
 - Areas of required work include leadership in governance, health promotion, and strengthening local public health infrastructure.
- FY25 Immunization Services Contract
 - The contract was signed by board authorized signatory on June 27, 2024, for a contract amount of \$10,500. The performance measure is that 100% of school immunization audits in Bremer County are completed and submitted to the Iowa Immunization Registry Information System by May 31, 2025. Additionally, a Bremer County Point of Dispensing worksheet must be submitted to Iowa HHS by June 30, 2025.
- FY24 Public Health 6-Year Emergency Response Contract
 - Sharp shared that contract amendment #2 for the Bridge Access Program would be ending in August 2024, but that the funding for this amendment would continue to be available until December 31, 2024. Sharp stated that this was due to the congressional recessions at the federal level. Iowa will be implementing a Vaccine for Adults program intended for local public health agencies (to start). More details on the Vaccine for Adults program will come on September 5, 2024.
- FY25 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Contract
 - Sharp shared that she had filled out and submitted the FY25 Partner Acknowledgement & Intent to Comply (Renewal) for the Service Area 6 Emergency Preparedness Coalition.
 - The Bremer County Health Department will receive a minimum of \$18,115.01. Each county in the coalition is expected to submit a 14% match, plus \$500.72 for FY25.

Sharp ended the update with task force work that she had done on behalf of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors regarding the national opioid settlement funding.

In regards to the Bremer County Opioid Task Force work that Sharp had been undertaking, Sharp shared that a current opportunity to provide opioid antagonists, naloxone (i.e. Narcan, Kloxxado), exists for free and asked for board approval to become a State Opioid Antagonist Secondary Distributor. Motion by Dr. Sampson, second by Gesme to approve the request and submit an application to Iowa HHS for the Secondary Distributor program. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on September 4, 2024, 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 July 10, 2024, regular meeting at 7:33 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lindley Sharp, Secretary