



Minutes for Guthrie County Board of Health

Guthrie County Health Services

June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting

Present

- A. Board Members: Jan Mueller, Peg Snyder, Mike Dickson
- B. Director: Jotham Arber
- C. Staff member: Jo Rasmussen
- D. Guest: Cindy Duhrkopf

Call to Order - Vice Chairman Jan Mueller opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Board Minutes

- Minutes were reviewed.
 - Motion by Dickson second by Mueller to approve minutes for May 1, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.
 - The April 30, 2024 minutes regarding the Animal Bite Ordinance were reviewed. Motion by Snyder second by Dickson to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report

- **Environmental Health**
 - Arber reviewed the financial report.
 - Arber noted that the Environmental Health staff will be doing water test for close to 200 wells that were damaged by the Greenfield tornado. We will submit the staff time to FEMA. The water test supplies will be submitted to the Grants to Counties.
- **Public Health**
 - Arber reviewed the financial report.
 - Arber is reviewing the therapy line item and the higher cost.

Department Activity Report

- Activities for Public Health/Environmental Health/Social Worker
 - Monthly reports of services provided were reviewed.
 - The exercise that was being planned by Kent Irwin has been put on hold because of the real-life event in Greenfield.
- Epidemiology Report
 - Arber gave an update on communicable disease activities.
 - There is a rise in pertussis cases.
- Update on Participation with Greenfield Tornado
 - Arber reported on the assistance being provided to the Adair Emergency Management Team.
 - Staff went down three different times to give tetanus shots to the local residents.
 - Staff went down to help with traffic control at the check-out point.
 - Staff is assisting Jeremy Cooper with the Emergency Operations Center.

Old Business

1. 28E Agreement for Audubon County Public Health and Home Health Management
 - Arber presented the 28E agreement for Audubon County Public Health and Home Health Management. Motion by Dickson seconded by Snyder to approve the 28 E agreement between Guthrie and Audubon. Motion carried.
2. New Copier Update
 - Arber noted that Access System will install the new copier as soon as their support team works with our IT Department.
3. Update on Social Worker position

- Arber noted that we are working with the Guthrie County Hospital for funding for the social worker. They are willing to pay up to half of the salary of a social worker. Arber is working with Heart of Iowa for more funding.
- Arber noted that he is talking with Heart of Iowa to assist with start-up cost for an office in Stuart for Mental Health services.

New Business

1. Agreement with Cass County Public Health
 - Arber shared a copy of the agreement with Cass County Public Health to provide services for its state grant clients. Motion by to accept the agreement by Snyder seconded by Dickson. Motion carried.

Policy Review

- County Wide Ordinance for Animal Bites – the ordinance has been turned over to the County Attorney for review and input.
 - Arber has talked with City of Grimes and City of Johnston to see what it would cost to have them do the animal control and enforcement.

Other

- Employee spotlight – none presented at this meeting
- Arber reported that Stacey Harris-Molina, HOPES worker, has turned in her resignation effect June 14, 2024.
- Doing a mock survey for Medicare since they are coming this year.
- Cindy Duhrkopf with partnership 4 families spoke. She said we have two great representatives from Guthrie County, Dr. Strehle and Rev Nunn. A funding decision was made in May, \$108,000 was received for HOPES for the next fiscal year.

Next Schedule meeting dates

- Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8:57 p.m.

Representative of Board of Health

Board Secretary