

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

**February 5th, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Public Health Conference Room**

Minutes

Attendance: Board Members –Lois Roth, Mike Hampton, Matt Klundt, Tyler Moeller (virtual from 1241-1300)

Staff –Katie Reuter, Bruce Hudson, Steve Giebelhausen, Chad White

Guests – Bryan Messer, Melanie Patton, Bill Crawford

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Roth at 12:32.

- **Minutes** –Hampton made a motion to approve the 01/08/2025 minutes, Klundt seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by Roth, Hampton and Klundt.
- **Environmental Report** – Report and statistics were provided to the Board.
 - A. Hudson brought a MOU today requesting an increase in funding. Funding and MOU have not changed since 04/20/2021. RUSS is losing money performing basic services. The Board reviewed MOU and the request to increase budget to \$78,255/yr from previous budget of \$60,255/yr. Hudson manages the Private Wells Grant (previously Grants to Counties) on Iowa Grants and claims are paid to the BOH. A motion was made by Klundt to continue the contract with RUSS budgeted at \$78,255/yr. Hampton seconded the motion. Hampton, Klundt and Roth voted in favor of the motion. Reuter will be at the BOS meeting tomorrow and can present as no members of the BOH will be available to do so. It is too late to add to the agenda, but Giebelhausen states that the Supervisors can discuss in the “other business” section.
- **Public Comment--**
 - A. No comments.
- **Guest Speaker: Steve Giebelhausen**
 - A. Giebelhausen discussed the responsibilities and authority of the BOH. Stressed that the BOH functions independently from the BOS. Stressed that a Supervisor cannot strongly suggest that other employees or independent Board members act on their behalf. Giebelhausen is aware of statement of “no position” presented by Reuter at planning and zoning committee in January. BOH is not obligated to draft a position statement if requested by another board. Reuter remarks that there is training available through IHHS reviewing BOH responsibilities and will send out if anyone is interested. Also can contact our regional consultant at IHHS for

more training. Giebelhausen also offered assistance if any contracts are issued that need legal review.

- **Public Health Report-**

- A. January Board of Health Report was reviewed in detail and printed copies were distributed to the Board.
- B. Budget was reviewed; expense and revenue reports attached. Expenses were under anticipated budget at \$58,310. Revenue was \$63,900. Reuter reports we are still on track for original vaccine budget of \$128,000.
- C. Discussed status of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Iowa.
- D. Several schools across the state are reporting >10% absences; WACO High School reported >10% absence this week.
- E. Two updated policies were reviewed. Motion to approve policy changes was made by Hampton, seconded by Klundt. Hampton, Klundt and Roth voted in favor, Moeller did not vote.

- **New Business-**

- A. Handouts on food insecurity given to the Board. These were presented by K. Carr at last month's Healthy Henry County Communities meeting.
- B. The BOS is discussing transitioning General Assistance to be managed by Public Health due to the departure of S. Berndt after 06/30/2025. Reuter and staff met with S. Berndt to discuss transition. Reuter and Robin Poole also met with Supervisor Lindeen to discuss the transition. It is on the agenda for the BOS meeting tomorrow.
- C. February is Heart Health month. Public Health is offering walk-in BP screening every Tuesday from 8 am-4pm. Adding Veteran's Hall as another BP screening site during their 3rd Friday of the month breakfasts which are open to the public.

- **Announcements and Adjournment –**

The next meeting was set for March 12th, 2025, at 12:30pm in the Public Health conference room. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.