

**GREENE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 25, 2024**

Dr. Daniel Woodlock, President, called the Board of Health Meeting to order on March 25, 2024, at 7:03 PM. Those in attendance were: Dr. Daniel Woodlock, Charles Burrus, Vice President; Karen Daum, Catherine Williams, Carrie Janus, Molly Peters, Public Health Administrator; Allison (Frye) Varble, Financial Manager; Beth Tepen, Home Health Manager and Ron Sprong, Community Health Manager.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the November 20, 2023, Board of Health meeting as given was made by Catherine Williams and Chuck Burrus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amend this meeting to add a Section, under New Business, called 6 d. Closed Session. To discuss personnel.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Allison Varble, Financial Manager

The 2024 Income Statement is not included, as Scheffel has not finalized our fiscal year 2023 audit.

Our checking account balance as of 02/29/2024 was \$661,528.32.

We will submit a revised 2024 budget for your review and approval at the next Board of Health meeting. The revised budget will include the following new grants: National Association of Environmental Health (NEHA) Grant, Birth to Five Grant and Enhancing Post-Covid Recovery Grant. This does not include our Bank CD money, with a balance of around \$300,000.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Ron Sprong, Community Health Manager

Demand for recovery support services continues to remain strong and steady. In January and February, we closed the month with 69 participants and opened March with 72. During this period, we welcomed 19 individuals to the program and discharged 8. The team had 159 appointments in the office and responded to 12 events in the field. They facilitated connecting 52 individuals to services via telehealth, ranging in age from 8-65+ and have provided transportation support to a further 42 as of this report. A total of 8 clients was served with solely a resource need.

We continued our work at the Greene County Jail, visiting multiple times per week in some cases. As of March 15, we have made 17 visits to the jail, providing recovery support services and resource navigation to an average of 2-3 each visit. The

expansion of medication-assisted recovery within the jails went live in mid-February. This follows our site visit with Health Management and Associates (HMA) on 1/29 with Sheriff McMillen, Molly and I. The visit went very well as they expressed how thorough we have been in developing this program to ensure sustainability. Since launching, we have provided 3 people access to Medication-Assisted Recovery and build a network of wrap around services to support them moving forward. Below I share with you a highlight about this program that is being shared statewide:

An individual was transferred to MAR NOW by the Illinois Helpline in February 2024. He was taken into custody by the Greene County Sheriff's Department in Carrollton, IL after a court visit earlier that day. The caller reported experiencing withdrawal symptoms and was immediately connected to a medical provider and was prescribed buprenorphine. Within three hours of the initial call, the MAR NOW Care Manager verified that the medication was picked up at the local pharmacy and was administered to the individual. This was done by recovery support services who was on site within 20 minutes of the initial call.

Thirteen days later he was released from custody and the Care Manager was able to confirm that a warm hand-off to a provider was completed and the individual was able to continue treatment and medication with no out-of-pocket cost.

This was shared with us by HMA as they knew we was the team facilitating this and ensuring this individual got access to this life saving tool. While this is just one story, there are so many more that go unreported as a result of this work.

As a result of the prep for this visit and our work to implement this program, I was asked to join the IL Learning Collaborative for the Expansion of Medication – Assisted Recovery for justice-involved individuals as a presenter on 1/30. Amanda joined me at the conference where we participated in all the activities provided. It was a fantastic opportunity to not only give the department exposure to leaders in the field but also opens us up to additional funding opportunities in the future that can be used to sustain this work.

The Recovery Corps awarded us additional 0.5 FTE. Raeanne Kirk, a local Carrollton resident was hired by them and assigned to us as a Recovery Navigator. This additional person helps us get closer to the average caseload of 20 per recovery support specialist. During this period, we submitted, and the department was awarded our Recovery Corps contract for FY25 as well. This ensures sustainability in our program and enables us to continue to build upon our momentum as we enter year 3 of this project.

We have distributed 268 doses of Narcan during this period and provided training 64 people.

There have been 89 community health consultations during this period with the topics ranging from colorectal, nutrition, immunizations, tobacco, and more.

I was invited to record an episode of a podcast by Prevention First, the premier substance-use prevention service provider in the State and was invited to record another one with Omni Youth Services, a provider of IDHS services for Prevention. In addition to these two, I joined students at Jersey Community High School as a guest on their Jersey Coalition Against Drugs podcast as well. This visibility helps continue sharing the prevention messaging across the region and helps us continue to maintain that visibility with our funders, primarily IDHS/IDPH.

In early February, we launched a partnership with the University of IL Chicago to begin an academic detailing campaign with local prescribers using pharmacist from UIC in both Chicago and Springfield. The goal here is to utilize that peer/lateral relationship to build consensus around specific topics, without the need for us to utilize our own internal capacity to do so. This ensures messaging around medication-assisted recovery, opioid prescribing, and other hot topics are not only put at the forefront but also simply shared with our local providers, keeping them in the know on the latest and emerging pharma research and knowledge.

Our work to build a comprehensive community health program that addresses the social determinants of health and provides adequate supports has got a lot of visibility. The Illinois Public Health Association has invited Molly and I to participate in a learning collaborative that will test our readiness for community health worker billing strategies as the state ramps up their investments in Community Health Workers. We will receive 1,500 dollars for participating in this collaborative.

BreAnna and I participated as host in the North Greene Poverty Simulation that aimed to give educators a glimpse into the disparities that exist within our community. The event was well received by staff with most of them providing great feedback on the needs within Greene.

Roodhouse now has a fully functioning phone system that integrates with the office in Carrollton. This enabled us to more easily serve our residents in a timely fashion. It also connects to some employee's cell phone, so that if a patient calls the office, the call will go to the employee's cell phone. People can now text if they need some kind of support, intervention, or resource connection. We have an average of 10 -30 text messages or calls per day.

The FDA Retail Food Standards project kicked off and is going well. Molly, Liz, and I have held meetings with many of our mentees and continue to identify the ways we can help them be as successful as we were in year 1 with our project. So far, our mentees include Mariposa County in California, and Cass County in Missouri. We are still working to identify a time for our third mentee, Lawrence County, here in IL.

Our prevention work, centered around youth continued with us hosting a presentation at Greenfield High School, North Greene High School, and even did a presentation with the Journey Alternative School in Delhi. These events have been overwhelmingly successful with great feedback coming from parents, staff, and students. Many of which have reached out personally to celebrate the messaging being shared.

The Birth to 5 integrated intake projects kicked off with Mandy helping us lead that work. It has been well received by our partners with great feedback and ideas being generated within the group. With year 1 being a planning phase, we are still working to decide if a single application process would be possible with so many service providers providing services in our community.

In early March, the JCH team asked me to join them in Washington DC for the Health Services and Resources Administration's Reverse Site Visit from March 5-8th. This was an amazing opportunity to learn and network with the various providers providing different levels of care through the county. This was also an opportunity to get to know the Jersey Health Department team that is working to build a ROSC project like ours, a relationship that will be crucial as we move forward.

Some personal accomplishments to note: BreAnna completed her GED Program and has now completed the CPRS/CRSS Training program. She will now be eligible to receive her state certification/licensure later this summer, following her exam.

In closing, I received notification from the state board that I have passed my own recovery support specialist exam and have completed the boards and passed the exam to receive my Certified Case Manager credentials.

HOME HEALTH REPORT

Beth Tepen, Home Health Manager

In January we had 17 admissions and 17 discharges. In February we had 16 admissions and 14 discharges. As of March 25th, we have had 12 admissions and 3 resumptions of care after hospitalization.

New Home Health RN hired and is starting today.

Susie Wilfong HH aide completed webinars on bathing and fall prevention. I attended webinars including Mastering M2020 Oral Medications; Therapeutic Intentions in Dementia Care Environments and Montessori Concept in Dementia Care as well as Implicit Bias Training. HH nursing staff had in-service on Wound updates given by JMH WOC and on 3/21 HH RNs attended Wound Symposium in Springfield.

Infection Control: Since the last board meeting in November, we have had 4 patients with respiratory infections, 1 patient with Influenza A, 8 diagnosed UTIs and 2 skin infections. We continue to closely monitor patients and instruct on proper handwashing and infection prevention and on COVID-19 symptoms and precautions/prevention and monitor patients closely for symptoms of infection.

Recent Chart Audits: 34 discharged charts were audited with the following findings: 2 charts had a MD order past 30 days for MD signature, 1 chart did not have how patient tolerated a procedure and 1 PDR was missing for a medication.

QAPI program: We did make the Home Health Honors List for 2023 "for going above and beyond in providing quality care and positive experiences for your patients." This award came from Healthcare First— a company chosen by Medicare to do patient satisfaction surveys.

We continue to work on our current performance improvement projects and to give our patients quality healthcare. Most recent report from CMS showed improvement in Dyspnea has increased to 83.89% (77.01% on last report), Improvement in Management of Oral Medications has increased from 77.63% to 81.13%, Acute Care Hospitalizations decreased minimally for 9.4 to 9.37% but National and State averages remain at 14, Changes in skin integrity (developing pressure ulcers) is now at 0% (State 0.29 and National 0.30), Patient with falls have improved from 2.9% to 1.49%.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

The activities unless otherwise noted date from November 1, 2023, thru March 15, 2024.

The Retail Food Service Program performed the following inspections: 46 routines, 26 rechecks, 3 initial inspections (approve to open), 1 complaint and 257 food consults. The Department held an FPM course/exam with 18 attending and proctored 8 FPM exams after the applicants completed the online course training certification. 5 Cottage Food permits were issued.

We are working together to do CDP, which is an Environmental Health Program. Inspections will be able to go on an electronic record. Right now Liz uses Adobe Document drop box. This new program creates a path where we can see it long term and if she transitions out, that information will be set up so that the next user can easily navigate. Inspection scores will just pop up and will be able to upload to both Scott and Greene County's website.

Lis is preparing for the Food Audit for Greene. She just passed the Scott County review.

The initiation of a new food inspection application has been completed through the past 6 weeks. The application is presently in its initial use.

The Private Sewage Disposal Program has approved 4 new private sewage disposal system installations, performed 3 inspections, discovered 2 other private sewage systems were installed without obtaining permits, and performed 28 private sewage consultations. 5 contractors contacted the Department regarding their annual licensure.

Activities in the Private Water Program: 22 consultations regarding wells / water analysis were performed.

2 nuisance complaints were received. The reports in which one involving of the infestation of bedbugs and another in assisting Kane with the salvaging/open dumping. A total of 14 consultations were performed regarding nuisances within the County.

The Tanning / Body Art Programs performed 2 initial inspections, 8 consults involving 2 new owners which are reopening tanning facilities after previous businesses closing within the last year.

Required annual education progresses, Liz Stemm in January attended a private sewage conference to obtain continuing education required by IDPH and currently is completing an IEHA Conference via webinar held 4 afternoons in March for Environmental Health continuing education credits (CEU's).

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Molly Peters, Public Health Administrator

Personal Health Services has undergone a transition that seems well received by all staff involved. RN staff have been assigned as program leads, and this has been shared with all health department staff to help direct communication/leadership. With these assignments, they can better focus their work and ensure programs move forward to improve caseloads and structures.

Actions that have been taken since restructuring:

- Carrollton, North Greene, and Greenfield School districts all have immunization clinics scheduled before the end of the school year.
- Plans are in place to structure the family planning program with standard dates and times, working with current clients to schedule the annual exam.
- Innovation of programs, identifying opportunities, and expanding connections to services.
- Discussion of assessments and improvements for jail, programs, or other actions we are taking within PHS.
- HIV/HEP C clinic conducted and processes improved, prepared for next steps
- Billing processes/awareness growth in learning in all programs by the lead staff and clerical lead.
- CDP meeting to address implementation processes completed by staff to onboard.
- Transfers of coordinators and grant contacts throughout programs.
- Clinic assignments and focused community areas/topics per staff member.

CDP setup is underway in environmental, personal, and community health, and it is going well so far. This will expand our understanding of billing and improve long-term revenue when we have improved flow and processes. The long-term goal is to establish a women's health clinic and bill for peer-to-peer support (community health workers). The long-term goal is to address the fee for environmental health. The process must be in place through CDP before this discussion, but this will be the start of ensuring

sustainable services. We should applaud the staff for growing in understanding, leadership, and adaptability over the last four years. Where we have come is monumental.

Event at Walnut Hall regarding microaggressions - social vulnerability and the impact of trauma was conducted on February 27, 2024, with approximately 50 people. This was paid for and the first type of event in this Greene County Community. Continual Education Units (CEU) for law enforcement and legal entries. Ron worked extremely hard to make CEUs available to the attorneys. This was additionally a cost to provide.

Opioid Settlement funding has been approved and will be paid for by the county. Underway is a vehicle purchase for transportation services related to recovery and laundry installation in the North Greene Office.

We have hired a new Home Health, R.N. Rachel Chapman, who applied for a position at Scott County, and I secured her within our office. Her start date was March 25, 2024. She is from Scott County, has two children, and wants to work closer to home. At the moment, we are close to fully staffed for generally required positions. We did have a Home Health Clerk who was part-time discontinuing her employment and is considering the need for hire as part-time.

We had a very successful Tabletop exercise with local first responders, regional health departments, CHS, Tri County FS, IDPH, Boyd, JCH, etc., regarding a potential example of an anhydrous leak emergency. Effingham County Health Department attended to share their most recent emergency related. Lunch was provided.

Proud of staff moments:

Terri Ringhausen will be awarded for 25 years of service

Beth Tepen was awarded Staff MVP via Susie Wilfong. Beth has since awarded Cassie Hillis as MVP.

Becky Hoaglin- Took action to improve Family Planning and HIV programs, scheduling Wabash County Visit

Liz Stemm- Took on CDP for Environmental Health - as not a new employee, change can be hard, but she has really done this without resistance.

Breanna Buchanan-Received her High School Diploma

Positive contributions to the community:

\$50,000 provided to Greenfield School District

\$46,000 provided to Greenfield and North Greene Schools for training Capturing Kids Hearts

\$39,000 provided to Greenfield and North Greene Schools for Mindfulness training

Coordination efforts related to the referral system and planning to improve coordination -

Birth to Five Grant- IRIS

An extensive amount of Community Outreach

Positive comments were shared by several members of the community through mail, email, word of mouth, etc.

Motion to approve the Division Manager's and Administrator reports was made by Cathy Williams and seconded by Chuck Burrus. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Van Purchase – Update, was mentioned in Administrator's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Annual Report - The document has been revised. It is a requirement, that we submit the Annual Report to the Board of Health at least 90 days after the audit. A copy will be submitted to the Co —The document has been revised. We must submit the Annual Report to the Board of Health at least 90 days after the audit. A copy will be submitted to the County Board and IDPH Officials, and will be posted on the Greene County Health Department website.

Motion to approve the 2023 Annual Report was made by Carrie Janus and seconded by Chuck Burrus. Motion Carried.

Re-appointment to the Board of Health – Dr. Woodlock.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss issues of personnel made by Karen Daum, seconded by Chuck Burrus. Motion carried.

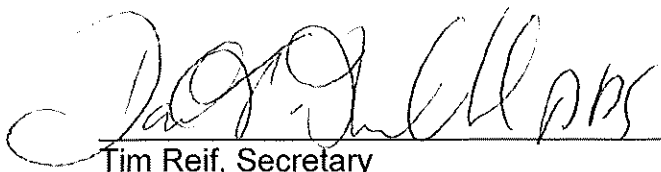
Motion to go back into Open Session made by Chuck Burrus, seconded by Karen Daum. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMENTS

The next Board of Health meeting is on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Daum and seconded by Chuck Burrus. Motion carried.



Tim Reif, Secretary

5/13/24

Date