

10/13/2021

The Board of Health meeting was convened at 3:30 PM by Chairperson, Cindy Shoemaker with members present Toni Friedrich, Joan Knoll, Dan Carolan, and Cindy Shoemaker. Also present were guests Jason Byrne, Rick Holthaus, Penny Andorf, Ann Knutson, RN, Lisa Welter, RN, and Stephanie Mashek acting BOH Secretary.

Motion by Knoll, Second by Carolan to approve the agenda for October 13, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Friedrich, Knoll, Carolan, and Shoemaker. Kline, absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Friedrich, Second by Knoll to approve September 8th, 2021, meeting minutes with corrections. Roll Call: Ayes- Friedrich, Knoll, Carolan, and Shoemaker. Kline, absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Knoll, Second by Carolan to approve September 16th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Friedrich, Knoll, Carolan, and Shoemaker. Kline, absent. Motion Carried.

Andorf provided an update on septic's completed.

\$11,384 for billing for July through September. \$29,016 for the remainder of the year. One complaint at the trailer park at 2066 Parkview Circle. This trailer has been in the process of being deconstructed. Andorf continues to send out post cards as reminders for Radon testing. Andorf stated that the first quarter report requires more documentation and is submitted to billing for reimbursement.

Friedrich asked Andorf how much it costs to shock a well. Andorf replied that it may vary and explained the process of shocking the well. Discussion on the reimbursement to the owner for shocking their well is capped at \$300, exceptions may apply for additional reimbursement if deemed by a higher authority.

Motion by Knoll, Second by Friedrich to approve the county's well program and procedures and authorize chairpersons signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Friedrich, Knoll, Carolan, and Shoemaker. Kline, absent. Motion Carried.

Correction to last month's home care visits. The home care aide was 288 and homemaker 374.

Welter stated there were 93 different clients in September, 13 Medicare, 27 Medicaid, 14 referrals, 12 admissions, 2 failed nursing admissions, 8 discharges, 5 unbillable 220 nursing visits, 295 homecare aide and 375 homemaker visits.

Andrea Kime is present at 3:31 PM.

Covid clinics are taking place once a week. Partnered with local doctors' offices to administer the COVID shot (Moderna). Moderna you can obtain a third dose if you qualify under their restrictions. Pfizer offers a boost dose. Influenza vaccines are now starting to be administered. Training on a chemotherapy like drug Blincyto. Visiting Covid patients at home utilizing full PPE. Welter stated that Medicare has notified them that they will take care of discharged patients to make room in the hospital. Kime stated that billing is allowed for flu shots but not immunization through Hawk-I insurance. Schools, out clinics, and business visits to administer flu shots.

Welter stated that she has reached out to other counties regarding aide wages. Chickasaw County starting wage is \$12.54. We are paying an aide who has been here for 30 years \$18.36. Floyd county starts at \$14; Winnebago pays \$13 starting and highest is \$15.31. Cerro Gordo County starts at \$15 per

hour. Hancock \$15.04 up to \$17.00 for aides hourly wage. Winneshiek County starts at \$18.88 per hour for homecare aides. Howard starts at \$12.50-\$17.00 pending experience. Welter stated that on the six applications desired hourly wage ranged from \$12 to \$15 per hour.

Discussion on raising wages for Public Health and Homemakers. Knoll suggested to eliminate the longevity that equates to twenty cents per year received after 5 years. Friedrich would like to table this discussion for next month's meeting.

Jack Kline present at 4:01 PM.

Continued discussion on the benefits package and wages received by county employees versus other business' benefits packages and wages.

Motion by Friedrich, Second by Knoll to table the discussion for aides' wages to the next Board of Health meeting in November. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Welter stated that Floyd County mileage is ten cents below the Federal mileage reimbursement rate. Mileage reimbursements at other counties include Cerro Gordo pays 56 cents per mile, and Hancock 55 cents per mile. Discussion on what the Board of Supervisors take into consideration when setting the mileage reimbursement. Byrne and Holthaus responded that they have continuity with keeping it below ten cents below the Federal mileage reimbursement rate. Mileage reimbursement will be discussed at the next meeting in November.

Welter stated she was contacted by the Iowa City Hospital about a treatment for a chemotherapy like treatment to be administered through the department. Welter explained the administration of the treatment and monitoring the patient. Shoemaker asked if the insurance company would pay for the administration of the treatment and Welter stated they would be able to bill for this service. Kline asked how long the patient is monitored after the treatment. Welter stated that they do blood draws, port dressing changes, and change the Huber needles.

Welter discussed aide visits and they are up to ninety different visits currently. Knoll inquired how many applications were received. Welter stated she has received six applications.

Motion by Knoll, Second by Friedrich to approve claims for \$7,816.11 Public Health, \$162.72 Environmental Health for a total of \$7,978.83. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Knoll, Second by Carolan to approve claims in the amount of \$38,683.42. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Welter stated since last Friday we have had 21 new cases for a total of 1,559 COVID cases and 1,105 have recovered. Chickasaw county has had 19 deaths, but only 2 since May.

Welter stated there has not had any communicable diseases at this time.

Welter provided a grant update for the State Grant in July we billed \$3,041.48 and in August \$2,846.36. For the Immunization Grant for July \$579.78 and August \$1,438.42.

Welter stated she took the Dog Bite Policy up to the Board of Supervisors and received feedback which was provided to all Board of Health members. Discussion on changes proposed within the policy.

Motion by Knoll, second by Kline to approve the Dog Bite Policy and submit it to the Board of Supervisors for approval with the corrections as noted. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be held on November 10th at 3:30 PM.

Motion by Carolan, Second by Kline to adjourn at 4:30 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Stephanie Mashek Acting BOH Secretary.

Attested by Lisa Welter, RN,
Chickasaw County Public Health Agency Administrator