

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 September 4, 2024. The meeting was held at the Bremer County Health Department located at 403 3rd Street SE. in Waverly.

The present board of health members were Dr. Courtney Bochmann, Amanda Gesme, Dewey Hildebrandt, Dr. Joe Sampson, and Sally Yungtum. Also, in attendance were Brenda Rieken, Traci Smith, and Lindley Sharp.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Dr. Bochmann, to approve an amended September 4, 2024, agenda with the addition of an agenda item to discuss the retirement and exit strategy of the Bremer County Health Department Deputy Administrator. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gesme, second by Dr. Sampson, to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was received.

Traci Smith and Brenda Rieken from Black Hawk County Public Health gave July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, 1st Five and I-Smile program updates. Smith reported that 14 referrals came from Bremer County practices in the fiscal year 2024 and that 43% 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, promoting the 1st Five program with community partners in Bremer County, and attending various health fairs and coalition meetings. Rieken shared that the I-Smile program served 84 children in Bremer County in fiscal year 2024, which was up from 2023. The I-Smile program served Waverly Head Start and Tripoli Elementary School also qualified this fiscal year. Rieken shared that the I-Smile program worked to promote Cavity Free Iowa, provided outreach and visits to all pediatric/family practices, and dental offices in Bremer County Smith and Rieken exited.

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

Sharp gave a department update for the period covering July 2024 through August 2024. This update primarily covered the fiscal year 2025 (FY25) contract and other department updates including upcoming amendments to the 6-Year Emergency Response Contract, Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) System Alignment progress for the behavioral health services system, and Iowa HHS public health Summer Tour invitation for September 5, 2024. Sharp also shared department activities in the areas of assessment, policy development, and assurance.

Sharp shared the children and adult immunization standing order for immunizations for the Bremer County Health Department for the period September 2024 through September 2025. Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Dr. Sampson, to authorize Dr. Bochmann to sign the 2024-2025 children and adult immunization standing orders. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp presented a draft Naloxone Secondary Distribution Policy & Procedure for the Bremer County Health Department. The board reviewed the policy and discussed and then recommended

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removing the requirement that individuals needed to be 18 & older to receive the free naloxone. Motion by Gesme, second by Dr. Bochmann to approve Naloxone Secondary Distribution Policy & Procedure with the removal of being 18 years of age and older requirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharp shared that she had received a four-week retirement notice from the Deputy Administrator today. Sharp stated that with upcoming scheduled flu vaccination clinics and required school immunization audits that would need to be completed by the end of October 2024, all required activities (flu and audits) would not be completed in four weeks with having to do foot clinics as well. Sharp also asked for the board's input on re-hiring for the position. The board recommended halting the foot clinic program to finish all Iowa Code required tasks, and send out notifications to foot clinic patients that foot clinics would resume upon hiring a new nurse. Dr. Bochmann recommended re-hiring a public health nurse, accepting applications for both part-time and full-time, and the other board members agreed.

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on November 6, 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 September 4, 2024, regular meeting at 8:27 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindley Sharp

Lindley Sharp, Secretary