

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday December 14th, 2022

7:00am to 8:00am

Phone Conference ID: 452 122 788#

CALL TO ORDER @ 0700

Introductions: Complete

BOH Members Present: Dr. Maggie Mangold, Wendy Michels, Braxton Morrison, Gary Bierschenk

Staff: Katie Cox, Barbara Greenlee, Marc Greenlee

Guests: None

Approve Minutes: 1st Braxton, 2nd Wendy, motion passed unanimously.

Approve Agenda: 1st Wendy, 2nd Pat, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Guest speaker: Cortney Earhart ASAC canceled, 12/16 emailed BOH newsletter update.
2. Benton County Suicide Rates; Braxton Morrison
3. Pat Jorgenson retirement December 22nd

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Population Health Services
 - a. Leadership and Governance
 - VGH CHNA completed, HIP underway.
 - Continued PH clinics for SHIIP, COVID19 vaccines, and quarterly Sexual Health Clinics partnered with LCPH. 80 flu shots given, approx. 300 Benton County residents served through SHIIP program.
 - Iowa Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report Week #48 RSV 1,205, Flu 200 hospitalizations 6 deaths. LTC outbreaks 4, Schools 10% illness 54.
 - 10% school illness follow up Vinton, Atkins, Norway, and Keystone
 - Communicable Diseases: 1 active LTBI. TB med dispense x 1
 - All Benton County School/Daycare audits completed.
 - b. Health Promotion
 - PH Website open. In progress Community resource page for community partners.
 - Presented: November 29, 2022, Kiwanis. BCPH provided updates on Flu, RSV and COVID-19. "Tripledeemic" 25 COVID-19 at home test kits distributed.
 - HACAP partnership – Feeding America program: 35 boxes of food given along with resources for food pantry, further assistance as needed.

- Emergency Preparedness: Benton County Disaster Relief Coalition meeting quarterly/as needed. Public Health COVID-19 AAR update outsource opportunity through PHEP. November staff attended AWR-331 Winter Weather Hazards: Science and Preparedness 2-day course, Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-356) 2-day course, and in December staff attended ICS 300 a 2-day course that provided training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System from a basic level up to an intermediate level. For continued PH education, preparedness through PHEP.
- c. Strengthen Local Public Health Infrastructure
 - Upcoming Health Fair April 1st, 2023: Working with mental health partners to provide information, resources, and support in relation to Suicide Prevention/ Metal Health, Substance Abuse and Preventive Health.
- d. COVID19
 - Benton County community transmission rate: High COVID19 55 last7 days, total 214.
 - Continued allocation of covid vaccine to area partners.
 - Covid vaccine clinics; at home services and on-site vaccine clinics to ensure vaccine coverage within the county. Benton County 58.6% fully vaccinated.

HOME HEALTH

1. Non population Health Services: Providing services to 9 clients in Benton County for Bath aide and Homemaker services. Services continued through VGH/County funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Department Updates:

1. The Department's FY24 budget will be reviewed at the January 18, 2023, meeting
2. There is a new development in the case involving property at 2354 55th Street Drive, and the sewage treatment ordinance violation that exists there. The owner has contacted an approved septic system contractor to install a system on his property. A preconstruction meeting was held on the property by the contractor and the Department, and it is favorable to install a conventional system. The Court has been notified of this development. It was noted that since it is late in the season for performing septic system installations, a request was made by this Department, within the Court report, that the Defendant have a new conforming system installed by no later than June 1, 2023.
3. The annual report of Department activities (2022) will be given at the January meeting.

Public Comments: None

ADJOURNMENT @ 0728

1st Braxton 2nd Wendy. (BOH Approval)

Next Meeting: January 18th, 2023. 0700-0800.