

Chickasaw County Board of Health
April 12, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met on Friday, April 12, 2024 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, Toni Friedrich, Cindy Shoemaker, and Jeremy McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman.

Guests present were: Lisa Welter, RN, Administrator, Ann Knutson, RN, Assistant Administrator, Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary, and Jhenna Barnes, Pathways.

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

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath to approve the March 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Jhenna Barnes discussed the Tobacco and Gambling Grant held by Pathways. This grant services all Chickasaw County residents.

Environmental Health

The agency activities for March 2024 were presented. Derek completed 1 septic final, 2 septic site evaluations, 4 well permits, 10 water tests, and 1 well site evaluation. 2 radon test kits were sold.

Home Health

Home Health Update

The monthly home health update was presented. Census 64, Medicare 13, Medicare HMO 1, Medicaid 19, Referrals 22, Admissions 15, Discharges 10, Failed Admits 7, Unbillable visits 4, Nurse visits 164, Aide visits 190, and Homemaker visits 201.

Employee Review

Lisa had one employee review.

Therapy Contracts and Rates

Northern Iowa Therapy will increase therapy rates from \$80 per visit to \$110 per visit.

A motion by McGrath, seconded by Shoemaker to approve the increase for therapy rates up to \$110.00. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

A motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Knoll to approve the Millennium Therapy contract at \$95.00 per visit. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Business Operations

Monthly Claims

The claims for Public Health were \$18,651.35. The mileage claim is \$3,470.60. The total Public Health claims are \$22,121.95. Environmental Health claims were \$1,703.41 for a grand total of \$23,825.36. A motion by

Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Payroll Approval

A motion by McGrath, Seconded by Shoemaker to approve payroll ending March 17, 2024 and March 31, 2024. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Wage Scale

Jeremy and Lisa met with Ann Smisek, HR consultant regarding the wage scale. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to accept the new wage scale with changes. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Employee Rate of Pay Plan Policy

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath to accept the Employee Rate of Pay Plan Policy. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Delegation of Signatory Authority

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker to authorize the administrator to sign contracts and documents for the Board of Health. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Public Health

Communicable Disease Update

Lisa reported she is following 1 latent TB Case. This is the last month Lisa will be following the 1 latent TB case.

Animal Bites

3 animal bites were reported for March – all were dog bites.

Grant Update

Anita sent out the grant worksheets before the meeting. Lisa reported she has renewed the State Grant, Grants to Counties, and the Immunization Grant.

Immunization Services Application 2024-2025

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

The next Board of Health meeting is May 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

A motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Knoll to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Ayes: Knoll, Friedrich, Shoemaker, and McGrath. Absent: Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary.

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