

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, Kristine Johansen via Phone, Shawn Bryant and Kriss Haglund.
Additional Attendees: Debi Pestotnik, Ed Tharp.
- III. **Changes & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 03/20/2023**
 - Motion by Kriss Hagland, 2nd by Shawn Bryant to approve minutes as submitted. Vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- IV. **Changes & Approval of Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion by Shawn Bryant, 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. **New Business**

A motion was made by Shawn Bryant to hear the YSS and The Bridge Home presentations first before continuing with (Old) Business, 2nd by Kriss Haglund to approve the change to the agenda. Vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

 - A. Jeannette Flynn, Jennifer Schmit, Falica Watkin – YSS presentation.

Jeannette and Falica talked about what YSS was doing in the community. They also talked about different programs they were using to teach Adults and children about the dangers of Opioids, Underage Drinking, Gambling, Tobacco, and Marijuana use. They talked about mentoring and how it helps individuals with their problems. Jennifer Schmit talked about Kids Club which is a program that teaches kids literacy and the importance of

knowing about drugs and alcohol abuse. They also teach science, technology, experience, and math. They are wanting to expand into teaching about opioids too.

B. Jodi Stumbo, Andrea Gronau - The Bridge Home Presentation

Jodi talked about the homeless citizens and families they serve by getting them stably housed. The first thing she said that these people need is shelter and to feel safe. They support them and help them get to the point where they can get back into society. They help with simple things like getting their birth certificate or driver's license. They also help with getting them set up with programs from YSS, Salvation Army and other agencies to help them get back into society. She said that they get them housed and help them with support and educating them on how to take care of themselves. The goal of the Bridge Home is to get every homeless person off the street.

During the Bridge Home presentation, Dr. Mehlhaus excused himself from the meeting due to another engagement. He placed Kriss Haglund the Vice Chairman of the Boone County Board of Health in charge of the rest of the meeting.

VII. Unfinished (OLD) Business

A. Opioid Settlement Remediation – Presented by Steve Duffy (11/07/2022)

The board discussed the presentations that were presented tonight, and Shawn Bryant set up a meeting with Jeannette Flynn of YSS and get their proposal. The board continued to talk about other options and the Boone County Sheriff's Department need of the machine for identifying different types of drugs. They talked about using to money more for programs with YSS and Community & Family Resources that would be more for the education of Adults and Children on the opioid crises.

VIII. Department Update

A. Public Health Department Report, Debi Pestotnik.

Debi Pestotnik gave a brief report on Covid and how it's been quiet, but she heard that there will be a new Covid Vaccine that would be available in September of this year.

She said that she was trying to get information on the Florida treatment for the surrounding area communities but have not heard back yet.

B. Jaden McDonough; Intern Public Health Department Report

She gave a brief report on the program that she is working on for Mental Health Services for the community. She investigated 5 Mental Health Agencies in Boone County. After talking to them they all agreed on making a counsel to bring the agencies together to better serve the community with Mental Health Services and Support Groups.

She also said that getting Social Workers and Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Mental Health Department workers and other Agencies all together would help to reach the common goal.

C. 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 20 for approval.

Had a couple of nuisance complaints that I have been working on. So far, the property owners have been compliant.

IX. Adjournment

Kriss Haglund entertained a motion to adjourn. Kristine Johansen moved for adjournment, 2nd by Shawn Bryant to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting September 18th, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at Boone County Courthouse: 4th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Tharp, Secretary.