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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
April 2, 2013**

BOH Members Present: Jodi Bangasser, Dr. Gunnett, Larry Backer, Mitch Nordmeyer  
BOS Members Present: Mark Reiher, Tom Heidenwirth, Rex Ackerman  
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Kroeze, Tammy Fleshner  
Visitors Present: Erin Barkema – Iowa Dept of Public Health Region 2 Community Consultant

The joint meeting of Board of Health and Board of Supervisors was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room by Mitch Nordmeyer. Introductions were made.

The Public Health Sub Fund was discussed. Larry Backer explained the history of the Sub Fund and why it was originally set up. Discussion was held regarding the services provided by Butler County Public Health. Discussion was held regarding keeping a reserve balance of 3 months versus 6 months, as originally planned. The Public Health Sub Fund Agreement has been signed for the upcoming fiscal year.

The regular Board of Health meeting continued. Jodi Bangasser made a motion to approve the agenda, and this was seconded by Dr. Gunnett. Motion carried.

Larry Backer made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, and this was seconded by Dr. Gunnett. Motion carried.

Tammy Fleshner gave an updated financial report. Discussion was held regarding the untimeliness of State Payments. Erin Barkema stated that she had information regarding filing for EFT status with the State. Tammy will look into this option. Jodi Bangasser made a motion to approve the claims for 3/5/13, 3/12/13, 3/26/13, and 4/2/13 and this was seconded by Larry Backer. Motion carried.

Misty Kroeze gave the Environmental Health report. 200 postcards have been sent out offering free water testing in the Bennezetette and Coldwater Townships. 15 water tests have been performed in the last 2 days, with 10 more scheduled for next week. Misty will continue this process throughout the County. Mitch Nordmeyer will be giving out information at the County Fair. 24 Water tests were performed since the last meeting, for a YTD total of 65. There are large amounts of elevated nitrates results in the County, which can be caused by livestock / fertilizer / improper septic/ shallow wells or sand points. Information is given to homeowners to treat and retest in 2 weeks, and other options. Misty will look closer at the results and compare areas / well depths, etc. One Aluminum Water test has been performed and paid for by the client. This was at the request of Public Health, and the results came back ok.

Four (4) well permits have been granted since last meeting, for a YTD total of 22. (4 of these were due to the well going dry, 3 are for Irrigation wells) Misty has 3 well site visits scheduled for Friday. Six (6) wells have been closed since last meeting, for a YTD total of 23. Misty has requested information from the Contractors. There have been 2 well rehabs YTD. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Information has been submitted to the State.

Forty two (42) Septic Permits have been issued YTD> It is starting to get busy again. Some systems froze up this year due to the drought.

Misty has sent letters to the Contractors stating the fees have been raised. She has received telephone calls both for and against the fee increase. The Board of Supervisors did a resolution after the Board of Health approved the increase. Overall the Contractors are happy with the increase, the citizens are not.

Installers need help getting recertified / relicensed with their CEUs. Misty is working on a 2 day training to offer the installers. The Time of Transfer Inspector Training is Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Region 2 meets quarterly. They have an "Interagency Agreement" to work in each other's counties without compensation. This will be looked at closer. It is to provide coverage during a temporary absence or increase in needs. The agreement will be sent to the Board of Health members.

The Iowa Dept of Public Health Regional Meeting was held in February. The Pool / Tanning Inspection MOU letter will be coming shortly. Childhood Lead / Radon programs will be cut at the State level.

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Jennifer Becker gave the Program Updates. The Tobacco Grant and been completed and submitted last week. The County Substance Abuse Grant was released and is due April 8th. Jennifer will be working with Pathways on this grant. Jennifer and Mary Johnson have been working on the Homes with Healthy Children Program, determining "Policies and Evidence" for the credentialing process. Auditors should come at the end of summer. This has been pushed for at the State level. The EMS Stakeholders Meeting was held March 21, 2013. Those present included Trustees / City leaders / Board of Supervisors / Sheriff Johnson and EMS crew members. The challenges faced were discussed. An EMS Workgroup is working on new policies for the EMS System. The EMS Association received \$1500 from the Community Foundation Grant for Child Passenger Safety Events in the County. At a recent County Insurance Meeting, Healthcare Reform was discussed. Anyone who works more than 29 hours per week needs to be offered health insurance. This includes home care aides and the nurses that work part time. Tammy researched the average number of hours worked per employee, and no one meets this except the two that already get the health insurance. Mary Johnson is not affected since she is of Medicare age.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Lindsey Stack from the Gambling Treatment Program will be here. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tammy Fleshner, for

Dr. Carol Gunnett, Secretary

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