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Board of Health Minutes

May 19, 2026
5:00 pm – 5:54 pm
Marion County Public Health Department and Virtually
2003 N Lincoln
Knoxville, IA

Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Present: Joni Hannon Virtually Present: Kisha Jahner, Dan Vander Beek Staff present: Christina Van Vark, Linsey Spoelstra

Spoelstra clarified the agenda “Marion County Composition Plan” should be “Marion County Compensation Plan”. This was a typo. Motion to approve May 19, 2026 Board of Health agenda with the mentioned change by Vander Beek, support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Public comments: None

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Environmental Health report was reviewed. To date there are 134 new septic permits. For FY25, there was a total of 135 new septic permits submitted. We are on track to out pace last year. Motion by Vander Beek to receive and file the EH report. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Combat Cancer updates:

Some counties have requested edits to the 28E Agreement with Local Public Health Departments. The Board requested to see those changes for approval. Spoelstra will put them on the June Board of Health agenda.

Due to CFR, we have written Request for Proposals for Dermatoscopes and radon test kits. These have been reviewed and approved by our state Project Manager. Motion by Jahner to approve the Dermatoscope RFP. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Motion by Vander Beek to approve the radon RFP. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Board of Health will have contracts with local pharmacies and libraries who are hosting the telehealth tablets. Motion by Jahner to approve the Tablet Contract. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Board of Supervisors have approved a Marion County Compensation Plan, the policy to go with the salary study completed late 2025. Discussion about the authority to approve staffing changes, position addition and updates. Spoelstra will be in contact with County Attorney Jared Harmon and Board Member Nicole Bryant regarding the plan and report back next month. Motion to close discussion by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Discussion closed, ayes all.

Community Block Grant Update – no more new information regarding this. Spoelstra is looking for direction from the Board to either move forward with the housing study or not. Housing studies can be expensive. Spoelstra will look into the extent of the housing study to be completed. Motion to close discussion by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Discussion closed, ayes all.

Marion County Board of Health has received the Private Well Grants Contract for FY27. Motion to approve the contract and for MCPH Director to sign the contract by Jahner. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Board of Health has received Amendment #5 for Hospital Preparedness Program for FY26-27. Motion by Vander Beek to approve the contract and for MCPH Director to sign. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Board of Health has received Amendment #5 for FY26-27 for Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant. Motion by Jahner to approve the contract and for MCPH Director to sign. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Board of Health has received the Immunization contract for FY27. Due to deadline of the contract, Board authorized signatory Spoelstra has signed and returned the contract. Motion by Jahner to receive and file this contract. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Board of Health has received the Local Public Health Services contract for FY27. Due to deadline of the contract, Board authorized signatory Spoelstra has signed and returned the contract. Motion by Jahner to receive and file this contract. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

MCPH Foot Clinic sliding fee scale has been updated for FY27 based on federal poverty levels. Motion to approve the scale for use next fiscal year by Jahner. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Director Updates:

- MCPH has entered into an agreement with Knoxville Hospital to be a “spoke” in their Rural Health Transformation project. There is no money exchange for this, simply program support on both sides.
- Knoxville Casey’s has put in a septic system. Their permit is still not finalized, we are waiting on information and signature. The County Attorney’s office is working with us to be able to finish the permit. The first round of test results were quite high, DNR gets involved at this point and will help manage the test results and what should be done to the system so it can work appropriately.
- Public Health Alignment – town halls were held; Marion County will be in District 5, a 14 county district that runs from Hamilton County down to the Iowa/Missouri border. The district PH leaders will begin to meet to discuss the future and how to work together.

Next meeting is June 16, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:54pm by Jahner, support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Recorder, Linsey Spoelstra