

Marshall County Board of Health
January 26th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Annex Building
101 East Main St.

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

Staff: Sydney Grewell

Guests: Tyler Kelley (Marshall County Environmental Health)

Zoom: Matthew Vogeler (Marshall County EMA)

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order	The Marshall County Board of Health meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Dr. Ken Lyons.	
Introduction of guests	Dr. Lyons welcomed all the guests.	
Presentation:		
	None.	
Minutes	Minutes of December 8, 2025, meeting approved. Teresa Jenkins/Kim Elder. No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
County Reports		
Environmental Health	Environmental Health Report given by Tyler Kelley. Report filed with minutes.	Informational. Filed.
Emergency Management Agency	Kim Elder reported on EMA activities in the county: 1. Lots of local training opportunities coming up hosted by Marshall County. 2. RAGBRAI planning has begun as Marshalltown is an overnight stop this year. The event is July 22nd 2026. The Marshall County EOC will be open during this time. 3. EMA is working with Public Health on Red Cross sheltering for the county in the event of emergencies. 4. Hazard mitigation plan for Marshall County is nearing completion. 5. Next CERT training scheduled for February 21st and 22nd 6. Marshalltown and Marshall County looking at EMS essential service adoption.	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 8 patients.	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 cryptosporidiosis. 2. We have had two schools so far report greater than 10% absenteeism. Both were in the week of 1/19/26.	Filed.

Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. Going on different shows on KFJB including Central Iowa Today and Ask the News Makers to reach different audiences and educate about different public health topics 2. Most recent topics included avian influenza, seasonal depression and respiratory illnesses common in the colder months. 3. Working on developing an animal bite procedure follow up for law enforcement to hand out to those impacted. Greater detail will depend on our involvement in animal bites moving forward.	Filed.
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	Speaking with multiple organizations including the City of Marshalltown, UnityPoint Health Marshalltown, Marshalltown Sheriff's Office, and Marshalltown Police department on how they handle animal bite cases in their organizations. Working with Emergency Management and other county partners on updating the county Mass Causality plan. Planning to present Narcan training at our Marshall County employee training day on Feb 16th in collaboration with Prairie Ridge. Planning to bring the Iowa 99 Counties cancer project to Marshall County in March. This is presented through the University of Iowa and the Iowa Cancer Registry.	Filed.
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. Attending monthly ISAC public health meetings. 2. Reviewing current animal bite and confinement policies, procedures and ordinances in Marshalltown and Marshall County and seeing how they align with Iowa Code. 3. Working to develop a new policy and procedure for animal bite and confinement within the county.	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 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 204 with 405 vaccines given.	Filed.
Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. Attended a two-day training hosted by Marshall County Emergency Management on Recovering from local disasters. A lot of great discussion occurred between local partners to address gaps in recovery. 2. I will be attending a lot of preparedness-related training hosted by Marshall County Emergency Management in the upcoming months.	Filed.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing	1. I have begun training on our new electronic health record system Athena Health. The training has been	Filed.

evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	going very well, and the onboarding team meets with me weekly to go over progress and address any questions.	
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 \$10,805.94 Remaining: \$394.06 b. LPHS grant: Funds used \$35,025.63 Remaining: \$57,479.37 c. PHEP grant: Funds used: \$1,908 Remaining: \$16,091.22 i. EMS of PHEP Funds used: 0 Remaining: \$8,500	Filed.
Unfinished Business		
Official notice of termination of contract with Animal Rescue League. Contract termination has been extended due to recent county circumstance. New termination date is March 26, 2026. Further discussion is scheduled for February 2 nd , 2026	1. Originally the ARL contract was to be terminated today 1/26/2026. However, after the passing of BOS Kevin Goodman a few weeks ago the ARL reached out and extended the termination to another 60 days. 2. The county is having a follow-up contract meeting with the ARL on Feb 2nd	Informational Filed.
Potential partnership with the Iowa Community HUB for Thrive Iowa Initiative. Letter of support provided.	1. We received notice that the Iowa Community Hub did not receive the grant for the Thrive Iowa initiative so the we will not be partnering with them on this event. But they did receive positive feedback from the reviewers and said that the application was strong. The organizers of the Iowa Community Hub are staying connected with those who provided letters in support to partner again in the future.	Informational Filed.
New Business		
Discussion of Marshall County warming shelters for Red Cross.	1. Kim stated that Marshall County EMA and Marshall County Public Health have been meeting with Red Cross to determine shelters in Marshall County. This process has just begun and will be ongoing as we continue to meet with more partners.	Informational. Filed.
Election of Board of Health officers for 2026. Chairman Vice chair	1. Election of board chairman. Motion to have Dr. Ken Lyons remain as chair made by Teresa Jenkins. Seconded by Wendy Thiessen. No abstentions/unanimous. 2. Election of board vice chair. Motion to have Jim Goodman remain as vice chair made by Teresa Jenkins. Seconded, by Kim Elder. No abstentions/unanimous.	Informational Filed.

Conflict of interest signatures for all members of the board.	1. All board members and staff to review and sign new conflict of interest form.	Filed.
Next Meeting	Monday, March 16 th , 2026, 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 11:10	Motion made by Kim Elder. Seconded by Wendy Thiessen /No abstentions/Unanimous

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