

BENTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2019

The Benton County Human Services Board met in regular session on June 4, 2019 in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN with Board members Warren Peschl, Steve Heinen, Ed Popp, Jake Bauerly and Spencer Buerkle present. Call to order by Chair Buerkle was at 9:51 AM.

Heinen/Peschl unanimous to approve the agenda as written.

Popp/Bauerly unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda: 1) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2019 as written; and 2) approve MN Department of Health Grant Project Agreement, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Award, July 1, 2019-June 30, 2024, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Nicole Ruhoff, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, explained that, in an effort to be more effective in meeting the needs of the community, the three public health agencies in the counties of Benton, Sherburne and Stearns, along with CentraCare Health, have developed a partnership called the Central MN Community Health Partnership. She stated that, every three years, CentraCare Health is required to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment and develop an implementation strategy to address identified needs; local public health agencies in Minnesota are required to complete this same type of assessment and an improvement plan every five years. Ruhoff noted that, going forward, local public health will align with CentraCare Health and complete this work, as a region, every three years. She stated that this collaboration between hospitals and public health is important in order to address population health needs and to decrease the duplicative nature of these two separate assessment and planning requirements. Peschl/Bauerly unanimous to approve the Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy July 2019 through June 2022, developed in partnership with the Central MN Community Health Improvement Partnership, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Heinen/Bauerly unanimous to adjourn at 9:58 AM.

Spencer C. Buerkle, Chair
Benton County Human Services Board

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator