

**Chickasaw County Board of Health  
January 20, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met Friday, January 20, 2023, at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building. Toni Friedrich, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present were members: Joan Knoll, Toni Friedrich, Jeremy McGrath, Absent: Dr Brinkman and Cindy Shoemaker

Guests present: Lisa Welter, RN, Administrator, Ann Knutson, RN, Assistant Administrator, Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath to approve the agenda. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried.

A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to approve January 10, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried.

A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to appoint Anita Eschweiler as Board Secretary. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

**Environmental Health**

Lisa updated the board on agency activities for December. Lisa has been filling in for Penny in her absence. Lisa had many septic calls, and a dog bite. Lisa has completed two time of transfers. Lisa was informed the grant computer system is currently down and billing is not allowed at the current time.

**Home Health**

Home Health Update

Lisa Welter gave a monthly home health update. Census 89. Medicare 11. Medicaid 25. Referrals 17. Admissions 9. Discharges 17. Failed Admits 8. Unbillable visits 6. Nurse visits 201. Aide visits 226. Homemaker visits 271. Due to the low census, members discussed placing ads in rural shopper newspaper, and church bulletins and calling area hospitals to let them know we are taking referrals.

A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to acknowledge Staci Vestel as a part-time on-call nurse at \$25.55 per hour starting February 6, 2023. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried. It was the consensus of the board for Dr. Brinkman to sign the standing orders for vaccines.

**Business Operations**

Monthly Claims

The claims for Public Health were \$489.51. The Environmental Health monthly claim total is \$45.39. The total claims for both agencies are \$534.90. A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Lisa asked the board for approval to place an ad in the business directory for 1 year at the cost of \$264.00. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to approve the business directory ad for 1 year for \$254.00. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on department collaboration with other county entities. Lisa will keep track of her hours spent on other county entities and report back to the board.

**Public Health**

Covid-19 Update

Lisa informed the board that we are still holding weekly covid clinics and reported there have only been 11 covid cases reported to the state in January, and only two this week.

Communicable Disease Update

Lisa reported she continues to follow one TB patient at this time.

Grant Update

Anita handed out grant paperwork for grants billed in January. Lisa presented the Emergency Response Multi-Year grant signed due to additional funds of \$18,000.00. These additional funds are earmarked for a new Refrigerator, Freezer, Transport Containers, and Data Loggers. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to acknowledge the administrator signature on the Emergency Response Multi-Year grant due to additional funds of \$18,000.00 for new equipment. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried.

The next Board of Health meeting is February 10, 2023, at 10.00 a.m.

A Motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Shoemaker. Motion carried.

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Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary.

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