

Marshall County Board of Health
May 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Annex Building
101 East Main St.

Present: Jim Goodman, Kim Elder, Teresa Jenkins

Absent: Dr. Ken Lyons, Dr. Wendy Thiessen

Zoom: No one present

Staff: Sydney Grewell

Guests: Kevin Goodman (Board of Supervisor Rep), Lynne Carroll (Heart of Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters)

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order	The Marshall County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jim Goodman.	
Introduction of guests	Jim Goodman welcomed all the guests.	
Presentation:		
	1. Lynne Carroll presented for Heart of Iowa Big Brothers, Big Sisters a. They are in year 5 of their prevention grant through Iowa HHS. b. They are seeing positive outcomes with their mentoring matches in the county through this grant c. 128 current matches between community based and school-based matches. d. In 2025 they will win back-to-back growth awards for having 160 matches.	Informational.
Minutes	Minutes of March 17, 2025, meeting approved. Kim Elder/ Teresa Jenkins. 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. Hazmat mitigation plan required by FEMA is updated every 5 years is now time to be updated. This plan will be presented to the BOS and then approved at their discretion. 2. ESF 10 exercise to happen tentatively fall 2025. 3. Hospital to do Hazmat exercise June 6th 2025. 4. CERT State Conference in September. 5. Hiring part-time EM assistant; 15-18 hours a week.	Emergency Management Report included in minutes.
Public Health Report		
Reported using the 10 essential public health services		

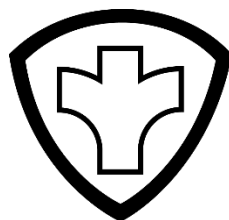
Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.	1. Since our last meeting we have had 6 new LTBI patients: Currently monitoring 10 patients. 2. Collected sputum samples for a potential active TB case; preliminary results are negative. 3. Will be collecting sputum samples for another potential active TB case. That collection will be happening this week	Filed.
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. 6 disease investigations that have been conducted since our last meeting. 3 E. coli, 2 legionella, and 1 shigellosis.	Filed.
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. MHS special education resource night for parents and students took place on 3/26 and I was able to attend a provide information about MCPH for families, teachers and students. 2. STEM night at Fisher elementary took place on 4/3. It was a very well attended event with over 80 kids. Taylor and I taught kids about proper hand washing with our germ kit. The kids really loved it, and it was a great educational tool we will use in the future. 3. MHS health fair took place on 5/6. We had over 400 students attend the event! We quizzed students on different topics including immunizations, epi pens, Narcan, mental health resources and concussions. In addition, we were able to demonstrate and show students what an Epi pen and Narcan look like.	Filed.
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. Working with our school nurses to identify kids that may need additional support in getting vaccines before school starts next fall. 2. Our intern Cadence from the University of Iowa will be starting May 27. She will be attending a Board of Health meeting in the future. 3. The group formerly known as the “Long Term Family Recovery” now will be known as “Communities Active in Disaster” have begun meeting again to prepare for future events.	Filed.

Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. Staying up to date and in compliance with new executive orders coming from the new administration	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 236 with 499 vaccines given. 2. TB testing a. We gave our first test on April 22nd 2025. i. Total numbers: 9 which can be seen on the VFC shot count page 1. 1 test in office 2. 8 tests for Elevate Housing employees here in Marshalltown	Filed.
Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. I am on month 3 of my New to Public Health Cohort. The training sessions are impactful and the connections I am making with other PH professionals are even better. 1. We were just assigned a PH mentor, mine is Susanne Hagarty from Dallas County. I am very excited because I have already connected with her because she is in our region/service area. She is a seasoned veteran in public health and I look forward to getting to connect with her one on one. 2. PHCI took place at the beginning of April. Taylor and I were able to attend many of the same sessions which allowed us to generate ideas for MCPH while listening to speakers. We were also able to connect with state representatives to talk about opioid education. 3. I attended a stroke class lunch and learn provided by Marshall County Wellness. It was a great refresher course to recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke. 4. Preparedness summit in San Antonio went very well. I was able to connect with other preparedness coordinators from service area 1A. In addition, I was	Filed.

	able to get tools from other departments including measles tracking information and opioid response coalition ideas. I made connections with those individuals and will be reaching out to them. - Marshall Co TTX happening with the CIHCC on May 15th. This exercise will involve local partners conducting multiple different scenarios. - GSMCON will take place next week and I have been able to participate with the planning committee for a portion of the interactive components of the conference. Kim and I will be attending together and I am excited to enhance my social media knowledge to take our page to the next level and also gain experience in planning at a national level conference.	
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	I am working with someone who I meant through NEI3A who on her own time would like to do some data analysis for us. We will be working together with data in order to provide a more comprehensive outlook on trends within MCPH.	Filed.
Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.	- Discussed the current budget report of expenditures for MCPH. - Financial report for grants. - Immunization grant: all \$11,200 were spent in December 2024 - LPHS grant: Funds used \$78,425.09 Remaining: \$14,927.91 - PHEP grant: Funds used: \$16,929.00 Remaining: \$7,071.00	Filed.
Unfinished Business		
Iowa HHS Public Health Alignment update.	- On March 25, 2025, Iowa HHS provided an alignment update that included an infographic of entities; HHS, district lead entity and local. - We will remain at our current employer ie county. - Districts have not been determined at this time - A district lead entity would take on an administrative role over the entire district. Will complete an RFP in order to determine that role. - It was also stated that nothing would go into effect until FY27 at the earliest.	Filed.
New Business		

1. Motion to accept and file Applicable Law letter from Iowa HHS to comply with the President's executive order.	1. On April 24, 2025, via Iowa Grants all contractors of Health and Human Services who are recipients of federal funds received a letter titled "Applicable Law". This letter included requirements to be 2. Public Health Director Sydney Grewell and Marshall County Attorney Jordan Gaffney discussed implications of the letter and how to stay in compliance with the orders from the administration. 3. It was recommended by Jordan Gaffney Marshall County Attorney to accept and file the letter. This action was taken at this Board of Health Meeting	Motion by Kim Elder. Seconded by Jim Goodman/ No abstentions/Unanimous.
Discussion of President Trump's FY26 Budget Proposal and its possible implications for public health.	1. Discussion was had regarding the Trump Administrations potential HHS budget cuts for FY26. 2. Of the concerning things discussed in the budget was the complete loss of preparedness funding which would directly affect MCPH. 3. At the time of this meeting no further action has been taken and all members were provided with the HHS section of the proposed budget.	Informational Filed.
Outcomes of our 2025 Vaccines For Children (VFC) compliance site visit.	1. Marshall County Public Health had its VFC site visit on 4/26/2025 and passed. 2. Minor things needed to be fixed with the auditor but all have been taken care of.	Informational Filed.
Next Meeting	Monday, September 8 th , 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 11:15.	Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Teresa Jenkins /No abstentions/Unanimous

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