

Chickasaw County Board of Health
February 9, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building. Cindy Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present were members Joan Knoll, Toni Friedrich, Cindy Shoemaker.

Absent: Dr. Kline and Jeremy McGrath

Guests present Lisa Welter RN, Administrator, Ann Knutson, RN, Assistant Administrator, Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary, Penny Andorf Env Health, Jeff Bernatz EMA.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Friedrich to approve the agenda with deletion of the Allen's Women's Health Update. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Friedrich to approve January 12, 2022, meeting minutes. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.

A motion by Friedrich. seconded by Knoll to approve January 19, 2022, meeting minutes. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Kline, and McGrath. Motion carried.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Friedrich to approve January 24, 2022, meeting minutes. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.

Environmental Health

Penny updated the board on agency activities for January. Penny completed 15 water tests in January. One animal bite was reported in January. Second-quarter billing was completed for \$9959.59. Penny sold 18 radon kits and visited 6 locations in the county to promote radon awareness month. She also posted on Facebook, newspapers and spoke on the radio. Penny also gave an update on the property in Jerico.

Penny explained the Water Infrastructure Funding American Rescue Plan Act. The state of Iowa will receive 10 million in funding from ARPA. This will provide unsewered communities with the ability for septic's to be installed. Penny will send out letters to those community members that qualify.

Brannon Anderson arrived at 2:11 p.m.
Penny Andorf left at 2:15 p.m.

Home Health

Home Health Update

Lisa Welter gave a monthly Home Health update. Census 104. Medicare 12. Medicaid 25. Referrals 28. Admissions 20. Discharges 16. Failed Admits 8. Unbillable visits 1. Nurse visits 246. Aide visits 311. Homemaker visits 354.

Employee Review

Lisa said she did one employee review. She said the review was favorable.

Resignation of Jean Leichtman

A motion by Friedrich. seconded by Knoll to accept the resignation of Jean Leichtman as a part-time on-call LPN effective February 8, 2022. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.

Acknowledge hiring of new aide Amy Koch

A motion by Knoll seconded by Friedrich to acknowledge the hiring of Amy Koch as a full-time home care aide effective February 22, 2022, at \$12.54 per hour. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Fee Schedule 2022

BC/BS pays \$41.75 every 15 minutes for nursing, \$41.50 every 15 minutes for physical therapy, \$42.25 every 15 minutes for occupational therapy, and \$47.75 every 15 minutes for speech therapy.

Veterans Affairs Fee Schedule 2022

The VA pays \$47.24 every 15 minutes for nursing, \$49.65 every 15 minutes for physical therapy, \$49.46 every 15 minutes for occupational therapy, and \$52.28 every 15 minutes for speech therapy. Aide reimbursement is \$15.44 every 15 minutes, homemaker \$9.35 every 15 minutes, and respite \$15.44 every 15 minutes.

NEI3A Fee Schedule 2022

NEI3A pays \$21 per hour for respite, \$23.00 per hour for homemaker services, and \$35.00 for home care aide services.

Sliding scale update approval

This item was tabled until March.

Business Operations

Monthly Claims

Lisa Welter said the claims for Public Health were \$12,960.77. The mileage claims for Public Health were \$2,836.61. The total claims for Public Health are \$15,797.38. The Environmental Health claims total is \$1,123.42. The total of both agencies is \$16,920.80. A Motion by Joan Knoll, seconded by Toni Friedrich to approve the claims as stated above. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried. Lisa gave an update on the current budget expenditures and revenue amounts for both public health and environmental health.

Covid-19 Update

Lisa reported the Covid number since the last meeting. Lisa reported the changes to the covid vaccine and said the governor will end all covid proclamations on February 15, 2022.

Communicable Disease

Lisa informed the board that she is still working with the 2 latent TB cases in the county.

Grant Update

Anita handed out the spreadsheets for the grants billed.

State Grant Changes

Anita said the Board of Health must approve all items billed to the State Grant. Anita would like the board to add Collaborative Relationships to be billed to the grant. A motion by Friedrich, seconded by Knoll to approve adding Collaborative Relationships to the State Grant for billing effective February 1, 2022. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Lisa informed the board that she reviewed and updated the Emergency Preparedness Plan for Chickasaw County. A motion by Friedrich, seconded by Knoll to approve the revisions of the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.

Signature Authority

Toni Friedrich requested this be put on the agenda. This will give Lisa approval to sign items deemed for her to sign. A motion by Knoll, seconded by Friedrich to approve giving Lisa the Signature Authority to sign contracts

and items deemed for her to sign. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried. Lisa will write up the signature authority and Cindy Shoemaker will sign.

The next Board of Health monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Chickasaw County Community Services Building at 2:00 p.m.

A Motion Friedrich, seconded by Joan Knoll to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m. Ayes Knoll, Friedrich, and Shoemaker. Absent Dr. Kline, McGrath. Motion carried.



Anita Eschweiler
Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary.



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