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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
June 9, 2015**

BOH Members Present: Jodi Bangasser, Joyce Dickes, Dr. Lindstrom, Larry Backer
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Kroeze, Tammy Fleshner
Visitors Present: Danielle Brackin, Pathways

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room by Jodi Bangasser. No public comment was heard.

Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the agenda with postponement of NICA0 to August meeting, and this was seconded by Larry Backer. Motion carried.

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

Tammy Fleshner gave an updated financial report and explanation of the year end expenditures for the Homes with Healthy Children Program. Larry Backer made a motion to approve the 3-31-15, 4-7-15, 4-14-15, 4-21-15, 4-28-15, 5-7-15, 5-12-15, 5-19-15, 5-26-15, 6-2-15, 6-9-15 and 6-16-15 claims, and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried.

Misty Kroeze gave the Environmental Health report. She is back from maternity leave, and has been very busy since. There will be changes in the FY 15-16 Grants to Counties in regards to reimbursements and actual costs. Arsenic testing is being added to water testing. Shipping costs will be increased for the water tests. We will be starting a new Radon program on July 1, 2015. We will have kits to sell to the public. The kits will be sent in by the individuals and they will receive the results. We will be selling the kits at our cost plus \$1.00. The price of the kit includes postage and analysis. See attached report.

Danielle Brackin from Pathways Behavioral Services presented on the Gambling Treatment Program. They serve 9 counties, including Butler. The treatment is free. They offer individual counseling and group treatment. They are hoping to start Gambling Anonymous in Butler County. They have a new Concerned Persons Group. They also offer Distance Treatment and Exclusion Bans, where a person can ban themselves from lottery tickets, casinos, etc. There is also rent assistance and gas cards available. They are working with police departments, attorneys and public defenders, and will start in Butler County soon. They are trying to get screening for gambling to increase awareness at hospitals and clinics. There will be training at Covenant for physicians and nurses soon. They continue to see gambling problems in college students, more fraternities than sororities. They now see problems in elementary and high schools. There are new programs available for high school, 3rd grad and 8th grade. They are training casino employees to recognize programs.

Jennifer Becker stated that Dorothy Nelsen is retiring September 21, 2015. We need to replace her with a full time RN, with a proposed start date of August 1, 2015. Discussion followed regarding starting wage and possibility of needing to increase it. Joyce Dickes made a motion to advertise now and hire a full time RN, and this was seconded by Larry Backer. Motion carried.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Reports as follows:

1. Most of the Grant applications for July '15 thru June '16 have been submitted. We are still waiting on 3 – County Substance Abuse, Grants to Counties, and Care for Yourself.
2. CHNA – Community Health Needs Assessment – This is done every 5 years. We are currently working on this. It is due February 1, 2016.
3. Care for Yourself – We anticipate that this grant will be decreased to the Affordable Care Act. The number of women served will drop from 115 to 88, but the reimbursement will increase from \$105 to \$150 per person. For the first time, there will be \$6000 available in outreach money that can be used for education and marketing.
4. Child Passenger Safety - An event was held in May in Greene. We received funds from the Kyle Trust Fund. We checked 18 seats, and distributed 11 new seats. We have applied for the Love R Kids Grant to put on a Bike Rodeo in conjunction with Kid Fest in September. We have received a donation of 150 bike helmets. The funding would purchase safety lights and cover personnel time and education materials.
5. BFF Coalition – Emergency Preparedness - A Tabletop exercise was held May 5th which addressed Mass Dispensing and Mass Fatality. We are working with an IT company to develop and pilot an online software real time application for clinic registration. This could be used for paperless registration at our dispensing clinics. Participants could complete the required paperwork online prior to coming to the dispensing sites on any mobile device (computer / smart phone / ipad). Development is to be done in August and we hope to be able test with our flu shot clinics. We are hoping to interface with IRIS (state-wide database) and be able to sort by Payer and then dump onto a spreadsheet to reduce clerical time.
6. Communicable Disease – We have had 3 Ecoli cases (1 new) and 2 Salmonella cases, and other random infections.
7. Dog Bites – We have had 6 cases within the last 3 weeks. A child needed rabies shots due to shooting the dog in the head with a deer slug – dog's brain could not be tested. Jennifer is working on a protocol and information to be given to the animal owners / vet clinics / deputies and plans to go to the next Deputy Meeting.
8. Medical Examiners Investigator – Tammy Fleshner has completed her training and passed her exam. She has gone on 3 calls – 2 where autopsies were needed. The plan is that Jeff Jacobson will stay on until Tammy goes to 8-10 calls.
9. Staff Evaluations will be completed this next month.

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

Submitted by Tammy Fleshner, for



Joyce Dickes

Environmental Health report to the Board of Health
June 9, 2015

14-15 Fiscal Year Well Program:

Water tests: 124 (129 at end of last fiscal year). I did some advertising in the local newspapers that had a great response. I also advertised on our Facebook page which also did well.

Well permits: 16 (18 at end of last fiscal year)

Well closings: 4 (16 at end of last fiscal year)

Rehabilitated: 7 (3 at end of last fiscal year)

The 2014 – 2015 Grants to Counties well program is \$36,082. We spent approximately \$16,844.42 this fiscal year (as of today) with a remaining balance of \$18,478.36. IDPH has now revised the Grants to Counties Administrative Code to increase some of the reimbursement costs as follows:

- Advertising/Equipment/Training: Increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000
- Well Rehabs: Increase from \$600 to \$1,000 (waiting on some clarification on this) and switched from a set reimbursement fee to an actual cost reimbursement.
- Well Pluggings: Increase from \$475 to \$575 and switched from a set reimbursement fee to an actual cost reimbursement.
- Water Testing: Added arsenic testing and switched to an at-cost reimbursement for the testing plus a \$60 administrative fee.

The arsenic testing is completely open ended and entirely up to each county to decide how they want to handle it. They did recommend collecting both a total coliform sample as well as a speciation sample with instructions to only speciate if the total comes back above a certain ppb. Total arsenic costs \$20.00 and speciation costs \$81.50. You only pay for speciation if they run it, however, the cost of shipping would also go up if collecting a speciation sample for every total arsenic sample since the speciation sample needs a cooler.

I did contact CDS and they have agreed to pick up our samples for \$25.00 per pick up so that could really reduce our shipping fees and ensure the samples are getting to the lab in a timely manner. We can also use them for other specimens such as rabies (animal) testing, drug screening, etc.

Using the new price increase, I put together an estimate of what we could potentially spend based on the total number of water tests this year, total well pluggings from last year, and an average of the rehabs for the last two years – it would cost \$39,822 and that is only if every single sample collected was also speciated so this is on the very high side. Based on that, I think it's reasonable to collect a total arsenic and speciation sample for every water test I do, with a limit of 2 samples per well (initial & only if treatment system installed) the first year & a re-check every 3-5 years.

I think it's important to try to spend down as much as we can as there has been a proposal introduced to the legislatures that would syphon some money from this Grants to Counties fund to pay for a study on agricultural practices. It sounds like they may give us one year to see how the changes will spend down this account and find a way to maybe redistribute the monies from one county to another until they take another look at it.

Swick Well: I have a young woman who contacted me to re-test their well water as she has recently undergone a lot of health issues with her bladder and was concerned about a chemical contamination. I did a standard water test and the nitrates were border line at 45 mg/L. I contacted the SHL and they have their own grant that will pay for pesticide and herbicide testing in high nitrate wells and they have agreed to use their grant money to test this well. I am waiting on the test kits and hope to get it tested soon. .

Septic

Permits: I have issued **20** septic permits so far in 2015 (compared to 25 at this time last year).

- 7 for Time of Transfer
- 8 for New Construction
- 5 installs for Failed Systems or wanting to update

Licensed Contractors: Just sent out the reminder letter to let contractors know their license will expire at the end of the month. Two have already renewed.

Pool, Tanning & Tattoo

Just finishing up tanning bed inspections and will be starting pool inspections in the next week or two.

Floyd County

I will be covering for Floyd County starting tomorrow through the 22nd. Whatever mileage I accumulate will be taken off of what we owe Floyd County for Jeff when he covered for me.