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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
August 4, 2015**

BOH Members Present: Mitch Nordmeyer, Joyce Dickes, Dr. Lindstrom, Larry Backer
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Kroeze, Tammy Fleshner
Visitors Present: Erin Barkema, Lisa Koppin, Peggy Funk

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room by Mitch Nordmeyer. No public comment was heard.

Lisa Koppin and Peggy Funk from North Iowa Community Action presented 2014-2015 reports to the Board of Health on the programs available to Butler County residents, including Maternal Health, Family Planning, Child Health, WIC, and I-Smile. The Board of Health stated that they would like NICA0 to continue doing the dental audits in the Butler County Schools and providing the dental services to the children.

Larry Backer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried.

Larry Backer made a motion to approve the previous meetings' minutes as written, and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried.

Tammy Fleshner gave an updated financial report. July's expenses include two months' of health insurance premiums. Joyce Dickes made a motion to approve the 6-23-15, 6-30-15, 7-14-15, 7-21-15, 7-28-15 and 8-4-15 claims, and this was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

Misty Kroeze gave the Environmental Health report. 11 Water tests have been performed, with all arsenic tests coming back below the MCL so far, and only 2 having detectable amounts of arsenic. 2 Well Permits have been done. 3 Well Closings have been done, and 0 Well Rehabs. The 2014-2015 GTC well program funding totals \$26,530. Misty was contacted by a young woman who has had some health issues, and requested that her well be retested. A standard test showed nitrates borderline at 45 mg/L. The State Hygienic Lab has a grant that will pay for pesticide and herbicide testing in high nitrate wells, and they have agreed to use their funds to test this well, so we are waiting for the test kit at this time. Update: Testing was completed showing 3 herbicide degradation products that are not regulated by EPA and have no MCL. One of the products may be regulated in the future, but adverse effects occur at much higher concentrations than what were found in this well. 38 Septic Permits have been issued so far in 2015, as compared to 40 at this time last year (14 for time of transfer, 13 for new construction, and 11 installs for Failed Systems or wanting to update). There have been 25 licensed contractors so far this year. Pool inspections are being finished for the year. Misty is currently working on getting her CEHT. She is attending study group meetings and hopes to take the exam in October before the IEHA / NEHA Regional Meeting. IEHA will reimburse 100% of the cost of the exam for the first attempt. Arsenic and radon fliers and brochures were distributed. Radon test kits are available and for sale for \$6.00 each. Homeowner folders with well information on the back are now being used, and can be purchased by the GTC funding.

Jennifer stated that Dorothy Nelsen will be retiring 9-21-15. We are planning a small, private celebration per her request. We have hired a new nurse, Susan Stirling from Greene, and she will start 8-25-2015 at \$21.00 per hour. Deb Henricks has agreed to become the Assistant Administrator. Discussion followed regarding additional duties and possible salary increase for this position. Larry Backer made the following motion: Due to the additional responsibilities, give Deb Henricks \$1.00 per hour more effective 9-22-2015, and then reevaluate in six months. This was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried. Jennifer is working on Staff Evaluations at this time.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Reports as follows:

1. All grant applications have been submitted, approved and signed. We are still waiting on a subcontract approval from the State.
2. Flu Vaccine should be here before the end of August. We are working on scheduling the clinics the end of September and first of October.
3. We have had a few more dog bites in the past months. Jennifer developed a flier on 'how to quarantine your pet' for the deputies to give to animal owners when they go out on a dog bite report. She is scheduled to speak at the next law enforcement meeting. Copies of the flier were distributed.

Mitch stated that he received an e-mail from Jodi Bangasser stating that she will not be able to attend Board of Health meetings for the next eight months while she is finishing up her Masters education. She stated that she is willing to relinquish her position on the Board of Health if needed. After discussion, it was decided that Mitch and Jennifer would contact Jodi and discuss other possible options, and would table this until the October meeting.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tammy Fleshner, for

Joyce Dickes