

Marshall County Board of Health

March 23rd, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Annex Building

101 East Main St.

Present: Dr. Ken Lyons, Jim Goodman, Kim Elder

Staff: Sydney Grewell

Guests: Tyler Kelley (Marshall County Environmental Health), Cristian Goodman (BOS)

Zoom: Matthew Vogeler (Marshall County EMA)

Absent: Teresa Jenkins, Dr. Wendy Thiessen

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 January 26, 2026, meeting approved. Jim Goodman/Kim Elder. No abstentions/Unanimous	Filed.
County Reports		
Environmental Health	1. Discussion about FY26 Private Well Grant Reallocation Amendment and authorize Tyler to sign. a. Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Kim Elder. Unanimous, no abstentions. 2. Discussion about pumper truck inspection contract with the IDNR and authorize Tyler to sign. a. Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Kim Elder. Unanimous, no abstentions. 3. 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. Kim attended the volunteer reception training in Story County on 3/20/26. This program will help our CERT team be able to manage volunteers during a disaster. 2. Severe weather awareness week is this week, March 23rd-March 27th. Statewide tornado drill encouraged us to participate on Wednesday 25th at 10. 3. ICS 300 training will be provided at MCSO on March 31st -April 1st. 4. ISU is putting on a foreign animal disease training during the 2nd week of April that I will be attending. 5. Marshall County and the City of Marshalltown will be having a joint meeting to discuss EMS essential services tomorrow March 24th at 5:30. Matt will be attending for our department. It will be available online to watch remote.	Emergency Management Report included in minutes.
Public Health Report		
Reported using the 10 essential public health services		

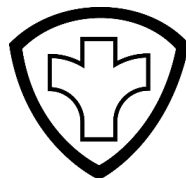
Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.	1. Since our last meeting we have had 2 new LTBI patients: Currently monitoring 8 patients.	Filed.
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population	1. We have had one legionella disease investigation since our last meeting. 2. We had 3 districts and 3 schools reported greater than 10% absenteeism. These have occurred over the last few weeks reporting mostly influenza B, sore throat, strep and other respiratory related symptoms.	Filed.
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.	1. For our cancer chat that took place on March 11th we shared the information with local news media via newspaper, radio and social media 2. Promoting severe weather awareness this week as part of preparedness activities on our social media.	Filed.
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.	1. McFarland Clinic and Marshall County Public Health were able to revisit the community sharps disposal bin contract and are awaiting signatures to move forward. 2. On February 23rd I presented at MCC to students and faculty about the legionella outbreak response. Over 40 people attended in person and virtually. 3. On March 5th I participated in the International Women's Day panel at MCC to speak to over 50 students, faculty and community members in person and online. 4. On March 11th we hosted the Iowa 99 counties project at the public library where we had 23 attendees in person and 27 online. McFarland Clinic brought several of their staff to engage in local conversation. 5. We received an additional \$30,000 to provide Stop the Bleed kits for county school buses and transport vehicles. Public Health will be working with Marshall County Emergency Management and Sheriff's office to provide these training courses to MCSD, EMCSO and WMCSO before distributing the kits.	Filed.
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.	1. Following closely with Iowa State legislation that impacts local public health.	Filed.
Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health.	6. 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 FY26 from July 1, 2025, to today. 1. patient count is 219 with 453 vaccines given.	Filed.

Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.	1. I graduated from the first Iowa Cohort of the N2PH program in early February. It was a great learning experience, and I gained new public health knowledge and was able to collaborate with different individuals across varying public health sectors. I was also able to gain a new mentor from the program. 2. I was accepted into the IRHA leadership fellowship program that will last a total of 12 months. This program is focused on bringing together different individuals of those who work in the rural health space together to better improve the system. 3. I was accepted into the second <i>Leading through Engagement, Activities and Discovery</i> LEAD program for local public health administrators to gain leadership techniques from a variety of presenters. This is a 5-week class that will take place in Ankeny beginning on April 15th. 4. I will be serving on the Local Public Health Collaborative planning committee as a representative for region 1. This is a three-year term to act as a representative for our region's administrators and assist in planning our annual local public health collaborative conference for administrators that happens every fall. 5. Teresea, Taylor and I will be attending the PHCI on April 8th and 9th. In addition, I will be presenting with Dr. Donahue on the legionella outbreak.	Filed.
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.	1. I have begun training on our new electronic health record system Athena Health. The training has been going very well, and the onboarding team meets with me weekly to go over progress and address any questions. Our go live date is tentatively scheduled for April 21st. 2. On March 6th members from the Iowa Judicial Branch and the Iowa Primary Care Association provided information on the behavioral health districts and the services they provide. 3. As part of the Cancer in Iowa 99 counties project, I developed a short survey for residents to partake in to learn more about what cancer-related prevention and education activities they want to see from MCPH. That survey is posted on our Facebook page and is going to be open for awhile to gain some insight.	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.	Filed.

	a. Immunization grant: Funds used \$11,200 Remaining: \$0.00; all funds expended in January 26 b. LPHS grant: Funds used \$54,818.20 Remaining: \$37,686.80 c. PHEP grant: Funds used: \$32,691.71 Remaining: \$18,308.83 i. EMS of PHEP Funds used: \$ 2,808.65 Remaining: \$8,500	
Unfinished Business		
None.		
New Business		
Marshall County Public Health latest amendments for FY26 and proposed FY27 budgets.	1. Supervisors approving a 7% increase in salary. Their reasoning was to increase director's salary over the next two years instead of all at once. Approving 2% of 2% cost of living on top of proposed base salary increase. See adjusted numbers in the most recent budget worksheets provided from Marshall County Auditor's office.	Informational. Filed.
Discussion about sharps interagency agreement with McFarland Clinic and authorization for chair to sign. To be presented to Marshall County Board of Supervisor chair to sign on March 25 th , 2026.	1. As part of the opioid settlement funding Marshall County Public Health wanted to install a sharps disposal bin for community use. Original proposal was to place on Marshall County grounds, but that request was denied. In partnership with McFarland Clinic the bin will be placed in their new grounds still accessible to the community. MCPH will still maintain the bin, provide small sharps containers and provide community education. The agreement was written by Marshall County Attorney Jordan Gaffney and presented to McFarland Clinic for corrections. The final draft is ready to be signed by the participating parties. Once signed by BOH chair it is scheduled for BOS agenda for Wed March 25th for approval. 2. Motion made by Kim Elder. Seconded by Jim Goodman. Unanimous, no abstentions.	Informational Filed.
2026 Iowa HHS state and county level system snapshots.	1. Board was provided with copies of Iowa HHS state and Marshall County System Snapshots.	Informational Filed.
Approval of the Local Public Health Services application for FY27 in the amount of 91,909. Work plan will be based on the 8 Foundational Public Health	2. Contract for the Local Public Health Services grant from Iowa HHS with contract years beginning 7/1/2026 and going until 6/30/3032 was presented to the board. 3. Noted that the grant will be switching to operating and reporting on the 8 foundational public health services. Director's report will follow this same reporting system starting after July 1, 2026.	Informational Filed.

Services. Authorization for Sydney to sign.	- For the first contract year, FY27, the awarded amount will be \$91,909. - Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Kim Elder. Unanimous, no abstentions.	
Approval of Immunization Services contract extension for contract year 2 effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$11,200. Authorization for Sydney to sign.	- Contract for the Immunization Services grant from Iowa HHS with contract year beginning 7/1/2026 and going until 6/30/2027 was presented to the board. - Awarded amount will be \$11,200 - Motion made by Kim Elder. Seconded by Jim Goodman. Unanimous, no abstentions.	Informational Filed.
Iowa Legislations updates, their relation to public health and their status.	- SF 2338- Alignment of delivery of health and human services programs-Placed on Senate unfinished business calendar (didn't make 2nd funnel) - SF 2432 – Boards of Health-Unknown as of right now - HF 2171- Striking secondary student immunization requirements-As of right now did not make it to the house floor, so didn't pass funnel - HF 2347 - Immunization exemption notifications by public health agencies-As of right now did not make it to the house floor, so didn't pass funnel - SF 2462- Creation of an early childhood and family services system-Appropriations bill – so it's funnel proof, so still alive	Informational Filed.
Next Meeting	Monday, May 18 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 11:20	Motion made by Jim Goodman. Seconded by Kim Elder /No abstentions/Unanimous

Prepared and submitted by,
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