

Marshall County Board of Health
June 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Annex Building
101 East Main St.

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

Zoom: Kim Elder

Staff: Sydney Grewell, Cadence Gulbranson (Marshall County Public Health Intern)

Guests: Emma Krapfl (American Lung Association)

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order	The Marshall County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Ken Lyons.	
Introduction of guests	Dr. Lyons welcomed all the guests.	
Presentation:		
	1. Emma Krapfl; American Lung Association 2. Cadence Gulbranson; Marshall County Public Health Intern	Informational.
Minutes	Minutes of May 12, 2025, meeting approved. Teresa Jenkins/Jim Goodman. No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
County Reports		
Environmental Health	Tyler Kelley provided his normal report for the Board of Health. His report is filed with the minutes.	Environmental Health Report filed with minutes.
Emergency Management Agency	Kim Elder reported on EMA activities in the county: 1. Working with Sydney to complete EMS Grant funding requests. 2. Participated in Mass Casualty Incident Drill on June 7th at UPH.	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 3 new LTBI patients: Currently monitoring 13 patients. 2. Keeping up to date with the states vaccine competency for different adolescent and adult vaccine rates to mitigate the spread of disease.	Filed.
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. 3 disease investigations that have been conducted since our last meeting. 1 Cryptosporidiosis, 1 legionellosis, 1 Pertussis.	Filed.

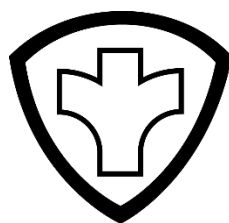
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. A follow up measles article was published in the TR, a lot of similar education was presented to stay consistent with messaging and not confuse the public. Thos came after the first positive measles case in Iowa since 2019. 2. Marshall County Public Health will be running an ad campaign online to promote back to school vaccinations along with COVID and flu when that season rolls around.	Filed.
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. On Friday June 6th we participated in Mass Casualty Drill with UPH Marshalltown and our community agencies. We provided our Decon tent for the Marshall County CERT team to deploy and get familiar with 2. Closed out the school year by doing a mini clinic at Lenihan to get students ready for Miller. 3. Partnered with Heart of Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters to do a back-to-school event on August 17th from 1:30-3:30 in the Miller Cafeteria. This event will provide vaccines, school support services, school supplies, vision screens, dental screens haircuts etc. planning has already begun. See attached flier. 4. Cadence has been with me for two full weeks and has jumped in quickly. We have worked together to update plans, get opioid training materials ready, participate in drills, identify needs within our agencies.	Filed.
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. Cadence and I are working through reviewing and updating Marshall County Public Health policy briefs. 2. Working on a more engaging and informative social media platform by using creative tools like Canva and analytics.	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	1. Vaccines for Children (VFC). Current patient count is 243 with 531 vaccines given.	Filed.

individual services and care needed to be healthy.	2. TB testing a. Continuing to provide a lot of TB tests to Elevate Housing in Marshalltown b. Total number is 12 3. The large sharps disposal bin for the county was going to be shipped out late last week. We should see that it gets installed in its permanent location upon its arrival, but details will follow. Cadence and I will be working on educational materials to hand out to folks and get word out into the public. 4. Polk County has a harm reduction vending machine that was in partnership with the family planning council of Iowa. It provides items such as condoms, Plan B, first aid kits, sharps containers, and gun locks to name a few. I reached out to see if they would interested in doing another one in partnership with Marshall County Public Health.	
Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. Marshall Co TTX happened with the CIHCC on May 15th. We had a good turnout and all learned a lot. a. Key takeaways where Marshall County has strong partnerships with many agencies. We also have strong incident command leadership in our public works department. There were discussions that we had that we necessarily didn't have the answer to which is okay because that's the point of the exercise and now we can fix them before real disasters. 2. GSMCON took place at the end of May, and it was a fantastic conference. I learned a lot how important it is to have consistent messaging throughout disasters, preparing/educating on social media during blue sky times, have a toolkit that can be easily edited in times of need. Also the importance of accessibility in social media like alt text and readily such as avoiding too many emojis etc.	Filed.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	1. I am working with someone who I meant through I have been trying to add additional resources to our county public health landing page. This way people can find resources they need, and we can track clicks and see how/what they are searching for to better serve the community	Filed.

	a. One target area Cadence and I are working on now is a vaccine landing page, a one stop shop for general vaccine questions and contact information for providers in the county.	
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 \$87,526.64 Remaining: \$5,826.36 c. PHEP grant: Funds used: \$16,929.00 Remaining: \$7,071.00	Filed.
Unfinished Business		
None		Filed.
New Business		
FY24 Local Public Health Systems Survey Report. Email link to go out after the meeting.	1. Data found within the report represents all 96 recognized local public health agencies, as well as some internal HHS program information. The Iowa Local Governmental Public Health System: Results of the 2024 Local Public Health System Survey provides an overview of Iowa's local public health system and results of the qualitative and quantitative data collected 2. A collective snap shot of Governmental Local Public Health's to highlight higher level overview.	Informational Filed.
Updates to Iowa's SNAP waiver effective January 2026. See included handout.	1. Iowa is updating its guidelines for SNAP to not allow individuals to purchase sugary drinks or candy. The full list of items are listed on the Iowa HHS website. 2. The state is working with individuals who receive these benefits to educate of the changes. The goal is to help take the burden off of the businesses that accept SNAP from getting negative feedback after the changes.	Informational Filed.
Notification of Public Health Emergency Preparedness potential funding loss. See included handout.	1. Zach Woods Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) coordinator for our service area provided a letter that outlined the funding for the next fiscal year. It also outlined previous spending trends for Marshall County Public Health for the PHEP grant. 2. FY26 contract and funds will be available. At the time of the meeting we do not know the state of FY27 PHEP funding.	Informational Filed.

Measles mitigation strategies that are currently being implemented in Marshall County.	1. A follow up article was done in the TR following the report of the first positive measles case in Iowa since 2019. It was widely shared on social media from our page. 2. There was no confirmation of where the case was, but we do know there was no widespread threat to the community per Iowa HHS. 3. Education was shared on Facebook and Live Healthy Marshall County to educate patrons on their best defense against measles. We also fielded phone calls and comments to answer people's questions and concerns. 4. Follow up was also done with Stacey Tool-Crawford for MCSD to provide further guidance and answer questions.	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 11:08	Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Teresa Jenkins /No abstentions/Unanimous

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