

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March 12th, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Public Health Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Board Members –Lois Roth, Mike Hampton, Matt Klundt (virtual at 1242), Tyler Moeller (virtual)

Staff –Katie Reuter, Mike Dawson, Robin Poole

Guests – Bryan Messer, Hayden Douglas

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

- **Minutes** –Roth made a motion to approve the 02/05/2025 minutes, Hamptons seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by Roth, Hampton and Moeller.
- **Environmental Report** – Report and statistics were provided to the Board.
 - A. Dawson brought a request before the Board for a variance on the county setback for a well at Eichelberger Farms, Inc. RUSS is aware of the work being done, states county engineer doesn't need to be involved. A new well will be dug approximately 10 feet away from the existing well and will use existing electrical and plumbing. Hampton made a motion to approve the variance, Roth seconded, and Moeller voted "yes" virtually.
- **Public Comment--**
 - A. Messer thanked public health for their service. Messer posed questions about the right-of-way to drill a new well. States the county is trying to make the right-of-way to be off 50 feet for wind turbines
- **Public Health Report-**
 - A. February 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 \$65,829. Revenue was \$58,448. Reuter reports we are still on track for original vaccine budget of \$128.000. Approximately 66.7% of the budget has been used.
 - C. Reuter states an AED was approved for Trenton First Responders through the PHEP grant.
 - D. A townhall will be held on 03/25/2025 from 3-4:30 virtually. IHHS will plan to discuss plans for the upcoming public health realignment. Reuter expresses she has started reading the proposal for the behavioral health realignment and that the access point for the disability services will be in Poweshiek County.

- E. Reuter discussed legislation that was being tracked by Iowa Public Health Association; HF 712 and SF 360 are both “dead bills.”
- F. Robin Poole gave an update on the immunization program, sharing statistics for 2-year-olds, adolescents and adults. Henry County has above the state averages of 2-year-old and adolescents receiving vaccinations. Poole gave an update on the measles outbreak and information about measles and the MMR vaccine. Poole discussed VFC and VFA programs, equipment that has been purchased (refrigerator, freezer, portable cooler/freezers).
- G. Three updated policies were reviewed including “Immunization Billing,” “Program Policy” and “Receiving Vaccines.” Motion to approve policy changes was made by Hampton, seconded by Klundt. Hampton, Klundt and Roth voted in favor, Moeller did not vote.

- **Old Business-**

- A. General assistance-Continue to work with Sarah Berndt on the transition. Berndt is cleaning up the policies. No changes will be made to the current policy, hoping for a smooth transition.
- B. MOU was approved by the BOS for the RUSS budget increase.

- **New Business-**

- A. Updated County Snapshot from IHHS was shared with the Board.
- B. Amy Martin has accepted a position at Jefferson County Health Center and turned in her resignation. Her last day will be 04/17/2025. Reuter is working with HR specialist Paul Greufe. Job listing is posted on Indeed, Henry County website, Henry County Public Health website and Facebook page.

- **Announcements and Adjournment –**

The next meeting was set for April 9th, 2025, at 12:30pm in the Public Health conference room. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.