

CEDAR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
March 15, 2024

7:30AM
Courthouse Basement

Present:

Alan Beyer, DVM, Chair
Brad Gaul, Vice Chair
Jane Caes, RN via phone
Dr. Leslie Paulsen, DO via phone
Pat Lilienthal, CRNA

Staff:

Stefanie Wagaman, RN, MSN, OCN
Joanna Foor, RN, BSN
Ashley Hansen
Phil LaRue, Environmentalist

Dr. Beyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Brad Gaul motioned to approve the agenda apart from changing the order of the agenda; Pat Lilienthal seconded.

Pat Lilienthal approved the minutes from the January 05, 2024, meeting, Brad Gaul seconded.

Briana Boswell with the I-Smile and Maternal/Child Health program from Scott County gave updates on the services they are providing in Cedar County. Updates included how they are spreading the word about the Hawki insurance program, the healthy pregnancy program, the I-Smile Dental program, and other support programs that they offer.

Phil LaRue gave his environmentalist update. He gave his grant to counties updates; 14 wells plugged, 50 wells tested, 4 wells renovated, 7 well permits issued, 34 septic permits issued, 29 completed and 5 pending, 18 animal bites and 2 burning complaints. LaRue then proposed on increases the septic permit fees, the new permit fees will be \$300 for a complete septic, \$100 for vaulted privies, \$200 for holding tanks, and \$100-\$200 for repairs of a septic. Pat Lilienthal made a motion to approve these new fees; Brad Gaul seconded. LaRue then said they had to redo their budget for FY25, the changes were mainly on the revenue side. Pat Lilienthal made a motion to approve the updated FY25 budget; Brad Gaul seconded.

Ashley Hansen presented the Heritage Area Agency on Aging RFP. She needed permission to submit a RFP for grant funding for FY25. Jane Caes made a motion for Hansen to submit the RFP; Brad Gaul seconded.

Stefanie Wagaman presented purchasing a county car from Alpen Ford in Durant. We do have it in our budget for this fiscal year, however the original plan was to purchase the assessor's car next fiscal year but with budget cuts that was taken out of the FY25 budget. One of our county cars needs around \$600.00 to repair but the mechanic shop where the car is said the car will keep breaking down due to the age and mileage of the vehicle. Brad Gaul made a motion to buy the car that was presented and not fix the county car that is currently at the shop; Pat Lilienthal seconded.

Stefanie Wagaman spoke on how she will be on leave, and we will need someone to sign in her absence. Brad Gaul made a motion for Joselyn Snook to sign in Stefanie's absence; Pat Lilienthal seconded.

Ashley Hansen spoke on rate increases for home health services. We have not had a rate increase in over five years. Her proposed rate increases were to keep skilled nursing services at \$150.00 per visit, increase homemaking from \$38 per hour to \$40 per hour, and increase home health aide from \$48 per hour to \$50 per hour. Brad Gaul made a motion for the rate increases as proposed; Jane Caes seconded.

Ashley Hansen spoke on the sliding scale fee schedule that is updated yearly when the new poverty guidelines come out. Currently our sliding scale fee schedule is 31 steps long, Hansen proposed changing that down to 7 steps. Brad Gaul made a motion to approve the sliding fee scale with the 7 steps, updated poverty guidelines, and updated increased rates to be in effect July 1, 2024; Jane Caes seconded.

Stefanie Wagaman gave updates on the FY 25 budget. All departments were asked to cut expenses from their department. Our department cut out the budgeted county car, the office manager position, and the PRN aide position. Pat Lilienthal made a motion to approve the updated budget; Jane Caes seconded.

Joselyn Snook spoke on potentially offering a CPR class for the public. Our department has a grant that will pay for the purchase of mannequins and a training AED. Snook said she has had churches and local daycares reach out to her and ask if this was a service that we offer. Jane Caes made a motion to purchase the items necessary to start up teaching the CPR classes to the public and to start offering the class to the public for a fee; Pat Lilienthal seconded the motion.

Stefanie Wagaman gave her director updates; she gave updates of the strategic planning for the LPHS grant, and some of the meetings that she has attended including, STB training, mass shooter exercise, and EMS study meetings.

Joey Foor gave updates on public health activities; she has been working on the quarterly reports, she gave an update on the number of vaccines given in the last two months, and that she has been working with various agencies to come up with a plan on how to spend the 5-2-1-0/HEAL money that the city of Tipton was awarded.

Joselyn Snook gave the home health update. She gave an update on admissions and discharges within the last 2 months. She also reported that the EVV Medicaid requirement has officially launched, also that she has started having month care conference meetings with case management.

Ashley Hansen gave the financial update. We have used 60.12 percent of our budgeted expenses, and we have received 79.52 percent of the budgeted amount for revenue for this fiscal year. She reported that we are right on track of where we should be at this point in the fiscal year.

Pat Lilienthal motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jane Caes seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 0918.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Hansen
Business and Quality Manager