

# GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

December 7, 2023

The Greene County Board of Health (BOH) met in person on Thursday, December 7; virtual option via WebEx, was available.

**Attendance:** Board of Health (BOH) members: Dr. Keith Van Beek, Dawn Rudolph, Rochelle Guess, Amanda Bills, Annie Smith, Juanita Gilley  
Greene County EH: Chuck Wendhold  
New Opportunities: Paula Spies, Christy Jenkins  
Public Health: Becky Wolf, Director; Anne Carstens, Shelby Cooklin, Sara Miller  
Greene County Medical Center: None

*Meeting called to order by Rudolph at 7:05 A.M.*

**Consent Agenda** *(for matters requiring little or no discussion):*

Approval of Consent Agenda: October 5 Meeting Minutes and 2024 meeting schedule. *Motion to approve by Smith; seconded by Bills; all ayes; motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP) 2023:**

Wolf submitted to the LPHS on 11/17/2023.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

Wolf updated the Board that PH would be working with GC schools to get staff trained on Stop the Bleed. Emergency Preparedness committee had planned to do this pre-COVID and Stop the Bleed has been brought back to the top of the list with several PH agencies, Hospitals, EMS, and EMT services. Wolf would like to see one or two staff members trained at each building, along with 1-2 kits in each building, the trained staff would then train others. Wolf will work with schools on checking for outdated supplies and making sure kits are located where they are easily accessible to staff and students; would like to see all coaching staff, teachers, students, and bus drivers trained. Eventually, Wolf would like to train staff at Libraries, Community Center, and other areas of mass population.

**2024 BOH Membership:**

Rudolph and Smith agreed to continue for another term

**Succession Plans:**

Wolf working on succession planning book; nothing new to report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Five, Maternal Health Update**

Paula Klocke – New Opportunities provided reports and statistic for services provided in Greene County.

**Iowa Health and Human Services (IHHS) System Restructuring:**

Wolf discussed restructuring process and how this could impact local PH agencies. PH administrators have completed surveys and interviews with the organization that will compile data and provide recommendations to the State.

**Quality Assurance Performance Improvement-**

Wolf shared results from PH improvement measures that are required by CMS for hospital. Examples of some services that are being tracked -Lifeline, Dental Screenings, and Immunizations.

**COVID Immunization Response Grant Updates**

Wolf shared that funding for these grants will end 12/31/2023

Wolf has submitted funding requests for the following: Ultra-cold Freezer; new TVs for PH waiting room and Med Staff Library; whiteboards; laptop, I-pads (including for BOH members), and charging stations for devices.

**RSV Access**

Wolf shared that RSV is available to those 64 and older with health issues, insurance will pay but must be done at Pharmacy under Medicare Part B; PH will not be ordering, as we are unable to bill for that vaccine.

For Children RSV VFC and Private – there has been no demand for vaccine PH has not ordered any; is quite expensive and reimbursement rate is not confirmed.

**OTHER TOPICS of DISCUSSION:** No comments.

**Adjournment:** *Meeting adjourned at 8:14 AM; Bills made motion; seconded by VanBeek; all ayes.*

Next meeting, February 1, 2024 at 7:00 A.M., GCMC Medical Staff Library, Level B. Virtual option will be available.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Carstens, PH Office Manager