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## Board of Health Minutes

April 22, 2025  
5:04 pm – 6:33pm  
Marion County Public Health Department  
2003 N Lincoln  
Knoxville, IA

VanderBeek called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. Attendance: Dan VanderBeek, Kisha Jahner, Dr. Timothy McCoy, Nicole Steddom (via Microsoft Teams) Staff: Linsey Spoelstra, Judi Van Hulzen

No public comments.

Motion to approve the Consent agenda by Jahner, support by McCoy with the addition of a change in March 18, 2025 BOH meeting minutes – Alison Buckalew was also in attendance with American Home Finding and will be listed with the other staff members. M/C, Ayes All

The Environmental Health Update was provided in the packet as a written report, current numbers discussed. Motion by Jahner to receive and file report. Support by McCoy. M/C, Ayes all

Variance Request at 508 Johnson Street was discussed and approved. Motion by McCoy, support by Jahner. M/C, Ayes all

Public Health Nurse, Judi Van Hulzen led a discussion on Local Public Health services in Marion County. Judi provided maps and statistics around current and trending vaccine rates and how that affects the Public Health Department and the public at large. Discussions about current measles cases nationwide and where Marion County's herd immunity status is (we are not at herd immunity with measles vaccination status). Marion County is at 10% for exemptions in the school system and daycare community. Judi also discussed the Care for Yourself program, Dementia Friendly group, and Iowa Fall Coalition.

Vaxcare enrollment – Spoelstra will develop a policy regarding billing private insurance for vaccines given at Public Health. Dr. McCoy requests avoiding early childhood vaccines so that children are still participating in well child checks with their providers. Policy will be discussed at May's BOH meeting. Motion by Jahner, support by McCoy. M/C, Ayes all

Polk Co Partnership re STI testing – Polk Co employees would like to use space at MCPH to provide STI testing to the public. This will happen quarterly unless the need is such that it should occur more frequently. Motion by McCoy, support by Jahner. M/C Ayes all

Discussion about Otley Fire AAR and the ways in which Public Health was and could be of assistance in the future.

Program/staffing/grant writing/building updates – PHEP NOIA has been posted and we are the intended recipients. HRSSA will announce awardees near July 1. Private Well Grants, I4, and LPHS applications have been submitted. Care for Yourself to be submitted soon. Dairy Farmworker funding to be contributed by the state, the federal government has pulled their funding at this point. EMS funding – discussion about the change in funding if Marion Co EMS decides to no longer participate. Spoelstra is meeting individually with EMS departments to discuss building back the relationship between EMS and Public Health in Marion County. At this point she still has a meeting or two to go and will keep the Board informed of progress/challenges. Spoelstra will send an email to all Marion County EMS agencies and the BOH at the completion of these meetings highlighting how best to move forward and giving directive if they would like to remain participants in the EMS grant. Staffing – no EH Field Assistant has been hired. This position has been put on hold for the time being and will be revisited in the summer months.

Motion to adjourn at 6:33pm by Jahner, support by McCoy. M/C Ayes All

Recorder,

Linsey Spoelstra