

Marshall County Board of Health
November 3rd, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Annex Building
101 East Main St.

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

Zoom: Arriel Roe, Annie Rodruck, Kevin Goodman

Staff: Sydney Grewell

Guests: Matthew Vogeler (Marshall County EMA)

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order	The Marshall County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Dr. Ken Lyons.	
Introduction of guests	Dr. Lyons welcomed all the guests.	
Presentation:		
	1. Annie Rodruck; Disease Intervention Specialist Iowa HHS.	Informational.
Minutes	Minutes of June 9, 2025, meeting approved. Jim Goodman/Kim Elder. No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
County Reports		
Environmental Health	No report given due to illness from Tyler. Report will be emailed at a later date once received from Tyler.	
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 7 th 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 10 new LTBI patients: Currently monitoring 10 patients. 2. Provided a short senior health survey for residents at Marshalltown Senior Residences. From that I did lunch and learn on Oct 30 th to provide resources to residents about MCPH and Marshalltown Resources.	Filed.
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. 79 disease investigations that have been conducted since our last meeting. 1 E. Coli, 75 Legionellosis and 3 Salmonella.	Filed.

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. Using our Facebook page to communicate important legionella response updates. 2. Providing Bi-Weekly updates at the Board of Supervisors meetings around the legionella response. 3. Sharing updates via multiple news sources during the legionella response including: KCCI, Channel 13, Des Moines Register. 4. We ran two media campaigns to promote school vaccines for children one on Facebook and one on KFJB.	Filed.
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. STB training conducted for MCC faculty and staff in collaboration with EMA in August 2. During the Legionella response we utilized many community partnerships including: 3. Initiating the videos for public information with Dr. Lance Van Gundy 4. Local healthcare daily meeting with UnityPoint Health Marshalltown, McFarland Clinic 5. Iowa HHS, the CDC and the State Hygienic lab 6. The City of Marshalltown, Marshalltown Water Works, MPD and Marshall County Sheriffs Department.	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. Providing a recommendation to the City of Marshalltown from Iowa HHS and MCPH to move Oketemberfest in order to protect those that live, work and visit Marshalltown 2. Following Iowa code chapter 139A to protect the rights of the business centers that were tested 3. Providing answers to public records and FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests with the assistance of Marshall Co Auditor/Recorder Nan Benson and Marshall Co attorney Jordan Gaffney	Filed.
Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.	1. VFC/VFA → current numbers for FY25 from July 1, 2024, to today. 1. patient count is 190 with 370 vaccines given. 2. Since VFA conception last fall we have given 78 doses to 25 individuals. Please see	Filed.

	attached statistics page for our county and the map of VFA providers across the state 2. TB testing= 20 tests completed since July 1 of 2025 1. We have been providing a lot of TB testing to our community 1. MHS CNA students 2. MCC Students 3. Community needs	
Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. I attended an ICS-300 training in Polk County at the end of July. This training to run incident command scenarios. 2. POD Radiation exercise scenario in collaboration with Story County Public Health	Filed.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	1. Updates to the Public Health portion of the county website to include information about vaccines and primary care providers 2. Additional resources were added regarding legionella and will continue to stay on the website. More items will be added as they become available from the state. 3. Taylor and I completed all school immunization audits at the end of October. We do not have all the data back yet, but we did see an increase in religious exemptions at one building.	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: Funds used \$3,332.69 Remaining: \$7,867.31 b. LPHS grant: Funds used \$28,296.24 Remaining: \$64,208.76 c. PHEP grant: Funds used: \$1,908 Remaining: \$16,091.22	Filed.
Unfinished Business		
None		Filed.
New Business		
Marshall County Private Well Grant EHO Procedures review and sign.	1. Tyler Kelly, Environmental Health/Planning and Zoning director has developed a Marshall County Private Well Grant EHO Procedures Manual for the department. Motion to accept the manual Teresea Jenkins, Seconded by Jim Goodman. 2. Review of DIAL contract between Iowa HHS and Marshall County. For general review.	Informational Filed.

Iowa HHS upper leadership changes.	1. Governor Reynolds announced on September 22, 2025, via a press release the resignation of Iowa HHS Director Kelly Garcia. With that came the appointment of Larry Johnson, the formal director of the Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL).	Informational Filed.
Update of Iowa SNAP benefits.	1. As of Oct 31 st , 2025, Iowa HHS stated that due to the federal shut down no SNAP benefits would be loaded onto card on November 1 st , 2025. 2. Iowans who use SNAP benefits are encouraged to sign up for updates on Iowa HHS website for the most up to date information	Informational Filed.
Rabies confinement policies and procedures in Marshall County discussion and possible action.	1. MCPH has been receiving increased communication from the ARL executive director and board members about confinement procedures. 2. Discussed current contract Marshall County holds with the ARL for dogs at large within the county. Per Marshall County Attorney Jordan Gaffney contract is still in being upheld. 3. On October 30 th , 2025, the executive director of the ARL sent out an email that stated effective immediately all things related to this matter were no longer the responsibility of the ARL.	Informational Filed.
Legionella Outbreak Response update.	1. Outbreak was confirmed to be over on October 23 rd , 2025. Total number of legionellosis cases was 74, with 2 deaths. 2. 12 business centers with cooling towers were tested. All have completed offline remediation. 3. One business center tested positive for legionella pneumophila serogroup 1, the legionella species that causes legionnaires disease in humans. It was not a match to the legionella that grew from an infected person. 4. We didn't have a smoking gun but the fact we found legionella at all means that we were on the right track.	Informational Filed.
Next Meeting	Monday, December 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 11:20	Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Kim Elder /No abstentions/Unanimous

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