Emmet County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday 06/05/2024, 12:00 P.M.
Emmet County Public Health Conference Room
508 S 1st Street Estherville, IA

Public Health
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Present: Kari Batman, ECPH Administrator; Mindy Griffith, Pam Caboth, Chair, Amber Henderson, Board member, Lela Kruse, Board member, Ben Huntley, EH Specialist; Guest: Treva Graves, Dickinson County Public Health

1. Call meeting to order: 12:04pm

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Amber Henderson; 2nd by Lela Kruse. Motion approved

3. Review and Approve March 2024 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Lela Kruse; 2nd by Amber Henderson. Motion approved

4. Tobacco Use and Prevention Update- Treva Graves, Dickinson County Public Health: Treva discussed the programs she offers for teens and adults, current statistics and trends in Iowa right now, as well as Governor Reynolds new plan to shut down vape shops that are popping up across the state.

5. Administrator's Report: Kari updated on Public Health March and April activities, reports and programs held.

6. Fiscal Update: Year to date financials were discussed. There were no questions regarding the report.

7. Environmental Health Update: Qtr 3- no water testing done, and 3 well closures done. Qtr 4- 11 water tests completed and 2 well closures. FY 2024 all promo funds were used, however next year the State is changing the grant name to "Private Well Grant" and there will be more funds available. Ben plans to do more advertising next year.

8. Old Business

   Retention Policy Approval-still on hold as changes are being made

   Continued discussion on the retirement of Dr Probst, Medical Director for the BOH. Dr Probst has expressed he may extend this time; length is unknown at this time. Kari talked to Tracy Ross, she showed interest in

being on the board and possibly the Medical Director. Other names mentioned were Katie Carter and Amanda Richard.

9. New Business

   FY25 Budget Approval: Including the Public Health, Homemaker and Environmental Health. An update was given, Kari reported that the Supervisors approved the 4.5% increase for employees next year. Suggestion was made to start the budget process earlier next year. Amber Henderson made a motion to approve the FY2025 budget, Lela Kruse 2nd, motion carried.

   Temporary Employee Maria Hansgaard has been filling in for Rhonda Russell as she is on medical leave. Board discussed criteria: 6 months not over 100 hours. Lela Kruse moved to continue employing Maria and Amber Henderson 2nd, motion carried.

   Authorized signatory for Ben Huntley: Motion made by Amber Henderson to approve Ben Huntley, 2nd by Lela Kruse. Motion carried.

   Measles update: Kari shared information about the rise of measle cases, this rise is due to citizens being "anti-vaccine" and plenty of illegals.

   CBSS site visit was complete at Emmet County Public Health on 6/4/24. Kari relayed the overall visit went well and it was discussed to get a centrifuge for Public Health.

10. Round Table: No new updates.

11. With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn at 12:46 pm was made by Amber Henderson; 2nd by Lela Kruse. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 16 at noon.

Signed and approved on July 16, 2024

By: Pamela A Cockton