

# **BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday March 23rd, 2022**

**7:00am to 8:00am**

**Phone Conference ID: 907 996 29#**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 0702**

**Introductions:** Completed

**BOH Members Present:** Dr. Maggie Mangold, Wendy Michels, Pat Jorgenson, Mindy Fisher

**Staff:** Katie Cox, Barbara Greenlee, Marc Greenlee, Gary Bierschenk

**Guests:** Michele Canfield, Danielle Pershing

**Approve Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy, motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy, motion passed unanimously.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, special meeting minutes approved 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat, motion passed unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Guest speaker: Michele Canfield and Danielle Pershing information on Hawki and updates for First Five and HACAP.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Covid-19: County Updates, community transmission level in Benton County is Low. No LTC outbreaks currently.
2. Vaccine updates: Benton County Public Health along with Community Partners; LaGrange Pharmacy, Cornerstone Apothecary, Hy-Vee Pharmacy, and the Unity Point and VGH Hospital & Clinics have continued COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Public Health providing at home services and on-site vaccine clinics to ensure vaccine coverage within the county. 4th doses underway for Immunocompromised, 6 months to 4 years of age on hold. Vaccine walk-in clinics available, no waitlists.
3. Emergency Preparedness: Continue to meet for COVID19 as needed, Benton County Disaster Relief Coalition meeting quarterly Thursdays. 2020 Derecho complete. COVID-19 AAR planning stages. PHEP Grant funds underway, March 10<sup>th</sup> tornado kick off meeting, March 18<sup>th</sup> wind event tabletop exercise. ESF 8 review scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Communicable Diseases: Benton County Public Health doing school follow up, as able and continue on-call 24/7 for assistance. Amanda coordinated all Flu clinics and School audits this year, audits completed October 2021 results underway. Standing Flu order

Signed 9/23/21 per Dr. Mangold. Temp vaccine nurses for clinics x 3 hired with COVID19 funds Jan 2022, underway. TB investigations x 3.

5. Local Public Health Services Grant: September 2021, amount: 62,867.00. Subcontract signed per Dr. Mangold and by VGH Board and submitted September. COVID19 response funds –CHNA underway for 2022 Survey out to community. Meet with Becky April 7<sup>th</sup> for completion of LPHS funds to use 100% of funds on population Health beginning July 2022, in discussion home maker services to be continued through VGH/County funding.
6. Strategic Planning updates for Public Health.
  - July – Food safety
  - August – Immunizations
  - September – Vaccine Hesitancy campaign
  - October – Halloween safety, Flu vaccine campaign/clinics
  - December- Holiday Gatherings
  - Jan 2022 – Free COVID19 tests
  - February-American Heart Month
  - March- Outreach testing 3/28/22

## **HOME HEALTH**

1. PPE usage: Home Health providers use the CMS website weekly as it is risk adjusted, for county positivity each week. Benton County at 10%, low.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Department Updates:

1. Early part of year has seen a lot of land use and subdividing activity.
2. Update on an enforcement action that has been initiated on McNeil property north of Vinton for having an illegal septic system that recently transferred. Notice has been served on owner stipulating that new conforming system must be installed by no later than June 1, 2022. A citation will be issued for violation of the Ordinance if the work is not done. There was discussion that other problems exist on property.

**Public Comments: None**

**ADJOURNMENT @ 0758**

**1<sup>st</sup> Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy. (BOH Approval)**

**Next Meeting: Mat 18th, 2022. 0700-0800.**