

POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
Pocahontas County Conservation Building  
March 14, 2023 - 2:00 PM

Board Members present: Kyle Smith, Polly Zaugg, Donna Stall, Kylie Maurer, Selena Meacham, Connie Schachtner

Present via Phone: Annette Devereaux

Staff Present: Jill Conlin, Administrator, Kayla Nedved, Nate Vento, Brooke Krips

Guests Present: Cindy Partlow

1. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Donna Stall.
2. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motioned by Kylie Maurer, seconded by Polly Zaugg to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Approval of minutes from January 31, 2023
  - a. Motioned by Kyle Smith, seconded by Selena Meacham to approve the minutes from January 31, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Dental Health Update for Pocahontas County – Brooke Krips, BSN Pocahontas Co. Public Health and Cindy Partlow, Webster Co. I-Smile Coordinator
  - a. Brooke Krips, RN BSN spoke about the dental screenings she does once a month here in Pocahontas at the WIC Clinic. Brooke also does the Preschool Dentals in the spring at the All Start Preschool in Pocahontas.
  - b. Cindy Partlow – Focus is primarily on providing preventive dental care for underserved populations. Pocahontas is 1 of 3 counties in Iowa that does not have fluoride in the water system.
    - i. Delta Dental offers a grant to help offset the cost of fluoride for the water system.
    - ii. Cavity Free Iowa - This is for our medical providers that are seeing children ages 0-5 and they are able to apply fluoride varnish during well child visits.
5. Environmental Health Specialist Report – Nate Vento
  - a. Recently Nate has been going through the pool testing equipment to make sure things were not expired.
  - b. Erica Svuba with ISU Extension reached out about well water testing.
  - c. On Thursday, Nate will be taking a Well class in Cherokee, IA.
  - d. Nate will have his 1<sup>st</sup> tanning inspection tomorrow, March 15, 2023.
6. Administrator's Report – Public Health and Home Care
  - a. Review of financial information and claims
  - b. April 3-9 National Public Health Week – planning on putting an article in the newspaper about the two agencies combining.

- c. John Dahl from BV County reached out and would like to plan for the next pandemic.
- d. Grants
  - i. Elderbridge – Due March 31<sup>st</sup> – combining the applications this year.
  - ii. 6-Year Emergency Response – this grant was extended
  - iii. Immunizations Grant – due in April

7. Old Business

- a. The new Family Support Worker employee
  - i. Melissa Hoyt is the new Family Support Worker.

8. New Business

- a. Elevated Lead Levels and Referrals
- b. Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA CHIP)
- c. New Homemaker Sliding Fee Scale
  - i. Motioned by Polly Zaugg, seconded by Connie Schachtner to raise the cost to \$40/hr. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Board Concerns/Comments

- a. Kylie will reach out to the City of Laurens to talk with someone about the fluoride in the water.

10. Public Comments

- a. None

11. Next Meeting – May 9, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

12. Adjourn

- a. Motioned by Kylie Maurer, seconded by Connie Schachtner to adjourn the meeting at 3:17pm.