



## Richland County Board of Health Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 12:05 – 1:15 PM

Members Present: Patty Lies, Laurie Straus, Lance Ehrlin

Others Present: Kayla Carlson, Danielle Flack, Tashana Sedler, Amanda Tuura, Lori Weick, Terry Goerger,

Patty called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

**Review/Approval of Minutes & Agenda:** February minutes and agenda were unanimously approved.

**Introductions:** Cindy Thompson and Tashana introduced themselves. Lori Weick was congratulated on her retirement (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024) and thanked for her years of service. Cindy Thompson is the new HH coordinator and Tashana Sedler is taking over Carol's job as correctional health RN.

### Health Department Overview:

- **Budget** – Kayla went over budget overview and discussed grants that will be ending
  - Grants ending this spring
    - HE, Covid, Immunization, Preventative Services,
    - Workforce – There may be an extension on this funding
  - The health department is looking for new grant opportunities and looking into additional services that can be billed. We are currently working on billing for lice checks and increasing footcare opportunities in the county. Patty suggested looking into billing Medicare advantage plans for footcare. Kayla will follow up with Financial Manager to look into this. The Board encouraged billing for all billable services.
- **Public Health going forward-** The health department through a grant has worked with an agency to create new mission and vision; it was suggested to change the core business to “conception to end of life” instead of “conception to grave.” Kayla will make the change. The company also provides training to improve workplace efficiencies and culture.
- **Program Reports - Kayla reviewed program updates and handed out the quarterly report numbers**
  - **Jail-** there is great collaboration and support from the new Chief Corrections Officer, Steve Gjerdevig
  - **Home Health-** Cindy Thompson is doing great job trying to grow the program
  - **Immunizations-** discussed decrease in numbers. This is fairly universal across all entities. The health department has added additional flu outreach clinics.
  - **Covid** – we are offering NAAT testing for \$5
  - Kayla shared that was a great turnout at the HIV/Hep C/STI screening at NDSCS. 52 students were screened.

- **Staffing**
  - Accounting Specialist position is still open
  - Reviewed new structure with nursing staff. Kayla expressed a desire to rehire if numbers and funding increase.
- **Other** – none

Adjournment/Next Meeting – Tentative for June  
Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle Flack