**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**October 6, 2022**

The Greene County Board of Health (BOH) met in person on Thursday, October 6, 2022; virtual option via TEAMS, was available.

**Attendance:**

Board of Health (BOH) members: Dr. Keith Van Beek; Annie Smith; Rochelle Guess; Dawn Rudolph; Dr. Tom Fagg,

Guests: Christy Jenkins, New Opportunities; Tricia Nichols, Webster County Public Health; Chuck Wenthold, Greene Co. EH; Cindy Duhrkopf, P4F Area Coordinator; Heather Bombei, Iowa Health & Human Services (IHHS) Regional Community Health Consultant

Public Health: Becky Wolf, Director; Susan Moore, GCMC CNO; Anne Carstens; Phyllis Woodley and Sara Miller, HOPES/Baby Boutique

*Meeting called to order by Rudolph at 7:04 A.M.*

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

Approval of Agenda: *Motioned by Guess, seconded by Smith.*

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Smith, seconded by Bills, approve August 17, 2022 meeting minutes; all ayes; motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Collaborative Service Area (CSA)/MCAH Grants Update:

Paula Spies-New Opportunities – unable to attend today due to first day of WIC; received Maternal Health Grant, effective 10/2022. PH has transitioned any open MH clients to New Opp for further services.

Kim Fineran-Crawford County Home Health, Hospice and Public Health-unable to attend; Wolf reported that Crawford County new lead agency with CAH grant. It has been a smooth transition with onboarding Greene County PH, meetings with staff, and finalizing details for roll-out. It was great working with Webster County, developing relationships over the past 10 years.

KEYS: Unlocking the Brain Dementia Prevention Program: Wolf shared more information about the new 10-week course, facilitated by Deb Hoskins and Wolf. Classes will be held at the Greene County Community Center, running from Nov 8, 2022-Jan 10, 2023. Second course will be held Mar 14-May 16, 2023. Wolf related the community center has been great to work with, along with local subject matter experts. The Silver Sneakers benefit will be available for those with Medicare or Medicaid. Wolf interviewing with Coltrane in the next one-two days. Registration fee is $20 per person. A COVID-related grant subsidizes the related expenses for these two courses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* HOPES: Miller, program supervisor, reported on Greene County HOPES, funded by Partnership-4-Families and County tax dollars. In FY22, 346 contacts were made, serving mothers prenatally and children up to age three. Due to staffing issues beginning in April 2021, Miller has provided supervisory support for the Guthrie/Audubon program, until a new program supervisor could be hired and on-boarded; anticipated exit by end of Dec 2022. Grow Great Kids curriculum focuses on early brain development and strengthening parenting skills. Referral sources include: 1st Five, OB units of surrounding hospitals, ER, WIC, and local primary care clinics. Miller has been tagged as a peer reviewer. Primary goal is to increase the number of families served by this program.
* Baby Boutique: Woodley provided information about this incentive program for families enrolled in HOPES program. 51 contacts were made in FY22. They must meet achieve 75% of scheduled home visits per month to receive supplies, such as wipes, diapers, breast feeding supplies, and playpens. Financial support from community donations and DCAT mini-grant funding.
* Environmental Health: Wenthold reported water testing numbers are increasing again after negative impact during COVID. Water testing numbers back up after negative impact during COVID pandemic. DNR discussions about funding are ongoing.
* Other MCAH updates shared:
  + Nichols – will miss our partnership and thank you for all did for us and your MCAH clients
  + New Opp: Awarded the Maternal Health contract; will provide services during WIC clinics
  + I-Smile- Crawford County
  + Lead Screening-Crawford County
* 1st Five: Grant award pending; will continue serving clients through Webster County until 12/31/22.
* Staffing-RN Lindsay Jacobs’ last day is Oct 11; RN Shelby Cooklin from Grand Junction begins Oct 24.
* Succession Planning: Bombei, Moore, and Wolf led discussions. Bombei shared succession planning document; IHHS anticipates mass retirement of long-time PH directors in upcoming years. BOH must consider: Maintain knowledge and experience; leadership in community; foster diversity and inclusion. PH leaders will attend a succession planning workshop in late October; will learn more about resources and templates created for this purpose.

Wolf noted 34 years in PH; 10 years as Director. Considering retirement by late Dec 2024-early 2025. Goal is to create succession planning binder for all PH positions.

* Moore related the GCMC senior leaders and HR will be working with BOH to recruit a new Director; committed to six-12 months onboarding with Wolf to ensure smooth transition. Bombei expressed appreciation of the hospital-PH collaboration with BOH; Wolf suggested a standing item on agenda, with a special BOH meeting in November to exclusively discuss succession planning. Moore will send out a survey for BOH members to provide feedback on qualifications for Director.

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

**Adjournment:** *Meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM; Gilley made motion; seconded by Smith; all ayes.*

**Next meeting, December 1, 2022, 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