

Chickasaw County Board of Health
February 10, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building. Toni Friedrich, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Dr. Brinkman to approve January 20, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Dr. Brinkman, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath to approve February 1, 2023, meeting minutes. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Dr. Brinkman, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Environmental Health

Lisa updated the board on agency activities for January. Lisa reported 3 time of transfers, one binding agreement, one dog bite. Lisa has received many calls regarding water testing. The residents have the option to wait for Penny to return or call Keystone. Lisa informed the board that we are unable to bill the grant as they are having problems at the state. Lisa reported Marshall from Howard County did a new tattoo inspection in New Hampton. There were no complaints and we continue to receive contractor's fees.

Home Health

Home Health Update

Lisa Welter gave a monthly home health update. Census 83. Medicare 8. Medicaid 24. Referrals 16. Admissions 9. Discharges 14. Failed Admits 7. Unbillable visits 3. Nurse visits 197. Aide visits 284. Homemaker visits 287.

QAPI

The committee met on January 31, 2023. Lisa, Ann, and Shelley will meet monthly to assess infection and incident reports.

4th Qtr. Chart Audits

Lisa reported that the public health agency had no concerns with charts. Physical Therapy needs to make sure evaluations are signed within 24 hours. Occupational Therapy needs to improve reporting cognitive function.

Business Operations

Monthly Claims

The claims for Public Health were \$13,992.41. The mileage monthly claim total is \$3,007.79. The total claims are \$17,000.20. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Dr. Brinkman, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Department Collaboration

Lisa reports that she spent 17 hours on Environment Health in January.

Emergency Response Multi-Year Grant

Lisa requested the board approve the purchase of equipment up to \$18,000 using funding from the Emergency Response Multi-Year Grant. A motion by McGrath, Seconded by Dr. Brinkman to allow the purchase of equipment up to \$18,000 per the grant. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Dr. Brinkman, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Motion carried. Items to be purchased are a refrigerator, freezer, three transport containers, and two data-loggers

Medical Waste Agreement

Lisa informed the board she signed the new medical waste agreement with the hospital. They increased the amount of handling fees from \$10 to \$20 and increased the waste from 44 cents per pound to 75 cents per pound.

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 so far in February.

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.

Immunization Grant Report -Semi-annual Update

Lisa reported she has to complete a semi-annual report each year for the immunization grant.

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

A Motion by McGrath, seconded by Shoemaker to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, Dr. Brinkman, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary.

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