**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**April 6, 2023**

The Greene County Board of Health (BOH) met in person on Thursday, April 6; virtual option via WebEx, was available.

**Attendance:** Board of Health (BOH) members: Dr. Keith Van Beek; Dawn Rudolph; Annie Smith; Amanda Bills; Dr. Thomas Fagg; Rochelle Guess. Guests: Christy Jenkins, New Opportunities; Heather Bombei, Iowa Health & Human Services (IHHS) Regional Community Health Consultant; Jen Macke, Crawford County Public Health- I-smile Coordinator, Kim Finneran, Crawford County Public Health, Ashley Wiediren St Anthony Birth Place, Public Health: Becky Wolf, Director; Shelby Cooklin, Anne Carstens

*Meeting called to order by Rudolph at 7:14 A.M.*

**Consent Agenda***(for matters requiring little or no discussion)*

Approval of Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes: *Motioned by VanBeek, seconded by Smith. all ayes; motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Environmental Health Report- Arsenic**

Chuck Wendhold, Greene County EH along with Eric Day, DNR have been testing wells in Greene County due to suspected high arsenic levels. Over the last 2 months, 69 wells were tested, 39 have tested for high levels of arsenic from the recent droughts in our area. Chuck is delivering samples to the state hygienic lab weekly, once results are back well owners are being educated on what can be done.

**Community Health Assessment 2023:** Shelby Cooklin, RN shared there have been over 260 surveys returned. Will continue to take surveys until April 15th. Survey Monkey will collect data and break it down into categories. Invitations have been sent to Community members to help with data and determining what is our goals.

**Child- Adolescent Health I-Smile Update:** Jen Macke, Crawford County I-Smile coordinator, provided reports and statistics for services provided in Greene County.

**1st Five, Maternal Health Update**

Paula Klocke – New Opportunities provided reports and statistic for services provided in Greene County.

Wolf shared New Opportunities working on subcontract with PH for 1stFive services for Greene and Guthrie County. Contract will be coming and shared with Board once approved by legal.

**COVID 19 Update:** Wolf shared that as of March 31 PH agencies are no longing reporting cases of COVID to the state. The state data system has been shut off and now any cases will be reported along with Flu and RSV. Currently Greene County has been sharing doses with Story County as demand has decreased. Test kits expired and no plans to get any more at this time as demand is down. On May 11, the Public Health Emergency ends.

**Succession Planning:**

 Ann Erickson updated board on date of job being posted in middle of 2024.

**FY 24 Immunization Grant Application:** has been submitted on 3/30 grant amount will be $7100 for Immunizations and $1500 for Pandemic flu.

**FY 24-26 LPHS Grant Application:** has been submitted- grant amount will be $34,143.00

Wolf will bring the FY24 BOH-GCMC LPHS Agreement for approval and signatures to the Jun 1 meeting.

**FY 23 COVID-19 Immunization, IT Upgrade Grants Update:**

IT grant will be done June 30th – most PH agencies were unable to spend the full amount, Wolf still has a few purchases, but won’t spend all of the grant.

COVID-19 Immunization Response and Health Equity Grants have been extended until Dec 31.

**National Public Health Week Activities:**

Proclamation was signed on Monday, PH will be giving away free ice cream treats to hospital employees, and Greene County Board of Supervisors has awarded PH $300,000.00 for FY24.

**Policy Updates:**

Lifeline will be revisited at next meeting as more information is needed before approving.

**OTHER TOPICS of DISCUSSION:** No comments.

**Adjournment:** *Meeting adjourned at 8:29 AM; Smith made motion; seconded by Bills; all ayes.*

Next meeting, June 1, 2023 at 7:00 A.M., GCMC Medical Staff Library, Level B. Virtual option will be available, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Carstens, PH Office Manager