

# BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday May 17th, 2023

4:00pm to 5:00pm

Benton County Service Center

Phone Conference ID: 360 666 056#

**CALL TO ORDER @ 1600**

**Introductions:** Completed.

**BOH Members Present:** Wendy Michels, Braxton Morrison, Lisa Staab, Kaitlyn Emrich

**Microsoft Teams:** Gary Bierschenk

**Microsoft Teams Guests:** Danielle Pershing, Diana Strahan

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

**Approve Minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kaitlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa motion passed unanimously with Amendment.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Updates provided by Braxton Morrison and Lisa Staab. Summary provided and discussion based on most recent Region 6 FY22 wage survey. Salary range for Public Health Administrator position \$75,000 to \$85,000.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Guest speaker: Danielle Pershing, 1<sup>st</sup> Five Site Coordinator and Diana Strahan Family and Community Health Alliance Director HACAP. Updates provided; Handout attached.
2. Draft and Approve PH Admin job posting and where to advertise.
  - a. Proposed edits to PH Admin Job description: 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Add Salary Range to job posting 1<sup>st</sup> Braxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlyn motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Advertising Per Hayley, IPHA, Ads placed using local resources and Colleges. 1<sup>st</sup> Braxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlyn motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Population Health Services
  - a. Leadership and Governance
    - VGH CHNA completed, HIP underway. Will utilize CHNA FY22 for FY24. Katie to submit CHNA FY22 and current HIP, ongoing HIP per Public Health.
    - Continued education for PH staff: End of PH Emergency, Responder Strong Mental Health Curriculum 4/21, Braxton attended ICISF World Congress in Baltimore. Updates provided.

- Benton County Suicide Prevention Coalition; Established 4/23 new coalition for Benton County. Meets monthly on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Van Horne Community Center in Van Horne.
- Continued PH clinics for SHIP, COVID19 vaccines, and quarterly Sexual Health Clinics partnered with LCPH. Virginia Gay Hospital/Public Health will continue all services and offering Vaccine Clinics until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Successful SHIP seminar held on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Resource Fair April 20<sup>th</sup> Education provided on Preventative Care and Health Maintenance. Reviewed available screenings and recommendations for ages 20s-90's and provided "Taking Steps for a Healthier you" checklist based on age to individual attendees. Blood pressure screenings were performed on attendees and exhibitors. Information and education provided on Emergency Preparedness and the BCDRC.
- Communicable Diseases: E. Coli follow up; Benton County Lead follow up.
- Joint meeting/training session requested with hand off per Scott Seltrecht Field Epidemiologist.
- VGH will continue to work with County to provide services or extend services as needed throughout county-based transition to ensure Public Health services are met.

## 2. Health Promotion

- PH Website update; Amanda working on updates, community page. Will transition over for FY24. Will coordinate access training.
- HACAP partnership – Feeding America program continued.
- Twice monthly Blood Pressure clinics at HACAP.
- PHEP; Working on Final COVID AAR to be completed in June. Upcoming General assembly next week, HSEEP Training: HSEEP provides a set of guiding principles for exercise and evaluation programs, as well as a common approach to exercise program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. June Hazmat tabletop hosted by Benton County EM.
- 5/23 Partnership with VGH/PH/Vinton Library to promote Mental Health Awareness. Advertising, display, and resources available to community.
- Upcoming Events: Pink 5k first Aid, Party in the park and Benton County Fair.

## 3. Strengthen Local Public Health Infrastructure

- SHL SARS-CoV-2 wastewater surveillance program. Underway
- Iowa Influenza Surveillance Network (IISN) weekly activity report for week ending May 6,2023 LOW for flu and COVID-19.
- End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency May 11, 2023.

## 4. Transition to County based department.

- a. Supplies and equipment. Storage/space needed.

- b. Breakdown of current funding:
  - LPHS: Remaining funds underway
  - Multiyear response: COVID funding extension Dec 31, 2023. With extension BOH to consider vaccine clinics as currently offering at VGH or other funding opportunities moving forward along with County allocations to community partners.
  - PHEP: Remaining funds underway
- c. LPHS grant FY 24. Katie completed.
- d. Public Health 6 – Year Emergency Response Grant signed per Dr. Mangold. Memorandum of Understanding - HACAP/BCBOH signed per Dr. Mangold.

### **HOME HEALTH**

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

- 1. Upcoming conversation for BOH to review Environmental Health and Land Use Administrator Job description and hiring process.

### **Public Comments: None**

ADJOURNMENT @ 1743

1<sup>st</sup> Braxton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy (BOH Approval)

**Next Meeting:** at Benton County Service Center TBD

1<sup>st</sup> Kaitlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa (BOH Approval)