

4th Floor Conference Room

Boone County Courthouse

- I. Call Meeting to Order:** by Dr. Mehlhaus at 5:30 pm
- II. Attendance:** Present: Dr. Mehlhaus, Gary Nystrom via Zoom, Kristine Johansen and Kriss Haglund. Absent: Shawn Bryant.
Additional Attendees: Debi Pestotnik, Ed Tharp.
- III. Changes & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 01/16/2023**
 - Motion by Kristine Johansen, 2nd by Kriss Haglund to approve minutes as submitted. Vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- IV. Changes & Approval of Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion by Kriss Haglund, 2nd by Kristine Johansen to approve agenda as submitted. Vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- V. Open Public Hearing(s) and Consideration of Request(s)**

None
- VI. Unfinished (Old) Business**
 - A. Opioid Settlement Remediation – Presented by Steve Duffy (11/07/2022)

The Board did not have all the information on the grant and how much money there was to use. Dr Mehlhaus said that he would get with Shawn Bryant and figure out the amount of money so they can move forward.

B. Claudia Schmutz of Community & Family Resources of Ames back to talk about the Opioid Settlement Remediation Grant. Since the Board had no new information on the grant yet, she helped Shelly Zabel make a presentation to the Board.

Claudia Schmutz, Shelly Zabel – Prevention Specialist for Community and Family Resources of Ames and Boone County - Presentation.

Shelly gave a short presentation on some of the things they do in schools. She talked about the different training for underage Alcohol, Opioids, Marijauna, Tobacco in underaged youth. She told about how the programs work and their focus on youth on substance abuse, prevention, and education. The training they give is free through a grant program that they already have.

VII. New Business

- A. Boone Safe Coalition – Presentation by Diane Hinderaker Director at Boone County Probation.

They are substance abuse based and they meet regularly. They do community events such as Red Ribbon Week, The Lighted Parade, In Plain Sight and Iowa State Stem event, where they promote Drug and Alcohol prevention. They provide information for Adults and Youth on numerus substance abuses. Everything they focus on is family oriented, and age appropriate. She talked about the Project Alert Program, and stated that Meth, OWI's and Domestic violence are on the rise. She talked about a program that they can do for adults called, Generation RX. It is not currently being provided in Boone County, but it could be. She stated that the group does about six or seven events a year and they would be happy to help where ever needed. She also passed out pamphlets to the Board members with all the information and programs that she talked about.

VIII. Department Update

- A. Public Health Department Report, Debi Pestotnik.

Debi Pestotnik gave a brief report on Covid and how it has slowed down. She stated that there was just a couple that started the full series of immunization. She also talked about the State Hygenic Lab getting a grant to measure the covid levels in waste water plants.

She said that the CDC sent out a report on communities that did not treat their drinking water with Fluoride. The Mobile Home park west of Ames, Coal Valley, Ogden and Pilot Mound does not treat their water systems with Fluoride. The Board appointed Debi Pestotnik to call and ask these communities if they were treating their water with Fluoride.

She also said that she received a call from Dallas County ER about a positive test for a strain of Meningitis, and they were shipped to Des Moines.

Kaitlyn Geckler is an RN at Boone County Hospital, working with Debi this semester while she finishes up her BSN at U of I.

Kaitlyn gave a brief presentation on reducing the rate of Teen Pregnancy and the spread of disease. She talked about STD's and STI's and that we should tell teens more than you should not have sex. She said that it is important to teach our teens about these things and how to use birth control and condoms.

She gave the board members a pamphlet that she made with all the information she talked about in it. She is working with Boone High School and middle schools on this project.

B. Health and Sanitation Department Report.

Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer gave an update on the Wastewater Infrastructure Grant and said that they are still waiting on 22 for approval. He also stated that the ground was thawing and that they started working on septic systems again. He said there has been minimal Illegal Dumping so far this season.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Mehlhaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Kristine Johansen moved for adjournment, 2nd by Kriss Haglund to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting May 15th, 2023 5:30 p.m. at Boone County Courthouse: 4th Floor
Conference Room.**

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Tharp, Secretary.