

**Jasper County Board of Health**  
**Monday, June 3, 2024**

The Jasper County Board of Health held their meeting on Monday, June 3, 2023 at the health department. Members present were Scott Bloomberg, Tom Clark, Mary Finley, Debbie, Rubsam, Ron Heltsley, Jamee Mitchell and Michelle Braddy. Staff members present were Sandy Zumbahlen, Administrator, Jeannie Johnson, Director of Behavioral Health and Melanie Ochs.

President Scott Bloomberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Debbie Rubsam made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting and the motion was seconded by Tom Clark. Motion unanimously carried.

Tom Clark made a motion to approve the March and April 2024 bills, the motion was seconded by Ron Heltsley. Motion unanimously carried.

**Budget Updates:**

The county has requested that we begin working on the 2025 fiscal year budget. Our state fiscal year ends in June and will start working on our fee for service budget items. We are still waiting to be notified on most of our grant awards. This will delay finalizing our budgets until these are provided. We have let the county treasurer's office know of these delays.

**Building Updates:**

Exterior – the breakers for the new panel were supposed to arrive in late May, the EIFS patching has been completed and painting will be completed next after the breakers are installed. Interior – Jason Wright from ADG is still working on developing a plan for our phased remodel. New location for the Olney office remodel is in the final stages. Jeannie will be meeting with the architect later this week to go through the new building. Once completed Jeannie will be able to request for approval from the state. Once approved we can move into this location. We plan on doing an open house once the staff gets settled in. Members inquired about the increase in rent for the new facility. Jeannie stated the owner of the building does fundraising and volunteering so he has a good understanding of how our facilities operate with grant money. The new building has twice as much square footage as the current building. The rent will go from \$1500 a month to \$2500 with a 5% increase each year for 5 years.

Reappointment of BOH position – Tom Clark-Vice President and Jacy Ghast-Secretary terms are up July 2024. Tom Clark and Jacy Ghast states that they would like to continue with their positions on the BOH.

**Division Updates:**

Behavioral Health – Quarterly Measurement and Management report – Jeannie states that all goals were met except one. With the new staff that has been hired this goal should be able to be met.

Mary Finley made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Measurement and Management report and Tom Clark seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

New BH staff – Shelby Riddle started in early May 2024 providing Drug Court services for Richland, Lawrence and Crawford counties. Madison Bruce graduated and has transitioned from clerical to Case Manager Counselor position in the Richland office. Ethan Homeyer started in late May 2024 as MH Therapist in the Jasper office. Geneva Forsy has

been hired and will start at the end of June 2024 as a counselor in the Richland office. Hope Porter, is a graduate student in the clinical counseling program, and has been hired for a part-time internship and will begin the middle of August 2024. Abbe Lomas has accepted the Team Leader Assistant position in the Richland office. BALC Survey on May 28<sup>th</sup>- Results of this survey were very good. The auditor was very complimentary of our program and the work that the team does! She commented that our agency is very small but in the 30 client files reviewed, she found no gaps in services and no missing documentation. She additionally commented that the files are so well organized that she was able to get through the 30 client files in less than an hour and a half. She also appreciated that we have the policy indicating clients need to be seen by their counselor to receive medications. There were four minor citations all related to dates and background checks. These were fixed immediately and sent for approval. Applying to become a NHSC (National Health Service Corps) approved site. National Health Service Corps programs provide scholarships and student loan repayment to health care professionals in exchange for a service commitment to practice in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas. Eligible sites providing comprehensive primary care must become National Health Service Corps-approved BEFORE recruiting National Health Service Corps participants or supporting National Health Service Corps loan repayment applications from their existing clinician staff. The Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Workforce, Division of Regional Operations is responsible for reviewing and evaluating National Health Service Corps site applications and recertifications to determine if sites meet program requirements and renders the final approval or disapproval decision

#### Nursing Division:

Awarded Ticket for a Cure grant – We will restart our Cancer Support group meetings in August on the second Thursday of every month. May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we hosted our annual Health Fair with 37 Vendors and had a nice attendance of 89. May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we held our safe sitter course and had 24 students complete the program.

#### Environmental Division:

Tick drags have been completed. Several ticks have been sent off to be tested, you can go to the IDPH website for statistics. Several birds sent for West Nile Virus testing with all coming back negative. Katlyn is off for maternity leave and LEHP Katie Williams is covering the office as needed. Sandy states that Katie and herself have been working with the state regarding a private property septic issue.

Next meetings will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm and Ron Heltsley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 22, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

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Jacy Ghast, Secretary