

Chickasaw County Board of Health
August 11, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met Friday, August 11, 2023, at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building. Toni Friedrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present were: Joan Knoll, Cindy Shoemaker, Toni Friedrich, and Dr. Brinkman. Absent: Jeremy McGrath.

Guests present were Lisa Welter, RN, Administrator, Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary, Ann Knutson, RN, Assistant Administrator and Andrea Kime, LPN/Environmental Health.

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

A motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Knoll to approve July 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, Friedrich, and Dr. Brinkman. Absent: McGrath. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Environmental Health

Andrea updated the board on agency activities for July. Andrea reported 1 time of transfer, 2 binding agreements. 27 water tests were completed, 7 septic site evaluations, 3 septic sites final, and 2 well permits. 2 well pluggings, 1 shock chlorination. There were no dumping complaints, no pool, or tattoo inspections. Grant application was submitted for next fiscal year. Andrea updated the board members regarding the Jerico property. Andrea expressed concerns with the Environmental Health position.

Home Health

Home Health Update

Lisa Welter provided a monthly home health update. Census 80. Medicare 14. Medicaid 24. Referrals 18. Admissions 12. Discharges 13. Failed Admits 6. Unbillable visits 2. Nurse visits 204. Aide visits 256. Homemaker visits 262.

Lisa informed the board she interviewed 3 nurses and one aide. The aide position will remain open until filled. A motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Knoll to hire Megan Lester starting August 28, 2023 at \$27.08 per hour for the Full-time RN position. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, Friedrich, and Dr. Brinkman. Absent: McGrath. Motion carried.

Lisa provided a QAPI update.

2nd Qtr. Therapy audits were completed with no issues.

Business Operations

Monthly Claims

The claims for public health were \$14,998.81. The mileage claim is \$3,151.25. The total claims are \$18,150.06. Environmental Health claims were \$5,359.14 for a grand total of \$23,509.20. A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, Friedrich, and Dr. Brinkman. Absent: McGrath. Motion carried.

Lisa reported she completed 3 staff evaluations. Lisa's evaluation was completed by Friedrich and Shoemaker. Lisa listed items she has been working on and her many successes.

Public Health

Communicable Disease Update

Lisa reported 2 salmonella cases in July. Lisa reported there has been an uptick in covid cases in New Hampton. Lisa informed the board the flu vaccine will arrive in the next few weeks. There is now an RSV vaccine. The Covid vaccine will be available but at this time we declined providing this vaccine due to cost. There will be an updated boost Covid-19 vaccine in the fall.

Grant Update

Anita informed members all state grant funds were spent as was Immunization grant and the Emergency Preparedness grant. Anita submitted funding in the amount of \$15,000 for the Emergency Preparedness grant. At this time there is no funding for the 6-year Public Health Response Contract.

CHA-CHIP Report

Lisa sent the report out prior to the meeting. Lisa explained this report that is required every 5 years. Lisa worked with other hospitals and agencies. This report will be posted online and submitted to the state.

Kenworthy Grant

Lisa will submit an application for this grant in the amount of \$5,000. These funds would be used for a suicide prevention speaker at all schools in Chickasaw County. Lisa will inform the board if this grant is awarded to our county.

Animal Bites

Lisa reported 2 dog bites. One in Nashua and one in Alta Vista.

The next Board of Health meeting is September 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

A motion by Dr. Brinkman, seconded by Shoemaker to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, Friedrich, and Dr. Brinkman. Absent: McGrath. Motion carried.

Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary.

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