

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES TAMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOME CARE

Tuesday May 28, 2024 – 12:00 P.M.
Meeting held at Tama County Annex Building and via Zoom

Members Present:	Sally Custer	Micki Ferris – via Zoom	Shannon Zoffka
	Lori Johnson	Jolynn Harger	Dr. Hineman – via Zoom
	Casey Schmidt – via Zoom	Sherry Parks – via Zoom	

Others Present: Jhenna Barnes – via Zoom Berleen Wobeter

Members Absent: Chris Behrens Curt Hilmer

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Parks, Chairman at 12:00 p.m.

Micki Ferris moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sally Custer moved to accept the Minutes of the April 29, 2024 meeting as presented. Casey Schmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Pathways Behavioral Services:

Jhenna Barnes was present to report about Pathways Behavioral Services. She talked about three of the objectives that they had for this year. One objective was to form Tobacco Prevention Chapters in schools, another one was ways to increase the number of users calling Quitline Iowa, and another was to attend SKIP Coalition meetings. If anyone had questions they could contact her.

Environmental Report:

Chris was not present at today's meeting, but his report was included in the packet. Shannon reported that Chris will be gone on vacation July 8-12 and July 17-19.

Director's Report - 10 Essential Public Health Services Framework – Shannon Zoffka

1. *Assess and Monitor population health status, factors that influence health and community needs and assets*
 - Food Pantry: 170 Households served, 506 Individuals, 16 New Households for April
 - Shared tool kits for measles posts with school nurses
2. *Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population*
 - Communicable Disease Investigations Started in April: 0
 - Active & Latent TB Cases: 4 current latent cases (3 old, 1 new)
 - Animal Bites: February – 2 Dog Bites Followed in April
 - Immunizations Given: 1 in April
3. *Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it*
 - Social Media Strategy: National Public Health Week, Preparedness posts covering weather events like flooding, tornado watch vs warning, car seat safety, medical devices in power outages, Child Abuse Prevention Month, sleep hygiene and STI information
 - Posts: 32
 - Coffee Talks: 4 held with 22 attendees

4. *Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health*
 - Maternal Health: Shannon attended the Iowa Maternal Quality Care Collaboration Stakeholder Advisory Meeting ; topics covered postpartum Medicaid coverage expansion, severe hypertension in pregnancy, Maternal Mortality rates and preconception subcommittee updates.
 - Nest: 17 attendees, topic covered autism awareness and developmental milestones
 - SKIP: April 25th meeting, Movie night in Toledo 86 people attended.
 - NEI3A/COA: No new news
 - Health Fairs: June at Iowa Premium

5. *Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health*
 - Medical Reserve Corp volunteers contacted to see who wishes to remain active on the volunteer list, prep for TAA. Development workshop webinar attended.

6. *Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health*
 - Home Health: 44% of referrals were admitted in April
 - PHEP: Communication plans, Public Information and warnings, information sharing and informing medically dependent of power outage action plans encouraged.

7. *Assure and effective system that enables access to the individual services and care need to be health*
 - Foot Clinics continue monthly
 - Blood Pressure Checks provided at the Senior Center

8. *Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce*
 - Administrative Professionals Day recognized Lori, Missy and Jolynn
 - Shannon attend the Region 1 quarterly meeting in Nevada
 - Job posting for office assistant/CNA shared
 - Cell phone reimbursement was discussed at the Director's meeting, it was determined that \$25/month is the maximum reimbursement allowed for employees, there were departments reimbursing up to \$60 a month. Our reimbursement has always been set at \$25.

9. *Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research and continuous quality improvement.*
 - QAPI: no new news
 - Nick Kalas Field Epi conducted a site visit, conversation centered around how our agency conducts disease investigations for individuals living on the Meskwaki Settlement and how we can document those investigations in the State system.
 - Matrix Care provides monthly "touch base" meetings with Jolynn , Lori and Shannon to provide information and answer questions on our HER

10. *Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.*
 - Update on zoning and weed commissioner position in the County from a year ago; the position that we had been asked to have combined with EHO and share with Marshall County (which was not supported by BOH) was combined with Marshall County for EHO in Marshall, zoning and weed for both counties was found to be too much for one full time individual and the agreement was dissolved by Marshall County and the employee will be continuing work with Marshall County. Tama County currently has a posting for a part time zoning and weed position.

Waiver: April: Three patients were served under the Frail and Elderly Waiver. There were 0 Maternal Health Home visits in April.

Financial Report:

Admissions decreased for the month of April. Skilled Nurse visits increased for April. Health Aide visits and hours increased for the month of April. Our revenue decreased for the month of April.

Our Budget Amendments requests in the amount of \$336,163 have been approved. They will show on the next budget report.

Our YTD Medicare admissions are 51, the yearly target is 40.

Micki Ferris moved to approve the Financial Report. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- A. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Individual Consumer Purchase of Service Application Form and Agreement FY 25 with Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Stericycle Agreement for Hazardous Waste Disposal Annual Billing Contract. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to sign Wellmark/Tri West Ancillary Agreement. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Casey Schmidt moved to Approve & Authorize BOH Chair and BOH Authorized Signatory to sign the Delegation of Signatory Authority Form. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: The April 2024 Board of Health Newsletter from Mid-Iowa Community Action was included in the Board member packets.

Public Comment: Sherry Parks was thankful for the helmets that were received from SKIP funds for GMG and STC students.

Future Meeting Dates: The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, July 24, 2024 at Noon. A hybrid option is still being offered as well as in-person meeting at the Public Health office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant

The full Zoom recording is available. It is available by request.