# Boone County Board of Health

# **Meeting Minutes**

### 05/20/2024

2<sup>nd Floor</sup> Planning & Development Conference Room

Boone County Courthouse

- I. Call Meeting to Order: by Dr. Mehlhaus at 5:30 pm
- II. Attendance: Present: Dr. Mehlhaus, Kristine Johansen, Kriss Haglund, Gary Nystrom via zoom. Absent: Shawn Bryant.

#### Additional Attendees:

Debi Pestotnik, Public Health Administrator. Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.

Megan Thompson, (MICA)

Ronald Stotts, Homeowner

Kevin Anderson, Septic Contractor

# III. Changes & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (03/18/2024) and (04/22/2024).

• Motion by Gary Nystrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristine Johansen to approve minutes as submitted. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

#### IV. Changes & Approval of Meeting Agenda

• Motion by Kriss Hagland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristine Johansen to approve agenda and agenda changes. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

## V. Open Public Hearing(s) and Consideration of Request(s)

## A. None.

## VI. Unfinished (Old) Business

A. None.

#### VII. New Business.

A. Waiver for Septic Tank set back. Ronald Stotts 391 220<sup>th</sup> St. Ogden, IA. Dr. Mehlhaus asked Kevin Anderson to explain the reason for the variance for the placement of the septic tank closer to the house than the ten feet that is code.

Kevin Anderson explained what had happened when the house was added onto, and the builder did not take into consideration that the septic tank would be too close to the house. Kevin also showed on the map of the septic system, how there was no room to place the tank anywhere else. He stated that the addition was a slab and not a basement so there would be no seepage possibility. The Board asked a few more questions of Kevin Anderson and Mr. Stotts and concluded that it was necessary to grant a waiver for the closer placement of the septic tank to the house. The Board wanted to make sure this was a permanent fix, and not have to be revisited later. Motion by Kriss Haglund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristine Johansen to grant the waiver for the septic tank to be placed closer to the house and make it permanent. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

 B. Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) Quarterly update from Megan Thompson.

Megan gave a brief presentation about what MICA had been doing and how they were helping the kids in Boone County. She stated that 55 kids from the Boone Community School District participated in the I- Smile @ School program. This program conducts dental screenings to let parents know about the child's oral health, and whether they have cavities or just need some brushing instructions to do a better job removing food and plaque from their teeth. Out of the 55 kids that participated,13 was identified with cavities. All 55 kids received fluoride varnish treatments and 22 kids received sealant treatments. Out of all the participants, 1 kid was identified with urgent dental needs and 13 kids will receive additional help from us to access care from a dentist. She talked about WIC and said that they usually have about 200 participants but in April there were 242 participants. She said that they have been seeing increases these last few months. She talked about a 30.00 dollar check that WIC participants can qualify for to use at the farmers market so they can buy all types of vegetables. She said that they are partnering with Hyvee and WIC participants can use their WIC cards for online ordering through Hyvee. She also talked about their maternal health care and prenatal care program and how if they are on Medicaid or WIC they qualify for it. She explained the support process of the program and if they need counseling with postpartum depression.

C. Board of Health Signatory Delegation Authority for Public Health Services Grant and Public Health Immunization Grant by Debi Pestotnik, Public Health Administrator.

This would let Debi sign anything that needs to be signed for by the Boone County Board of Health. This will let her continue to write the grants and to take care of certain things like the Community Health needs Assessment and the Public Health Improvement Plan. She talked about trying to get a Mental Health Advisory Committee for Boone County and try to partner with Green County to get a better coverage in the two counties. She also talked about Community Health Education to help educate individuals on different resources throughout the county. She stated that what she wanted to do was to use all dollars on core Public Health measures, whether it's working on our Community Health needs Assessment, talking about resources in the community and providing education in various places. She also stated that they would be using the money they get from the Boone County Board of Supervisors to supplement the programs. She said that the budget was \$64348.00 for the year, and it has been the same for the last few years. She let the Board know that after they signed the paperwork that she would then sign off on it and get it sent off. She said that she would make copies and send them to Dr. Mehlhaus electronically

so that they would have a copy. Deb had Dr. Mehlhaus sign the paperwork and he then had Kristine Johansen read off the titles of the two forms to be voted on.

- (1.) Funding Agreement for IHHS Local Public Health Services Contract for Boone County.
- (2.) Boone County Board of Health Delegation Signatory Authority Motion by Kristine Johansen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Nystrom to approve the funding agreement for the IHHS Local Public Health Services Contract for Boone County and the Boone County Board of Health Delegation Signatory Authority. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

#### VIII. Department Update

- A. Public Health Department Report Debi Pestotnik, Public Health Administrator gave a brief update about the county and said that it's been quiet. She had not heard anything about Measles. She said that school is almost out and that they were going to start getting the word out early summer and fall to make sure that parents get their kids vaccinated.
- B. Health and Sanitation Department Report.

Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.

Gave an update on some complaints that he has been working on. He stated that the septic installations have been slow due to the weather, but that will pick up soon. He also gave a hand out to all the Board member of the Grants to Counties 2023-2024 for well testing and well plugging.

## IX. Adjournment

Dr. Brian Mehlhaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Kriss Haglund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristine Johansen to adjourn the meeting at 6:09pm. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

Next Meeting July 15th, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at Boone County Courthouse: 4th Floor Conference Room.

**Respectfully Submitted** 

Ed Tharp, Secretary.