

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: January 9, 2019

TIME: 11:31 a.m.

LOCATION: Gus & Tony's Pizza and Steakhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Bill Withers, Jan Ellingson, L.P.N.; and Dan Byrnes, Board of Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Hogan, R.N.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kiane Smith, Oral Health & I Smile Coordinator; Sheryl Darling-Mooney, R.N.; Cindy Johnson, R.N.; Laurie Moody, Environmental Health Sanitarian; Madison Snitker, Public Health Intern from University of Iowa Student and Rosanne Wicks, Secretary

Call to Order Advisory Board at 11:32 a.m.

Sheryl reviewed the policies:

Infection Control Prevention

Infection Control Program

Infection Control Surveillance

Infection Control

Infection Prevention and Control Surveillance Log

Sheryl went over the new policies that are instituting in their department mainly due to Medicare's guidelines. This is a method of tracking and identifying infections and infections among clients and Infection Control Surveillance. There were a couple corrections. There weren't any questions. Jeanne was wondering if there are any volunteers. Community and Home Care would utilize volunteers such as VMH Auxiliary or Red Cross. Surveillance log is a tracking log that is at the weekly public health meetings. Jan made a motion to present these policies to the Board of Health for approval and Dan seconded. Jan made a motion to close the meeting at 11:36 a.m. and Dan seconded.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Board of Health was called to order at 11:36 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Jan Made a motion to approve the policies and procedures with the corrections and Dan seconded and all were in favor.

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jan seconded and all were in favor.

Cindy reviewed information on the QAPI program.

- Cindy gave an update on VMH Community and Home Care's current Performance Improvement Project, which is Improvement in Management of Oral Medications. The agency has improved in scores for this measure. Cindy presented the agency's data pertaining to Acute Care Hospitalization. The Benchmarks Plus data was presented showing Acute Care Hospitalization rates for the agency from July 1 to September 30, 2018, was 14% and from October 1 to December 4, 2018, was 20%. CHC would like to implement another Performance Improvement Project focused on reducing and preventing hospitalizations. The negative impact on reimbursement will be increasing with re-hospitalization for Home Health clients.
- The discussion also included some process improvement interventions to include making colorful posters that direct clients to call the agency first with any concerns or problems. Agency's name and

phone number will be on poster as well. Home Care has RNs on call 24/7 so clients have the availability to discuss concerns or problems with an RN. The goal is to provide the care in the clients' homes and when possible to prevent hospitalization. They look at front loading visits, or seeing clients more frequently after they are initially admitted for care. Risks for re-hospitalization assessments are completed. Disease or condition teaching sheets are available identifying symptoms in Green, Yellow or Red zones that identify when they need to monitor symptoms, call nurse or see the doctor.

- Discussed possibly implementing calls to clients and utilizing disease symptom – specific phone monitoring guides. Provider availability is an area we will not be able to improve. They will be utilizing webinars and other resources to increase knowledge and implement best practice measures to improve this measure.

Kiane – registered oral health replacing Jacquie Zwack. Office is located in Elkader.

- Every year do school screenings for kindergarten and 9th grade. In Allamakee County all schools complied with the audits. It is required that kindergartens and 9th graders have screening. Iowa average 69 percent of students returned the forms Kindergarten and 9th grade. Allamakee was at 69 percent. St. Pats had 28 percent and West Elementary had 39 percent forms return. Last year decay in Allamakee was at 22 percent as an average. This year 9th graders at 19 percent compared to state average of 13 percent. Kindergarten is at 14 percent. Went to Postville School to do school screenings and sealant on 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th graders. Didn't have a good response on returning the consent forms. Urgent dental care is for kindergarten & 9th grade. Age 1 is recommend that kids go to the dentist to help with preventative. Last year Allamakee had 1,500 children on Medicaid. No dental office in Allamakee County that will see new Medicaid patients. Decorah is the closest one that will see Medicaid patients.
- Recommended fluoride level is .7 part per million. Fluoride issues in Lansing .3 and New Albin .1. Following up with the water operators. Some is financial, there are grants with Delta Dental to help pay for them.
- March VNA will be attending the health and Wellness fair in Postville. Trying to reach clients in this area. Fluoride varnishes – newer fluoride instead of tablets. Adequate fluoride in the water is the easiest way. The forms are sent to the schools and the school nurses send them out. Have to be done within 3 months of enrollment.
- Maternal Child - Vicky new coordinator. Went over the statistics. Home Health doesn't do the lead screening anymore. WIC clinic does it. It is mandatory to have their lead checked before going to school, so they can get it done with their physical.

Election Officers: Dr. Withers nominated Jeanne Stein Chair and Jan Ellingson Vice – Chair and Dan seconded it. All were in favor.

Dan moved to appoint Rosanne Wicks as secretary. Jan seconded it. All were in favor.

All Board of Health members signed conflict of interest.

Jan made a motion to keep date, time and frequency the same. Dr. Withers seconded it. All were in favor.

Public Health Emergency Response – Sheryl

- In order for the Preparedness Coalition to receive State/Federal dollars the coalition needs to meet the requirements of 15 capabilities.
- The local coalition involves hospital, public health, EMA, EMS, Nursing homes and other entities as needed.
- Entities that are CMS (Medicare) funding are required to have 2 drills annually. One of these drills needs to be what they consider, to be a full scale exercise.
- The coalition, SSA6B is comprised of 8 counties in Northeast Iowa, Hospital, Public Health and Emergency Management (state funded). Hospital and Public Health are federal funded.

- Capability 8 – Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Administration is a focus in this fiscal grant year. This capability focuses on management and distribution of medicine and supplies in the event that mass distribution needs to occur.
- Communication is a big challenge across the state. In many areas such as Allamakee County, cell service capability can be a huge problem – especially in a disaster.
- Allamakee County Coalition has monthly coalition meetings at the hospital.
- EMResource is a state website that lists resources each coalition entity has. This is helpful when different counties may need to borrow or lend items.

Expense & Revenue November and December were reviewed. Dan made a motion to approve as presented. Jan seconded it. All were in favor.

Board of Health budget:

- There weren't any questions. Dan made a motion to approve the Board of Health budget as presented. Dr. Withers seconded. All were in favor.

Laurie presented her budget:

- Laurie has no confirmation from IDPH for a dollar amount for her FY20 GTC grant yet, so took the last couple years awards and did an average to come up with \$30,800 for budgeting purposes.
- Approximately 30 percent of her budget is her grant money and it includes some salary for both Laurie & Melinda
- County Health Insurance Committee is meeting tomorrow. Claims have been good, but it still appears that health insurance rates will be going up for county employees. BOS will fill that line item in on the budgets once rates are known.
- Salary recommendation from comp board is 4% across the board for elected officials so that is what Laurie put in for salaries
- Melinda and Laurie's computers are approx 8-10 years old. Solutions (county's contracted computer business) offered bulk discount for new computers, software and installation for multiple offices in the courthouse. They will do the install and upgrades with that cost coming from a courthouse fund. Laurie budgeted her entire system and ½ of Melinda's system with the assumption the Zoning Dept would be picking up the balance of Melinda's items. The zoning budget will not be able to afford it at this time, so Laurie will be paying 100% of Melinda's computer upgrades at this time. Unsure if the Zoning budget will have to reimburse Laurie's budget.
- Water test kits line item –Laurie purchases kits from lab directly for doing public water supply samples and gets fully reimbursed by that public supply she is testing for. This shows up on expense and revenue as a wash.
- New esthetician started this year (tattooing). This person does “microblading” but is still under the Iowa Code for Tattoo Artist and Tattoo Establishments
- Job duties in general haven't changed much from the past year. Always busy with something!
- Animal bites tend to be time consuming...people don't return phone calls, vets don't send records unless contacted to do so. Melinda is doing majority of the return calls for the animal bite cases. If there is an issue with the animal owner or the victim, Laurie takes over the case.
- There was an animal bite recently. A DHS worker going into the home to remove the children. The dogs got excited and one of the dogs bit the worker. He didn't know which dog bit him for sure, so Waukon PD took all 3 dogs to HSNEI in Decorah for the required 10 day quarantine. It's mandatory that all 3 dogs receive a rabies vaccination and exam by a veterinarian before release and those records are forwarded to Laurie's office. HSNEI charges \$10/day/dog and \$8/dog for the rabies vaccine. In this case, the DHS worker's medical provider felt it was necessary to start the PEP series on the man even though the dogs were in custody, being quarantined and showing no physical sign of being ill. The DHS worker had a very bad reaction to the rabies series medication which caused him to go to the ER at least two times for complications. It's unknown why the medical provider treated with the PEP series right away unless it is a mandatory protocol from the DHS workers employer & health insurance company.

- Katie Houlihan from HEART, received the money given by the BOH for unexpected cost on dogs from a Lansing farm that were sick with parvo and said THANK YOU! She is affiliated with HSNEI located in Decorah.
 - Melinda has been out since mid December on medical leave, expected return to work on 1/14/19
- Dan made a motion to approve Laurie's budget with the raises that the Board of Supervisors determine to be for all appointed personnel and Dr. Withers seconded. All were in favor.

Laurie wants the BOH to be aware that the Public Safety Center drilled a new well when the new jail was built. The well itself is testing great. The well then feeds to the 30,000 gallon water tower. The tower is the pressure system that feeds to the new building in both potable water and fire suppression water. If the sprinklers go off, the tower will empty through the sprinklers first, then they will have to hook hoses to water hydrants outside until the fire trucks come. The amount of water used daily is low. Initially the tower was chlorinated, but when the water sits unused, the chlorine is burning off, therefore leaving a large volume of water to sit. The chlorine pump only turns on when the float in the tower gets low enough to tell the well pump to kick in. There may be a few days before this event happens. The well is testing safe, but when it gets to the tower and sits, it tends to pick up a low level of total coliform bacteria. In December the well itself tested safe, but the 3 outlying sites tested positive with a 1. Then a follow test had to be done and along with a visit from DNR that sample came back higher at 4.2 Due to the number of positive bacterial samples, the DNR switched the permit for the site from quarterly bacterial testing to monthly testing. The monthly testing will be more expensive and if there is 1 positive total coliform bacterial sample, the site will be required to go back on chlorine injection along with the monthly sampling, doing 2 test twice a day chlorine residual monitoring. At this time, Culligan has bottled water out there for inmates and staff for potable. They don't cook meals, they are pre packaged, but they do wash some utensils. They will need to use bottled water for that as well. At this time, Laurie is paying for all of the testing out of her own budget with compensation to her budget to come later. A couple dispatchers are having gastro/stomach issues, but after stool samples were done, they do NOT have an e'coli illness and the water samples have NOT shown any e'coli positives. Laurie will continue to do additional "Special" water samples and all of the required monthly samples as required by the Water Operations Permit.

Full audio minutes are available at Veterans Memorial Hospital Community & Home Care office.

FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: Jan made a motion to adjourn at 12:51 p.m. And Dr Withers seconded it. All were in favor.

VMH Community & Home Care

APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE** _____

Jeanne Stein, Chairperson

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: March 13, 2019

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Gus & Tony's Pizza and Steakhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Bill Withers, Jan Ellingson, L.P.N.; Betty Hogan and Dan Byrnes, Board of Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Maxine Grotegut, IPFS Coordinator; Jennifer Kimber, Helping Services for Youth & Families; Sheryl Darling-Mooney, R.N.; and Rosanne Wicks, Secretary

There was not an Advisory Board meeting since there weren't any policies to review.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Board of Health was called to order at 11:34 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan made a motion to approve the minutes. Jan seconded. Everyone was in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Max gave an update:

- Final year of the grant ends September 29, 2019
- 5 establishments
- Media campaign – reached 99.3% of kids
 - Book covers
 - Posters in schools and hallways
 - Posters in schools newspapers
 - Popcorn bags at athletic events at all 3 schools
 - T.V. monitor ads
 - Billboard – free
 - Compliance check – Iowa State Patrol
 - Lansing 2nd time – been cited
 - New Albin – been cited
 - Gave out compliance certificates for the ones that passed
 - Send out letters that a compliance will be coming
 - Free training required to offer 4 times a year
- Social Host
- Ads in Waukon Paper around graduation time and in fall
- Radio PSA – Sheriff and County Attorney did
- Project Northland
 - Starting in 2nd year Postville, Waukon 3rd year and Lansing 1st year
- Survey 2016 last time Lansing didn't participate. All schools will participate this year.
- Offer suicide information to the schools.
- 20 page documents sustain 2 strategies. Law Enforcement will do compliance free of charge. ASAP will do responsible beverage classes.
- Social Host educate people with a portable bedroom out of Elkader Clayton County March 18th 1:30 – 8:00 pm. They will be coming to Parents Education Conference inside middle school gym. Parents can go through the bedroom.
- Max will be working until September.

Jennifer gave an update:

- Looking for more safe homes
- Family Education & support Team
 - April is child abuse prevention month
- Prevention Services
 - Have a new grant, Integrated Provider Network Grant. Subcontracted through Northeast Iowa Behavioral Grant.
 - Picked up 1 more county, Clayton
 - Alcohol, tobacco and problem gambling
- Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Grant
 - Got approved for a tip line, send in to law enforcement.
 - National Drug Take Back in April, Allamakee Lansing Fire department, Postville Fire Department and Waukon Sheriff's Department. Hartig has permanent site.
- Youth Mentoring
 - Bowl-A-Thon in Waukon
 - Need 15 mentors for Lansing, Waukon and Postville; have 11 matches
- Having a pet parade in May
- Marijuana zoning. The closest dispensary is in Waterloo.

Open Meeting Law 10-12 YMCA in Postville. Jeanne and Jan decided not to go since it will be foggy. Rosanne will call and get the presentation slides and will email them to the BOH members.

Letter from Brenda Dobson, Iowa Department of Justice, regarding County Boards of Health Budget and Personnel

Bioterrorism money

Capability 8 Medical Counter Measurers

Dr. Withers and Betty seconded the budget revisions for the revenue & expense accounts for the I-4 grant, LPHS grant, and Preparedness grant.

Sheryl:

- Home Health results compare to similar agencies in the area 3 1/2 star out of the area. Looking at ways to improve
- Communicable Disease – Crypto & Campy
- Vaccine Charges – has been 2 years since changing rates on the vaccine. Jan made a motion to approve vaccine charges and Dr. Withers seconded. All were in favor.
- Submitted midyear report for Immunization grant. Population survey. Information for all people in the county not on just people we serve. Some of the people we don't have any control over. One of the issues. A lot of the children are getting their immunizations in Wisconsin or Minnesota and that information doesn't get registered in Iowa register so it doesn't get updated. It crosses over in EPIC from Wisconsin or Minnesota. If given in Iowa, it gets entered in IRIS, but isn't always entered into IRIS if given outside of Iowa. Haven't reached the national goal yet. Compared to other agencies, we are doing well. We are at about 45% for HPV and the state is about 20%.
- Audits – Cindy goes on visits that have wound care. Checked on 3 of them. Need to record weekly wound measurements or a big change. There was one that wasn't charted, but was in note book by the nurse.
- Documentation – order wasn't signed by doctor.
- Take pictures – have to sign a consent take a picture of the wound. One didn't have proper measurement in the photo. Discussed with the nurse involved.
- Clinical Records, Patient Rights, pulled 15 records. Advanced Directives, hard to get a copy for the records. Medicare is using a tool to not pay you if you don't have the advanced directives. There is a standard form that is filled out and the physician signs it.

- Discharge Planning – Medicare survey 485 plan of care has med list and orders to have doctor sign it and date and needs to be signed by a certain date. It is hard to get records back in a timely manner from University of Iowa, V.A. etc.
- Quarterly report was reviewed.
- Foot Clinic – 1st Monday of the month people pay \$30.00 to get their toenails trimmed. There is a limit of 12 each month to get done each month. It takes a lot of time for the staff nurses. They do an assessment. Doing preventative foot care.
- Dan made a motion to approve the LPH grant and Betty seconded. All were in favor.
- Sheryl is speaking at the Iowa Public Health Conference in April on decreasing the obesity rate. Sheryl is going to talk about natural resources and have little or no cost to get exercise in the county.

Expense & Revenue summary was reviewed for January and February. Jan made a motion to approve the revenue & expense summary and Dr. Withers second it. All were in favor.

Laurie's quarterly report was reviewed. Laurie wasn't here, but did submit an update.

K.J. of rural Lansing has an over abundant number of dogs and many complaints with the S.O. He was instructed by the Sheriff to work with the Humane Society to begin to minimize the number of dogs properly or possibly be court ordered to do so. Most, if not all, of the dogs have never been vaccinated for anything. He was referred to the HSNEI and since they are at capacity, they referred him to Amanda Meyer with HEART (Helping Every Animal Rescue Team). He was supposed to fill out and return a surrender animal form to HSNEI, unsure if this has actually happened, but 5 dogs were picked up on 10/30/18 with K.J.'s assistance. Eventually there will be another 7 to pick up with remaining with K.J. and assistance from HEART to get lowered vet cost for the spay/neuter procedures as well as all required vaccinations. When HEART got the first 5 to the center, 1 young pup acted sickly. Amanda gave all 5 a series of vaccinations including Parvo and a worming. The sick one ended up being taken into a veterinarian because it was so sick, it died later that same evening and the cause was determined to be Parvo. Because of its severity and being highly contagious to other dogs, the 4 remaining dogs needed to be quarantined for 14 days on site and K.J. was to quarantine the remaining 10 dogs on his property. He is also supposed to be taking fecal samples to the Waukon Vet clinic for testing to see if the remaining dogs are sick with the virus too. To date, he is not complying with this and Amanda from HEART is working with Attorney Kistler and Sheriff Mellick about it. The 7 that are to come to HEART's facility already have a placement in another Humane Society, but due to the parvo and its seriousness of it all, they are on standby until they can be assured that K.J. has done as required in providing fecal samples and the dogs are all cleared and vaccinated for the virus. Asking if the BOH feels there is any leeway in the line item of Infectious Disease to help offset some of the cost that the HEART non-profit organization has incurred while taking on these dogs. She is also not allowed to board any dogs in this particular building for an additional 2 months following the quarantine.

According to an email from Katie Houlihan from HEART on 2/12/2019, Amanda is no longer with HEART, but K.J.'s dog problems are not going away. They are asking me, the Sheriff and the Asst. County Attorney to help them get the remaining dogs from K.J. No one seems to know for sure how many there may be, but its guessed to be close to 20 or 30 including puppies and they are all for the most part ferrel so this could be an issue, Sheriff Mellick wants to try to bait them with food into a kennel and the assistance of the Iowa Rescue League may be needed.

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, Brenda Flatjord and Katie from HSNEI went to K.J.'s property to retrieve more dogs. K.J. was very cooperative and helpful in assisting to gather more dogs. He had 2 young adult dogs and another female in the house that he wants to keep, but she had a small litter of pups and he'd part with the 2 living pups once they are old enough to be weaned. There is also an older female outside that he'd part with when they come for the 2 pups. He mentioned that day that there was another very young puppy in the barn. There still are at minimum 6 very feral adult dogs running and it will be difficult at best to try to catch them without using trap. HSNEI left about 20 pounds of dog food and a large live trap to help K.J. try to catch these dogs. He'll report to them as he catches them. Brenda said when they got the 3 dogs that the puppy was put on I.V. and syringe fed her for a few days and is doing well. The female adult was scared and

believed to be pregnant. The male was scared and got very aggressive and ended up biting. This dog was euthanized and was rabies tested. The test came back NEGATIVE. HSNEI will keep working with K.J. about catching the 6 ferals and will return in the next few weeks for the 2 pups in the house and the older female as mentioned above.

Laurie will be attending the Healthy Postville event on Thursday, March 7th. She will have a booth with information on Radon, Private Wells & Water Sampling and Septic System Health. The sponsor, RC & D, has a federal grant and will be offering free radon kits and lead screenings for people from the city of Postville and the Postville School District. Laurie will have some radon kits available for sale for people who do not live in Postville or the school district, and will also take information from people interested in getting their well water sampled in rural Allamakee County.

Laurie will be attending a continue E.D. class in Calmar Tuesday, March 12th regarding Chapter 69 (Septic Rules).

Full audio minutes are available at Veterans Memorial Hospital Community & Home Care office.

FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan made a motion to adjourn at 12:51 p.m. Jan seconded it. All were in favor.
VMH Community & Home Care

APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE** _____
Jeanne Stein, Chairperson

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: May 29, 2019

TIME: 11:32 a.m.

LOCATION: Gus & Tony's Pizza and Steakhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Stein, Board of Health Chair; Dr. Bill Withers, Jan Ellingson; and Dan Byrnes, Board of Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Hogan

OTHERS PRESENT: Laurie Moody, Allamakee County Sanitarian; Jennifer Kimber, Helping Services for Youth & Families; Sheryl Darling-Mooney, R.N.; Lisa Moose, R.N.; Marcia Oltrogge, Executive Director; Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health; Erin Barkema, Region 2 Community Health Consultant and Rosanne Wicks, Secretary

There wasn't an Advisory Board meeting since there weren't any policies to review.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Board of Health was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan made a motion to approve the minutes with the recommended changes. Jan second. Everyone was in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marcia from Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health is now coming to the Board of Health meetings instead of Marie Shaw. In January IDPH developed a new network that covers all gambling, treatment and preventive services in Iowa. Helping Services is subcontracting with them to do the prevention portion of it. NEIBH is now doing gambling treatment as long as Community Mental Health Center and the regular substance abuse treatment. There is a Methadone Clinic in Decorah providing methadone through a program in Decorah to individuals who are struggling with addiction to heroin and other opioids. They take Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurance and a sliding fee scale to qualify for mental health and substance abuse services. There is a grant to help pay for individuals that are getting services through the methadone clinic to help pay for their cost. They are in negotiation with Iowa Total Care and have signed with Amerigroup. There is a substance abuse and mental health office in Waukon on Allamakee Street.

Jennifer Kimber gave an update:

- Domestic Abuse Advocacy
 - 24-hour resource line 800-383-2988
 - Support groups for victims – Spanish speaking survivors in Postville
- Family Education Support team – birth to age 3.
- CBC (Community Based Approach Child Protection) Program – subcontracted through HAWK and won't continue to do it. It will go back to HAWK.
- Integrated Provider Network Grant – subcontract through Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health cover 5 counties.
 - National Drug Take-Back Day in April. In 6 counties in Northeast Iowa there was 540.2 pounds of unused prescription drugs collected that day.
 - Hidden in Plain Site event at the Family Wellness Fair at Veterans Memorial Hospital. If anyone wants to use the trailer, it is free to the end of June..
 - Education with tobacco retailers on ABD's new ID scanner app. This is a free app on the phone that will let them know if it is ok to sell alcohol and tobacco.
- Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Grant
 - 4 businesses in Allamakee Co. adopted nicotine free policies.

- 2 in-home childcare providers have adopted nicotine free policies this quarter.
- Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Services Grant
 - Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Service Grant – has 1 year extension funded until 2020.
 - Youth Mentoring program – received a new grant Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention through Iowa Mentoring Partnership that started April 1st make 25 mentor & mentee matches by July 1st (Allamakee, Howard and Winneshiek Counties).

Sheryl presented the following reports:

- 27 infectious diseases were investigated this past quarter.
- Health Promotions – Blood Pressures – can get B.P. checked in office free of charge and different events in county and 2 x month in the community.
- TB – Do follow ups.

Lisa presented the following:

- Measles - watch time for following up with the County in Iowa has ended with no new outbreaks. It is the most communicable disease that public health deals with. For every positive case – can get up to 19 more cases. Iowa has only 2 cases.
- Q.A. Wound Care – No troubles with technique. Bruises and blisters are considered a wound, the nurses measure them. Sometimes an omission with the depth measurement.
- Medication Audits – go into home. People pick up over the counter medicine and need to update med list. This is something that needs to be updated. Anti-biotic – Infection Control program. Over use and missed use of anti-biotics. Auditing every anti-biotic that has been ordered in the agency to make sure it meets criteria. U.T.I, respiratory and several different infections are being monitored. Working with both clinics physicians to develop criteria to get antibiotics. Looked at McGuire's criteria. Presented at the last months med staff. Providers asked for Home Care to call them when they have a patient that met the criteria.
- Improvement in Oral medications managements. Showed 87% of clients improved in this score, the state rate is 73% and the national rate is 68.3%. This is the area that they got 0 points for Value Based Purchasing score. Went from low performance to high performance category.
- Chart reviews – 20 charts excellent review
- Used to have Press Ganey for the patients survey results now have Data and they don't have reports. Lisa goes onto CMS website to find out how the agency ranks with other agencies in your area. Patient satisfaction – data every quarter patients get a questionnaire to fill out to rate your care.

Received a letter on the audit that was done and everything was ok. Tim does these every 3 years for the IDPH state contracts.

Allen's Women's Health was in the packet Planning 10 – Courtney Adam sent a report.

Laurie gave her reports:

- Iowa DNR Contract period for Septic Pumper Inspections was amended from 1 year to 2 years – due to timing of the contract being due back to IDNR, Jeanne signed it early.
- Laurie sent in the annual report for Septic Pumper Inspections with 4 contracts. Her department will receive \$2,300 from the state for the inspections.
- Due to recent heavy rains, Laurie has been getting calls about septic system getting inundated with surface water; floor drains backing up, basement wall seepage & water well contamination concerns.
- 3rd quarter reports:
- Time of Transfer, regarding “Binding Agreements” Laurie only gives the requesting party (on average) 6 months for future inspection, installation or demolition. Even if someone sells property privately, they still have to do a time of transfer inspection unless they qualify for one of 11 exemptions. Recorder office usually checks that the ground water hazard statement is filled out and necessary paperwork is attached. This has been an Iowa DNR rule since 2009.
- Radon Test – selling a lot of kits out of the office in the spring. Postville had health fair that was well attended, but Laurie only sold 1 radon kit there. Last year (May 2018) from the Veterans Memorial

Hospital health fair-of the ones sold (33) more than half of them failed to send the kits in as instructed or never sent them in for testing at all.

- Water Testing, even as cold as it was, there were a lot of private water samples collected in the quarter. There were 57 private & public water samples collected, 1 well permit issued and 4 wells plugged.
- Grant to Counties has used \$16,517 of the \$30,927. There was no reallocating of funds for this year.
- As one (PWS) public water supply (restaurant) closed in Harpers Ferry, a newowner opened it back up. Laurie is working closely with the new owners about doing proper daily monitoring of chlorine residual and will do monthly bacteria sampling per their food & water supply license.
- Assisting another PWS (bar) in Waterville in completing the appropriate paper work through the IDNR for drilling a new PWS well at the site. This well construction permit will be issued through the IDNR and not the county due to it being a public water supply. The city of Waterville has city sewer, but not city water.
- Another PWS in Rossville (restaurant) septic system needs to be replaced. The new septic system to be installed will go through multiple treatments and the effluent will go to a sand filter. There could be minimal discharge that is legally allowed to discharge to the county road ditch. Due to that effluent going to a county owned ditch, Laurie is requiring the installation of a UV light disinfection of that water to further reduce bacteria levels. The new septic system will be a minimum of 100' to any well.
- Complaint #1 –A private rural residence has had multiple complaints made to include rodents, weeds, unsafe buildings, no proper water/sewer connections, soiled hygiene items being improperly discarded, abandoned vehicles and more. The septic system on the property is not functional and the water was shut off due to not paying the bill (shared well in a small, private subdivision). There was an attempt to have certified mail served on the female owner, that came back as undeliverable. Working with the County Attorney, it was decided to have the Sheriff's office contact the male owner and serve him papers. In that paper service, the owners of the property were asked to contact either the county attorney or Laurie within a few days of being served. The male owner did call Laurie and came into her office to discuss the situation and reviewed pictures. Options on how to recycle certain items, obtain dumpsters for non-recycled items, a portable toilet and possibly financial assistance were discussed. The owner was apologetic and seems to be willing to get the cleanup underway. Laurie gave the BOH members pictures of the place.Iowa Code for nuisance is limiting.
- Laurie has asked the land owner to make weekly reports to her as to the progress of his clean up efforts and will make unannounced visits to ensure the efforts are legitimate. Additional updates to follow.
- Laurie found an old Board of Health ordinance signed officially July 25, 1972 by the supervisors. Approved by the supervisors again in 1991, however, the Auditor's office couldn't find it in the minutes back at that time. Need to find if Board of Health minutes adopted a nuisance ordinance that was maybe revised in 1975, 1979, and 1991.
- Complaint #2 - A landowner by Churchtown has had complaints made against him & his mother regarding a multitude of dogs...not only the number of them, but the overall health condition of them.

Late last fall 2018, HEART (Helping Every Animal Rescue Team) was at this property and with the land owner's assistance, was given a few puppies and an adult female dog as rescues. One of the puppies was sick and ended up dying of Parvo. The positive parvo shut this HEART member's personal facility down for a 3 month quarantine and loss of the ability to take on more animals for that period. This HEART member is who the BOH gave a \$125 donation to because of the parvo incident. HEART is a private group of individuals similar to that of the Humane Society. This landowner had in the range of 20-30 dogs and was seemingly working with HEART to reduce the numbers by surrendering them, however, he has not been honest with the group and it has been discovered that he has more dogs and puppies than what he originally told them. According to

HEART members, the dogs are full of ticks, sick with parvo, lymes disease, and inbreeding. Some are severely injured and left without any vet attention. Laurie met with Allamakee County Sherriff, Clark Mellick, Assistant County Attorney, Jill Kistler & 2 female volunteers from HEART at a meeting at the SO. The landowner suddenly showed up at this meeting and discussed the problem and how he was willing to surrender more dogs & puppies to the HEART volunteers. He had a female with 3 puppies and a male that he surrendered to them that day. None of them have been vaccinated. He is being allowed to keep 1 spayed/vaccinated female for his assistance in gathering the rest of the dogs on his farm. HEART said they have spent over \$10,000 for the 40 plus dogs taken off the farm since last fall! He is allowing the HEART volunteers to come out and take any of the remaining dogs he catches and do a walk through to find any that may be hiding.

- Because of the nature of nuisance complaints and the multiple offices that these complaints involve, Laurie as Environmental Health & BOH, County Attorney Tony Gericke, Zoning Administrator Tom Blake and Sheriff, Clark Mellick are working jointly on possibly developing a county wide nuisance ordinance.
- Winneshiek County does mandatory certification with required CEU's for their septic system installers. Clayton, Fayette & Allamakee are considering the same. Winneshiek County (Doug) is happy with the way the program has worked out and how it has somewhat eliminated the "weekend warrior" installer.
- Animal Bites 3 Dogs 2 Cats. 1 animal was destroyed and tested – negative. 1 person went through the rabies series.

Board of Health Expense account Other – T.B. Pertussis name change to Communicable Disease. Change definition on report. Will put on the July 10th agenda to vote on the terminology.

Expense & Revenue summary was reviewed.

Erin is going to do a full orientation with Betty. The board roles and responsibilities documents were handed out by Erin to the members. Two different ways the Boards are structured; county and hospital based agency. Chapter 137 –Iowa code; what laws and orders and what is the legal authority of the Local Board of Health. Public Health is required immunizations, communicable disease follow up, and environmental health. Can do personal care services or population based services as part of the grant. Chapter 77 – Administrative Code; meeting the needs of the county. Relationship with Board of Supervisors and BOH. What Board of Health does and the roles of members functions and where the funding comes from. Erin will set up a meeting with Betty and the other members would like to review it with her.

Full audio minutes are available at Veterans Memorial Hospital Community & Home Care office.

FUTURE MEETING: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan made a motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Withers seconded it. All were in favor.

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APPROVED BY: _____ **DATE** _____

Jeanne Stein, Chairperson