

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 13, 2023

Dr. Wells called the meeting to order at 8:31 am. Present were Penny Feters, Shelley Bickel, Susie Gibbs, Chris Moore (on the phone), Charlotte Van Fleet, David Rhodes, Dr. Wells.

Penny F. made a motion to approve the consent agenda to approve the reviewed policies for September. Susie G. seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Susie G. made a motion to approve July 12, 2023 minutes with three transcription changes on page four. Penny F. seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Updates on Safe Sitter class: Public Health is looking to do another class on Christmas break possibly and funded by the Public Health grant. The Kids First grant received money starting July 1st. for our baby bag program and the car seat program. There are still some car seats left over from last year's grant. Jessica Hysell and Susan Moore instruct how to install and use the car seats. The community can get car seats through public health program or the Nine to Thrive program that Jesscia H. does at the WCH. Susan M., Jessica H. and Shelley B. is having their last zoom meeting on Vision to learn with Seymour and Mormon Trail schools by the vision to learn out of Iowa City. Corydon last week did the Vision to learn program from Dubuque. Once the schools send in the MOUs to do the vision project. Then the Listen to learn project will contact an optometrist to teach Heather S., Susan M., and Shelley B. on how to use the screener. The process will then begin. Public Health is looking to do one school at a time, and they will start in October. Public Health will utilize Heather S. due to being a school nurse on Tuesday and Thursday, so while Heather S. is at the schools, she will do the screening there and if she needs additional help, Susan can go to Seymour or Humeston schools if Heather S. needs help. Once Public Health does the screening, we refer to vision to learn and they start the process collaborating with the different schools or the school nurse to come down in their van and do the additional screening with the optometrist. The Humeston citizens and Langtry Foundation has sent Public Health a total of 7,600.00 to use towards the glasses and the process for the Morman Trail school. PH needs 29 thousand dollars. Shelley B. had talked with Taylor B. from Wayne County Development about where they were at in help with the funding. Shelley B. talked with Corraine from Vision to learn out of Debuque, and they have funding, and they are setting it aside for us, but Shelley B. needs to find out what the Wayne County Foundation will be giving us. Then Shelley will

get back to Corrine to see how much funding she has available to cover our cost. We will be serving 13 hundred students on the project. Shelley B. told the BOH that PH has a Wayne Community School Student doing Career Study for the semester. The Free Clinic had 20 people last month. Dr. Wells said that they had a lot of sport physicals that night. Good turnout and the staff did an excellent job. Clayton M. and Heather S. worked Back to School at Seymour on August 19, 2023. They had around 25 sport physicals and Heather will be doing immunizations at the school. East Penn is having an East Penn Day on October 7th and wanted us to participate, Heather S. will be administering flu shots between 10 – 2 pm and East Penn will be providing the vaccine and supplies. Public Health were asked to participate in the Stem Fest at the Wayne County Fair Event Center and are anticipating around 250 kids on September 29th. Susan M. and Jessica H. will be attending from 10-2 and they will be doing every thirty minutes a germ lesson interactive and will pay for by Covid Equity Grant. Home care is going well. In the last meeting that was in July we discussed reaching out to hospitals, nursing homes, Clinics and Rehabilitations Centers. Charlotte V. sent out thirty letters and pamphlets with information on what we provide with our services in Wayne County and have been getting referrals from different providers. We are increasing the number of our new clients and the nurses are keeping up with the new referrals. Shelley will be having a meeting with Amy Sinclair and IDPH director Lina Tucker-Reinders on September 14th about what our PH does and what we are serving the community and the effectively we are doing and keeping our services local. Shelley B. put together a list of all our programs we do and how we fund, so Amy S. and Lina T. can look this over about Wayne County Public services. PH will know in October on how the state is going to Regionalize. Penny F. and Susie G. offered to also be at the meeting. Dr. Wells asked Charlotte V. to attend and take minutes for the rest of the Board that did not attend. Dr. Wells wanted Shelley B. to ask, "Do they take all the consultants that they hired and is there work done and do they have a direction or are they still working on it? Shelley B. wants the state to be aware of what a small rural county area is doing, and the need of a rural county is not like a big city.

Shelley went over the financial report for the Month of August. Charlotte V. is doing reports that Berdette D. gave her to explain the Revenue and Expenditures for each month and year to date. Dr. Wells would like to get a report quarterly for the BOH.

Penny F. made a motion to approve the Annual Report with a typo error and Shelley B. will correct. Susie G. seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Alan Wilson, County Attorney came to closed session.

Chris M. made a motion to go into closed session about contractor issue. Penny F. seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board of Health and Alan Wilson came back into open session. We finished our closed session reviewing the decision of the board to revoke the contractor's license for one year. The deliberation in the closed session passed back to the board in open session is to stand by our previous decision to continue to pull the license for one year. We feel this would benefit the contractor that is appropriate the contractor was at fault and plainly admitted that. This is a one-year penalty for being out of compliance and will be complete by next July 2024. We feel that is the most appropriate penalty for the contractor, and it also does not punish their reputation in the community and affect them after that one-year revocation. The Board voted to stand by that recommendation. Roll call vote: Penny Fetters aye, Chris Moore aye, Susie Gibbs aye, Dr. Joel Wells aye. All in Favor. Motion carried to stand by our previous decision. Mr. Wilson will contact the contractor and their lawyer to let them know our decision and if there are any other issues and bring them back to our board if necessary.

David R. is going to update a new ordinance on sewer systems and will bring it to the board at the next meeting. David R. showed a video from the DNR sewer systems.

Susie G. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am. Seconded the motion by Penny F. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 8:30 am.


Board of Health Chair


Date