

# FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES MARCH 20, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Tice, Dr. Lisa Kapler, Dr. Scott Hansen, Denise Pavlovich

**MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rosemary Tobin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Arjes, Floyd County Public Health/Home Health Care, Jeff Sherman, Floyd County Environmental Health

Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Dr. Lisa Kapler

Agenda reviewed motion made by Denise Pavlovich to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dave Tice, motion carried.

Minutes of the January 9, 2023, meeting reviewed. Motion made by Dave Tice to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Scott Hansen, motion carried.

### **Gail Arjes, Floyd County Public Health/Home Health Care**

Year-to-date budget reviewed. Budget presented through February 2023. No concerns noted at this time.

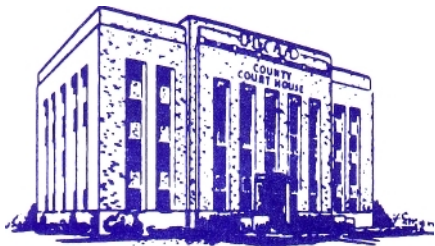
Cost report reviewed, cost per visit reviewed and rates of service discussed. Informed the board that the accountant suggested an 8% increase in charge for all services. Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy are contracted rates. Rates for Home Care Aide/Homemaker and Skilled Nursing would increase to a full fee of \$50.00 HCA/Homemaker visit (per hour) and \$187.00 per Skilled Nursing visit. Most patients' rates are adjusted on the presented Sliding Fee Scale. Motion made by Dave Tice to increase the rates by 8% as suggested by the accountant, seconded by Denise Pavlovich, motion carried.

Infectious Disease update given. COVID will no longer be reportable as of May 11, 2023, as that is the end of the Public Health Emergency. The state hygienic lab is asking for cities/counties to volunteer to submit wastewater samples to track COVID virus in wastewater. Jeff and Gail have reached out to the City of Charles City and they have declined this volunteer opportunity to send in samples. Gail will be in touch with the city to see if they would allow Jeff to collect samples. Influenza activity is low in Floyd County, but Dr. Kapler reports an increase in Strep cases.

Home Care Update given. DIA was at the agency January 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Two deficiencies were found: 1) staff did not notify physician of a missed visit and 2) staff did not place barrier between bag and counter on home visit. A Correction plan has been sent in and approved.

### **Jeff Sherman, Floyd County Environmental Health**

YTD budget is at 52% for the year.



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Grants to County update: Jeff updated the board on the number of water tests that he has been doing and explained to the board how the program works.

Nuisance update: Jeff informed the board that the county attorney is moving forward with charges on the property at Nora Springs.

Next Board of Health Meeting will be held May 15, 2023, at 5:30PM at the Floyd County Public Health office located at 1003 Gilbert St. Charles City, Iowa.

Minutes taken by:

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Gail Arjes, RN