



Benton County Board of Health Minutes

Friday, September 12th, 2025

7:00am – 8:00am

Benton County Service Center - Conference Room

811 D Ave. Vinton, IA 52349

BOH Members Present: Tai Burkhart, Karl Holmes, PA-C, Lori Mott, Jessica Fairbanks, Jean Ohlen

BOS Members Present: Ron Tippet

Staff Present: Barbara Fetzer, Matt Even, Grace Schmidt & Monica Cox

Guests Present: Diana Strahan, HACAP; Mary McFetridge, Americorps Member & BCPH Student Intern

Meeting called to order:

- Chair Burkhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

- Motion by Mott to approve agenda, seconded by Fairbanks, motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by Mott to approve minutes, seconded by Fairbanks, motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Diana Strahan, Family & Consumer Health Alliance Director - HACAP

- The FCHA has 9 health programs: WIC (Women, Infant and Children); Breastfeeding Peer Counselor; 1st Five; Maternal Health; Child and Adolescent Health; I-Smile; I-Smile @ School; Hawki; Child Care Nurse Consultant

- WIC caseload has increased in our area, however there is now the ability to do TeleWIC; increased caseload over last year by 3.11% for all counties combined (Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn) - unduplicated Clients so far FY2025 = 479
- Child Care Nurse Consultant Funding moving from Early Childhood Iowa to the Child and Adolescent Health Grant; Medicaid Maternal Health guidelines went from 375-215% of Federal Poverty Level – this could impact not only pregnant women but WIC families. Current federal budget would cut CVB funding to pre-pandemic amounts
- See full presentation available @: <https://tinyurl.com/4as7sdw3>

Public Health – Public Health Report

- Schmidt presented the public health report from the previous month, including updates on the PHEP grant, Local Public Health Services grant, Immunization grant, 6-Year Response grant, continuing education opportunities, stakeholder meetings, outreach activities and disease investigation. See full report here @: [2025_09.12_BOH_PublicHealthReport.pdf](#)

Public Health – Discuss and/or act on August 2025 Expense Report

- Motion by Mott to approve the August 2025 expense report, seconded by Holmes, motion passed unanimously.

Public Health – Discuss and/or act on August 2025 Revenue Report

- Motion by Fairbanks to approve the August 2025 revenue report, seconded by Mott, motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and/or act on setting date for Public Health Director Annual Review

- It was discussed & determined that this will be added to the Board's October 2025 agenda; this review will be a possible closed session based upon 21.5(1)(i) if requested by employee.

Environmental Health – Updates

- A handful of applications for the Land Use Administrator position have been received & sent to Chair Burkhart from Auditor Rippel. Septics & wells have been steady, and Land Use hearings have been picking up this fall.

Public Comment

- No public comments

Adjournment:

- Motion by Mott, seconded by Fairbanks, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 AM.

Next Meeting:

Friday, October 10th, 2025

7:00am – 8:00am

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