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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
October 7, 2014**

BOH Members Present: Mitch Nordmeyer, Jodi Bangasser, Dr. Lindstrom
BOH Members Absent: Todd Kalkwarf, Larry Backer
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Misty Kroeze
Visitors Present: Rex Ackerman

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room by Mitch Nordmeyer. No public comment was heard.

Jodi Bangasser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and this was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried. Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes as written, and this was seconded by Jodi Bangasser. Motion carried. Jennifer Becker gave an updated financial report. Jodi Bangasser made a motion to approve the 8-19, 8-26, 9-2, 9-9, 9-16, 9-23, 10-7 and 10-14-14 claims, and this was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.

Misty Kroeze gave the Environmental Health report. See report. An Interagency Agreement between Floyd and Butler Counties was discussed to cover while Misty is on maternity leave. Water testing and paperwork will be done internally. The agreement has been revised and approved by the County Attorney. The first 8 hours of work during the duration of leave will be free, beyond that will be \$25.00 per hour. There will be mileage reimbursement. Jennifer will check to see if Floyd County would be willing to increase the hours to make sure the work load is covered. It was felt that this agreement would be very good to have in place.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Reports as follows:

1. Nursing referrals are down, which is typical. Waverly Hospital is not giving patients a choice, so we are losing some to Bremer County. Upcoming advertisement including signs is planned. We would like to update our brochure. There is \$151 left in donation money. Jennifer received a quote for \$250 to develop a brochure and would like to use \$99 of agency funds to do this. The Board agreed this was necessary. We also lost 2 referrals to Allen Home Health because we do not offer telehealth services. Jennifer would like to gather information on what it would take to offer this service.
2. The Elderly Waiver Auditors were present today. Everything went well.
3. Flu Shot Immunizations are almost over. We are doing Parker Place and REC, as well as the New Hartford Clinic today and Clarksville Clinic tomorrow. County employees are scheduled next week. We have had problems getting vaccine this year. We switched to a different type of shot and still encountered issues. We found 250 doses from a different supplier to cover the rest of our clinics.
4. Nikki Bertram is in Colorado for a Nurturing Training program for Homes with Healthy Children. This was paid for by a Kyle Foundation Trust grant. She will also be attending training in Florida. We will be using the remaining funds from the Community Foundation Grant and part of another grant to pay for it.
5. The Tobacco Program received a \$1000 Kyle Foundation Trust grant to continue prevention activities until the State Grant comes through.
6. Child Passenger Safety received a \$1500 Kyle Foundation Trust grant to do a car seat check up. It will be scheduled next spring.
7. Jennifer sent a letter to the schools offering drug screening for their CDL drivers.
8. The Emergency Preparedness Coalition Meeting is scheduled for Thursday. A Fatality Management Class is being planned.
9. Immunization Card Audits will be done electronically for the first time this year.
10. Communicable Diseases – We are investigating 1 case of salmonella which seems to be linked to country-wide EPI exposure.
11. Environmental Health is waiting for training on how to bill for expenses on the lowagrants.gov website, along with several other grants.

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Discussion followed regarding Ebola. Jennifer stated she is hesitant to put information out because of all the different information from different sources. She has put information out about the enterovirus which is affecting kids. It was put on the Facebook page, and she is also working with the schools.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Jennifer's annual evaluation is due to Mitch by November 14th. We will also be discussing the budget. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Misty Kroeze, for



Todd Kalkwarf

Environmental Health report to the Board of Health
October 7, 2014

Since last meeting August 5, 2014

MATERNITY LEAVE – INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH FLOYD COUNTY

Well Program:

Water tests: **46 total for 1st Quarter** (33 total for 1st Quarter last year)

Well permits: **3 so far this fiscal year** (7 at this time last year)

Well closings: **1 total for 1st Quarter** (3 total for 1st Quarter last year)

Rehabilitated: **1 total for 1st Quarter** (1 total for 1st Quarter last year)

The 2014 – 2015 Grants to Counties well program is \$36,082 and I just submitted the 1st Quarter information to Tammy. We are still waiting for instruction from IDPH on how to submit our claims. They are planning a webinar soon but the date has not been determined.

Septic

Permits: I have issued **59** septic permits so far in 2014 (compared to 57 at this time last year). 51 of those systems have been installed so far.

- 18 installs for Time of Transfer
- 16 installs for New Construction
- 15 installs for Failed Systems
- 9 alteration/repairs or just wanting to update
- 1 install due to septic complaint

Licensed Contractors: I have issued 26 contractor licenses for 2014-2015 fiscal year. I will also be sending them a letter letting them know of my maternity leave and who they need to contact if anything comes up. My hope is that they will contact me before my leave if they know of anything that may come up while I'm gone.

Septic Issues

Septic Complaint Update:

8/5/14: I received a septic complaint about a house owned by Cody Meyer on Hwy 14. It appears as though they have recently trenched in a discharge to the ditch. Based on the type of pipe used and because there is no record on their existing septic system, I have to assume that it is a septic discharge. When I visited the site there was running water coming from the pipe and although that particular water appeared to be "clear", there did appear to be some sludge buildup in the vegetation near the pipe. I will be sending them a notice this week.

UPDATE 10/7/14: I spoke with Cody shortly after sending the notice and he said that the work was actually the installation of a perimeter tile for his house. He did admit that his system was discharging to the ditch at a different spot. He is considering selling the property in the next year or two. I told him I would give him until next summer so that the new install would still be valid if he did sell in house in the next two years.

Pool, Tanning & Tattoo

I have a new tanning facility that will be opening up in Dumont. The operator was in today to take her operator test. She will be sending in her application to IDPH and hopes to open by the end of the month.

IEHA Fall Conference

I will be attending the fall conference in Marshalltown next week. It looks like there are some good topics this year including some Radon sessions, an update on the DNR wastewater program, and Arsenic in Well Water.