

Henry County Board of Health

November 5th, 2025, 12:30 p.m.

Public Health Conference Room

Minutes

Attendance: Board Members –Mike Hampton (virtual), Tyler Moeller (virtual), Lois Roth

Staff –Katie Reuter, Angie Rhum

Guests – Bryan Messer, Eric Shipley

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Roth at 1232.

- **Minutes** –Hampton made a motion to approve the 10/01/2025 minutes without any revisions, Moeller seconded, and the motion unanimously was approved.
- **Environmental Report** – Report and statistics were provided to the Board.
 - A. Reviewed that there are no outstanding complaints.
 - B. Updated Water Program Policy & Procedure for Henry County Environmental Health was presented for approval. Hampton made a motion to approve the policy which was seconded by Moeller and passed unanimously.
- **Public Comment--**
 - A. Messer commented that he is turning in an application to serve on the Board of Health as there will be an opening on 01/01/2026.
- **Public Health Report-**
 - A. October Board of Health Report was reviewed in detail and printed copies were distributed to the Board.
 - B. General Assistance report was reviewed. Reuter requests additional funding for Fellowship Cup food assistance given pause in SNAP funding and increased need. Expressed ~\$9,000 of budget remained unused in FY 25 as there are few applicants who meet qualifications for assistance.
 - C. Reuter gave an update on the expenses and revenue from September as there are not yet any reports for October due to a problem with the county's system, Solutions. Expense reports for General Assistance (department 19), Public Health (department 23) and Mental Health (department 60) were reviewed. Treasurer's revenue report was reviewed.
- **Old Business-**
 - A. Reuter shared the department is following a case of active TB, currently no longer infectious, but requiring daily visits. Reviewed requirements for

DOT. There were close contacts who will need to be followed for latent TB.

B. Reuter reviewed the strategic planning process that PH is undergoing with IHHS guidance. Priority areas include infrastructure, workforce development, and strengthening community partnerships. PH staff are working on goals and objectives.

- **New Business-**

A. Southeast Iowa Regional Housing received a HUD grant to assist with lead abatement. Angie Rhum presented on the funding.

B. Reviewed one of the strategic planning goals is to maximize the functionality of the EHR (Nightengale Notes) to improve data accuracy, streamline workflows, and enhance care coordination. Nightengale Notes is now integrated with IRIS records which has reduced time dedicated to documentation and billing.

C. Reuter shared a new policy on use of emergency contraceptives. Currently Plan B One Step is available free of charge for females who are post-menarcheal though Title X. Moeller made a motion to approve the policy which was seconded by Hampton, and passed unanimously.

- **Announcements and Adjournment –**

The next meeting was set for January 7th, 2026, at 12:30pm in the Public Health conference room. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1316 following a motion to adjourn by Roth that was seconded by Hampton and passed unanimously.