

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday March 14th, 2023

7:00am to 9:00am

Benton County Courthouse

CALL TO ORDER @ 0701

Introductions: Completed.

BOH Members Present: Dr. Maggie Mangold, Wendy Michels, Braxton Morrison, Lisa Staab, Kaitlyn Emrich

Staff: Katie Cox, Barbara Greenlee, Marc Greenlee, Matt Even

Guests: Becky Nowachek, Tai Burkhart

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update provided by Dr. Mangold from Benton County Board of Health and Benton County Board of Supervisors meeting 2/10/2023. Public Health Services contract with Virginia Gay Hospital termination notice was given 3/1/23 to end services 6/30/23.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New member: Kaitlyn Emrich, introductions completed.
2. Becky Nowachek; Benton County Public Health transition. Transition and considerations discussed moving forward into FY24. See attached.
3. Guest speaker: Tai Burkhart, Buchanan County Public Health Director. Presented on Buchannan County Public Health transition to County based department and discussed Buchannan County structure, activities, and budget. Summary attached.
4. Action item: Investigate feasibility of Subcontracting Public Health Services. Motion to approve. 1st Wendy, 2nd Braxton, motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Discussion amongst Board of Health members to form two subcommittees to investigate County based vs. subcontracted Public Health service options. Purposed; Subcontracted services subcommittee: Kaitlyn and Wendy. County based services subcommittee: Dr. Mangold and Braxton. Motion to approve. 1st Braxton, 2nd Lisa, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1. Population Health Services
 - a. Leadership and Governance
 - VGH CHNA completed, HIP underway. Will utilize CHNA FY22 for FY24 and ongoing HIP per Public Health.

- Continued education for PH staff: Public Health Conference in Ames March 28th and 29th. Reserved for Katie and Amanda to attend. Offered to BOH members to attend if able. Will transfer registration if available to attend.
- Continued PH clinics for SHIIP, COVID19 vaccines, and quarterly Sexual Health Clinics partnered with LCPH. Next clinic to be held at Rural Access Hub March 21st. LCPH partnering with VGH Atkins Clinic for free STI kits. Virginia Gay Hospital/Public Health will continue all services and offering Vaccine Clinics until June 30th, 2023.
- 80 flu shots given, approx. 300 Benton County residents served through SHIIP program. Planning two SHIIP informational sessions in Spring/Fall.
- Iowa Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report Week #9 (2/26/23-3/4/23) RSV 39 All Flu hospitalizations 9. No LTC outbreaks in Benton County, No Schools at 10% illness in Benton County.
- Communicable Diseases: Shigella case x 1.
- All Benton County School/Daycare audits completed and submitted. Subcontract option available for FY24 audits if needed per VGH.

2. Health Promotion

- PH Website update; Amanda working on updates, community page. Will transition over for FY24.
- HACAP partnership – Feeding America program. 50 food boxes given. Audit 2/7/23 no deficiencies.
- Resumed twice monthly Blood Pressure clinics at HACAP November 1st. continued.
- PHEP; Power disruption tabletop exercise next week in Fayette for SA6 partners.
- Upcoming Events: 3/29/23 Pink Stiletto event, Belle Plaine, 4/1/23 Health Fair, 4/29 SHIIP seminar, June: Party in the park and Benton County Fair.

3. Strengthen Local Public Health Infrastructure

- COVID19 AAR kick off meeting 1/27/23. Underway. John Carter interviewing community partners, to be completed by 6/30/23.
- SHL SARS-CoV-2 wastewater surveillance program. Wastewater surveillance data can be an early warning signal in a community as people infected with SARS-CoV-2 can shed virus in their feces, even if they do not have any symptoms. The ability to trend SARS-CoV-2 levels in wastewater provides valuable data that can support local public health departmental efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within a community. Vinton Contact: Craig Walker for wastewater samples – Results BCPH/Will arrange results to Lisa Staab interim as needed.
- COVID19: Benton County community transmission rate: Substantial. 58.6% Benton County residents fully vaccinated. Continued monthly Covid vaccine clinics; at home services and on-site vaccine clinics to ensure vaccine coverage within the county until June 30th, 2023. Donated supplies to His Hands clinic, Cedar Rapids in Jan.

4. Transition to County based department.
 - a. Supplies and equipment. Katie will complete list with purchase dates for April meeting.
 - b. Past budgets. Reviewed per Board. Katie will have current funding breakdown for LPHS, Multiyear response, PHEP grants for April meeting. Current funding ends June 30th, 2023, there will be no carry over funds for FY24.
 - c. LPHS grant FY 24. Katie/Dr. Mangold will work on completing with Becky Nowachek.

HOME HEALTH

1. Non population Health Services: Will transition ongoing care for current clients served.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

1. None

Public Comments: None

ADJOURNMENT @ 0856

1st Braxton 2nd Mindy. (BOH Approval)

Next Meeting: April 13th, 2023, at 1600 at Benton County Service Center.

1st Braxton 2nd Mindy. (BOH Approval)