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Board of Health Minutes

October 21, 2025
5:00 pm – 5:35pm
Marion County Public Health Department
2003 N Lincoln
Knoxville, IA

Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Present: Dan VanderBeek, Dr. Timothy McCoy, Kisha Jahner, Nicole Steddom, Joni Hannon Staff present: Linsey Spoelstra Public present: Lauren Asman, SOR Grant Coordinator with EFR

Motion to approve October 21, 2025 Board of Health agenda by VanderBeek, support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Public comments: Lauren Asman, SOR Grant Coordinator with EFR, discussed the programs EFR has to offer in Marion/Warren/Jasper/Polk Counties – they distribute Narcan free of charge, offer training (specifically around stigma), and provide trauma informed care.

Motion to approve the Consent agenda by VanderBeek, support by Steddom. Motion carried, ayes all.

The Environmental Health reports for September and October were provided in the packet as written reports, current numbers discussed. Motion by VanderBeek to receive and file report. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Discussion regarding Tim Findley installing a septic system in Marysville. A letter in support of Mr. Findley providing this work was provided from Stacie Kline, Environmental Health in ADLM. Mr. Findley is in good standing with ADLM. It is Marion County Environmental Health's recommendation to approve this request. Motion by VanderBeek to approve Tim Findley to install a septic system in Marysville. Support by Steddom. Motion carried, ayes all.

Spoelstra received a request from D&D Pumping to pay two past due bills for well pluggings. D&D has not yet been paid by the well owners for this service and the invoices are well past due. These invoices are no longer eligible for reimbursement thru the Private Well Grants due to the change in fiscal year since the work was completed. The Board discussed how best to move forward. Motion by Jahner to not pay the bills on behalf of these clients. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all. Spoelstra will draft a letter to D&D explaining the Board's stance and offering a suggestion to verify wells are plugged with plenty of time to reimburse prior to the end of the grant's fiscal year. Spoelstra will have the letter for the Board Chair to sign at the next meeting.

Discussion with Dr. McCoy about serving a full BOH term to begin January 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2028. He is in agreement.

The Alzheimer's Association has released a funding opportunity to train a Healthy Brain Strategist. MCPH would like to complete an application to receive this funding. Motion by VanderBeek to prepare and submit an application. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

A Drug Prevention Program funding application has been released. Initially this was something MCPH was interested in pursuing, but upon further research looks more geared toward law enforcement agencies. Action item dies due to lack of motion.

MCPH would like to participate in the Iowa Falls Coalition and submit a letter of commitment to the organization. There is no cost associated with this, only a commitment for staff to attend meetings and training, and perhaps use of MCPH space. Motion by McCoy to sign letter of commitment for Iowa Falls Coalition. Support by VanderBeek.

Director Updates:

- Public Health re-alignment is up in the air, per ISAC representative during their 99 county tour.
- We received the remainder of our PHEP and HPP contracts, so they are both fully funded!
- There was a recent case involving a young child and a dog bite. It appears there was provocation involved, so BOH action is not necessary at this time, just something for the Board to be aware of.

- Spoelstra is serving on the Marion County Opioid Committee and is preparing an RFP to be released at the end of October.
- We applied for \$1500 from the Pella Community Foundation for our beanbag baseball league.

Motion to adjourn at 5:35pm by Jahner, support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Recorder,

Linsey Spoelstra