

Marshall County Board of Health
March 17, 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

Guests: Kevin Goodman (Board of Supervisor Rep), Krissy Berma and Jana Larsen from MICA

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order	The Marshall County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Dr. Lyons.	
Introduction of guests	Dr. Lyons welcomed all the guests.	
Presentation:		
	1. Jana Larsen from MICA presented on the programs maternal health and the services they provide to mothers. 2. Krissy Berma from MICA presented on the iSmile program in the county. She stated they just had an iSmile day at a local dentist's office where 55 children received free dental care total over \$55,000. They also have received a grant in order to get more funding to give out more iSmile vouchers to children.	
Minutes	Minutes of January 13, 2025, meeting approved. Jim Goodman/Kim Elder/No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
County Reports		
Environmental Health	Tyler Kelley was absent from the meeting but provided his normal report for the Board of Health to review. Sydney Grewell reported on his behalf.	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. The junior cadets had training with the CERT teams recently. Training went well and is always great to get young people involved. 3. Storm spotter training is taking place March 18th and is free to the public. 4. An EMS conference was held on March 16th at the Sheriff's office to allow our local providers to get continuing education and we had a great turnout for our all-day training. 5. The severe weather awareness week will be taking place March 24-28, 2025. Stay tuned for daily information.	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 5 new LTBI patients: Currently monitoring 9 patients. 2. Collected sputum samples for a potential active TB case; currently negative. 3. Following two class B1 TB patients coming to Marshalltown, their screening processes are ongoing. 4. Monitoring and educating the increase in respiratory illnesses throughout the county and state. High rates of influenza, RSV and COVID but not higher than normal.	Filed.
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. 2 disease investigations that have been conducted since our last meeting. 1 legionella, 1 Dengue fever investigated by Taylor. 2. Able to close out 1 of our perinatal Hep B cases due to them being over the age of two. 3. 2 schools have reported 10% absenteeism since our last meeting. This included: Anson and Fisher 2x both in February 4. A few long-term care facilities have also experienced outbreaks of RSV. Working with them and state epidemiology to mitigate their outbreaks. 5. Closely monitoring and preparing for the event of a measles outbreak. Last Friday we had a very informative webinar presentation from Iowa HHS regarding proper mitigation techniques and how to be prepared in the event of a measles outbreak in our county.	Filed.
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. A video has been developed to showcase all what Marshall County Public Health does. This is available for viewing on our county website, Facebook and on YouTube. 2. We used LPHS funds to put out two ads in the Times Republican to inform people of the services we provide and where we are located 3. We have a lot of health fairs that we will be attending in the next few months. a. Today we have the 55+ resource fair at IowaWorks sponsored by AARP from 11-1 b. STEM night at Fisher Elementary to educate children and parents on proper	Filed.

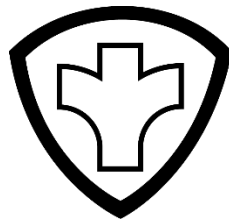
	handwashing techniques. We will also be bringing in additional resources and telling parents of the services we provide c. MHS special education parent information night March 26th to share about Marshall County Public Health and the services we can provide d. MHS health fair in early May, Taylor and I have been brainstorming ideas about what to educate MHS students	
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. Our last steering committee for the CHNA was conducted on Feb 24th. Through the data there were 7 main needs in order: Mental health, obesity, substance use disorder/ substance abuse, aging or disability, diabetes, cancer and heart disease/stroke. UPH will be focusing on the top three. In turn we all discussed how we can collaborate to address these health needs to better the health of our community and be acting. 2. I participated in a tabletop exercise at the Iowa Veterans Home on March 10th with other county and city entities and IVH staff. Exercise was mimicking blizzard like conditions and how we would all work together. 3. A student from LeGrand who is studying for her BSN through Walden University will be completing her public health portion of her practicum with Marshall County Public Health. 4. Beginning in May through August we will be having a University of Iowa student completing her undergraduate degree in public health join us as an intern. We are still in the process of getting her schedule set, but she will be here in person working on the team. Her grandparents are Marshalltown locals, and she is excited to help with our opioid trailer and project specifically.	Filed.
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. There have been quite a few bills that have been going through the legislative process in the past few weeks. We have been following them closely as to how they would affect Iowans and us at the LPH	Filed.

	level. The Iowa Public Health Association has also made a public stance on a few of the bills. 2. President Trump has established the “Make America Healthy Again” Commission to assess the current health challenges children are facing and how to improve them.	
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 217 with 444 vaccines given. 2. Vaccines for adults (VFA) → continuing to get more adult vaccine needs for either work or school. 3. Spoke with Stacey Tool-Crawford about providing their CNA classes at high school with TB testing. One class is in the spring and fall. Thinking about offering a similar service to IVH or even MCC if needed.	Filed.
Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. board game designed by CDC to mimic a POD that each county was then able to take back with them for local training. 2. I applied to and was accepted into the New to Public Health Cohort provided by the State of Iowa. The cohort is presented through UW Madison and was open to those who have been in public health for less than 2 years. We complete the modules on our own and meet once a month to discuss the information learned. 3. Next Monday I will be participating in a TTX at the Sheriff’s office hosted by Kim and the 4. Taylor, Teresa and I will be attending the public health conference of Iowa April 1st and 2nd. 5. I will be attending the NACHO preparedness summit at the end of April in San Antonio.	Filed.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	1. The State of Iowa snap shots have been updated in January 2025. a. General, cancer and obesity 2. The county snap shots have been updated in January 2025	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 \$50,897.93 Remaining: \$34,779.57 c. PHEP grant: Funds used: \$16,929.00 Remaining: \$7,071.00 d. PHEP grant EMS portion: Funds remaining: \$8,500	Filed.
Unfinished Business		
Discussion and possible action to offer TB testing at Marshall County Public Health.	1. Sydney Grewell conducted research on the price of TB skin testing materials and presented those to the board. The range of testing from different counties was from \$20-\$47 per test. 2. After discussion the board moved to begin TB testing at Marshall County Public Health with each test costing \$35.	Filed.
New Business		
Opioid settlement project updates and plans.	1. Sydney Grewell informed the board that the opioid funds will be available following the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 26, 2025. 2. At this time the trailer has been ordered, the vehicle has been delivered and planning for outreach has begun.	Informational Filed.
Iowa HHS Public Health Alignment update.	1. There will be a town hall discussion to discuss Iowa HHS Public Health alignment on March 25, 2025. Sydney Grewell told the board she would forward some information onto them after that meeting. 2. Sydney Grewell showed the board the current regions of the public health and the behavioral health districts. She stated that other local public health administrators are thinking we may be following behavior and their new districts.	Informational Filed.
State of current funding sources for Marshall County Public Health and what it may look like in FY26.	1. The local public health services grant is funded by state tax dollars and sees no current funding issues for next fiscal year. 2. The immunization and tuberculosis grant is federally funded but we have not been informed on any funding issues for next fiscal year. 3. The public health emergency preparedness grant is a federally funded grant, that is awarded through Polk County. In February our preparedness coordinated shared that the funding for the next fiscal year is not guaranteed at this time and for counties to be aware.	Informational Filed.

Discussion and possible action for the future of the radio show <i>"Live Healthy Marshall County"</i>	1. Sydney Grewell informed the board of the price of Live Healthy Marshall County, the weekly radio program for the year is 3,900. 2. She also stated that it is often difficult to bring topics every week to the radio to present quality content and get guests. 3. Discussion was had on the frequency of the show, and it was decided amongst the board and Sydney that beginning July 1 2025 shows will move to once a month.	Motion made by Jim Goodman Seconded by Teresa Jenkins /No abstentions/Unanimous. Filed with minutes
Next Meeting	Monday, May 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 101 East Main Street, Annex conference room 103. A Zoom link will be provided at the end of the meeting agenda.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:39.	Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Teresa Jenkins /No abstentions/Unanimous

Prepared and submitted by,
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