

Marshall County Board of Health
January 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Annex Building
101 East Main St.

Present: Dr. Ken Lyons, Teresa Jenkins, Dr. Wendy Thiessen, Jim Goodman

Zoom: No one present

Staff: Sydney Grewell and Taylor Appelgate

Guests: Heather Bombei

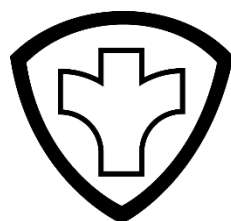
Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order	The Marshall County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Lyons.	
Introduction of guests	Dr. Lyons welcomed all the guests.	
Minutes	Minutes of December 12, 2024, and January 2, 2025, meeting approved. Teresa Jenkins /Kim Elder/No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
Reports		
Environmental Health	Tyler Kelley was absent from the meeting but provided his normal report for the Board of Health to review.	Environmental Health Report filed with minutes.
Emergency Management Agency	Kim Elder reported on EMA activities in the county: 1. The EMS essential service board is continuing to work to address the needs of EMS services in the county. The group is currently looking at the next steps on how to move forward within Marshall County and the BOS 2. Currently working with county EMS departments to get their approval in order to purchase training equipment through the state. Four departments have been approved; I am still waiting on others to provide me with their requests. 3. Our annual reports were approved so now I am working on collecting signatures on those documents. 4. I took part in a local exercise with Iowa River Hospice in a mock ice storm situation. 5. We will have a local exercise coming up with more community partners later this spring focusing on hazmat preparedness.	Emergency Management Report included in minutes.
Public Health Report		
Reported using the 10 essential public health services		
Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.	1. Since our last meeting we have had 2 new LTBI patients: Currently monitoring 7 patients. 2. Monitoring and educating the increase in respiratory illnesses throughout the county and state.	Filed.

	3. Monitoring the spread of avian influenza across the US and throughout state. a. On Friday 1/10/25 Dr. Robert Kruse, state medical director, released standing orders for treatment and prophylaxis of novel influenza A in outbreak related persons	
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. 2 disease investigations that I have conducted since our last meeting. 2 perinatal Hep B. These cases will continue for at least 9 months. 2. The only open cases we currently have as a department are a total of 5 perinatal Hep B. These cases are all needing their post vaccination testing.	Filed.
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. We have been actively pushing education regarding emerging public health issues like norovirus and avian influenza on Facebook and the radio 2. A social media calendar has been developed to present relevant information based on each month. This was help made possible by AMPERAGE marketing. 3. Our Facebook page is slowly growing a following and reaching people within our community. a. A recent post about norovirus had 719 interactions 4. We have also developed a newsletter that we plan to send out quarterly to highlight seasonal topics, important updates and reminders etc. a. We have also developed postcards and fliers to send out other information as we see fit for different topics	Filed.
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. Worked with IVH in December to educate them on where to put their Stop the Bleed kits per grant requirements. We are working together to get them a training kit for their facility and get their entire staff trained. 2. Marshall County Veterans Affairs is conducting monthly comp and pen reviews for our county veterans using our clinic space. That way they do not have to travel to Des Moines or Cedar Rapids.	Filed.
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. No report	Filed.

Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.	1. No report.	Filed.
Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.	1. Vaccines for Children (VFC). Current patient count is 212 with 425 vaccines given. 2. Vaccines for adults (VFA) → continuing to get more adult vaccine needs for either work or school. 3. We are scheduling more patients to be seen at our clinic, which is fantastic; there will be three in the coming weeks, 2 children and 1 adult. 4. Having received lots of requests recently for TB tests, I am currently looking into how we could provide this service for people.	Filed.
Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. Taylor completed more orientation with me last week to get ready to take call. 2. Lots of training opportunities and conferences are coming up in the next coming months.	Filed.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	1. I am currently scanning all the old BOH agendas and minutes to the county agenda center. 2. I will also be scanning old BOH important documents and historical items into the computer to be available for historical purposes.	Filed.
Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.	1. Discussed the current budget report of expenditures for MCPH. 2. Financial report for grants. a. Immunization grant: all \$11,200 were spent in December 2024 b. LPHS grant: Funds used \$40,194.57 Remaining: \$53,158.43 c. PHEP grant: Funds used: \$14,232.70 Remaining: \$9,767.30 d. PHEP grant EMS portion: Funds remaining: \$8,500	Filed.
Unfinished Business		
	1. No unfinished business.	Filed.
New Business		

Dr. Wendy Thiessen was appointed as Marshall County Board of Health medical director by the Marshall County Board of Supervisors as of January 13, 2025.	1. Term dates will end December 31st, 2028. 2. Dr. Thiessen has signed all VFC and VFA standing orders for Marshall County Public Health.	Informational Filed.
Election of Board of Health officers for 2025.	1. Current officers as stands; Chairperson: Dr. Ken Lyons, Vicechair Jim Goodman, Secretary Kim Elder. 2. No Board of Health members requested to be removed or added to the officers committee. 3. A motion was made by Teresa Jenkins to keep all current officers in the same positions. Dr. Wendy Thiessen seconded the motion.	Motion made by Teresa Jenkins. Seconded by Dr. Wendy Thiessen. /No abstentions/Unanimous Recorded. Filed.
Review and sign the Board of Health Member Code of Ethics for 2025.	1. All Board of Health members were given the Code of Ethics to review, sign and return to the MCPH director.	All members have signed, and documentation has been recorded and stored.
Discussion from budget meeting held on January 13, 2025.	1. Marshall County Health was approved to purchase a vehicle using roughly \$40,000 from the salaries- other help line item. As funds from the Opioid abetment funds could not be used.	Motion made by Jim Goodman Seconded by Teresa Jenkins /No abstentions/Unanimous. Filed with minutes
Next Meeting	Monday, March 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 101 East Main Street, Annex conference room 103. Plan to have a Zoom link available.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:08.	Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Teresa Jenkins /No abstentions/Unanimous

Prepared and submitted by,
Sydney Grewell MS, BS
Marshall County Public Health Director



**Marshall County
Public Health**
Prevent. Promote. Protect