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Board of Health Minutes

August 18, 2026
5:02 pm – 6:04 pm
Marion County Public Health Department and Virtually
2003 N Lincoln
Knoxville, IA

Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Present: Joni Hannon, Kisha Jahner Virtually Present: Dan Vander Beek Absent: Nicole Bryant, Dr. Timothy McCoy Staff Present: Christina Van Vark Staff Virtually Present: Linsey Spoelstra Public Present: Page Humphrey (Iowa HHS)

Public comments: None

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

Introduction to Thrive Iowa Grant by Page Humphrey of Iowa HHS. This program would require hiring three staff members and has minimum salaries for each – Thrive Coordinator minimum is $68,500, Thrive Navigators minimum is $50,000. The Navigators would carry a caseload of families and would provide resource coordination and navigation. A Community Alliance will also be created and meet on an ongoing basis. The contract amount is $320,000 annually. Spoelstra recommended approving this contract as it fits well within the programs already being offered. Motion by Vander Beek to enter into the contract and post the Coordinator position once the contract has been executed. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Environmental Health report was reviewed. Twelve systems in July, which is high for the beginning of the year. Pool inspections and pumper inspections are up to date. New tattoo inspection requested and will be completed soon. Finishing up and closing out complaints. Motion to receive and file by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Due to new legislation, the Board of Health must designate a space where the monthly agenda will be posted so that it is visible twenty four hours each day. Motion by Jahner to post the Board of Health agenda in the window of the lobby of the Marion County North Annex at a minimum of twenty four hours prior to the meeting time. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Septic contractor Corey DeBrouse (County Line Mechanical) has submitted a Contractor's License Application for FY27; he has not worked in Marion County in the past. He did not provide references. The Board requests he submit references and the application will be considered at a meeting following that submission. Motion to close discussion by Jahner. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Septic contractor Jake Fenner has submitted a Contractor's License Application for FY27; he has not worked in Marion County in the past. He has been hired to install the septic system at the Pella Airport. Motion by Jahner to approve this application. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Public Health has received an Amendment to the Combat Cancer Prevention and Screening contract for $779,500. This Amendment adds the ability to provide lung cancer screenings to uninsured Iowans. It also provides funding for patient navigation for Local Public Health departments as they serve the individuals in their communities. Motion to receive and file the Amendment by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Based on the Combat Cancer Amendment, Marion County Public Health has drafted 28E Amendments for all subcontractors. This has been reviewed by the County Attorney and sent to all departments that originally signed 28E agreements. Motion to receive and file by Jahner. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Due to the vicious dog situation earlier this year, the Board of Health had a discussion about quarantining dogs at local vet clinics. Both Tri-County Veterinary Clinic and Van Wyk Veterinary Clinic are interested in partnering with the County. The Board requested Spoelstra to draft agreements for both veterinary clinics to provide quarantine services for dogs who require confinement outside their homes. Spoelstra will work with Supervisor Jahner and the Humane Society when working toward a potential new agreements. Motion to move forward with veterinary clinic agreements by Jahner. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

The Lead Entity RFP through Iowa HHS was supposed to be released by the time of the meeting. It had not been posted. Motion to close discussion by Jahner. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

As discussed at the July Board of Health meeting, 1756 Stone Street must be cleaned of all items causing a nuisance. Bids were requested. Bids received are as follows:

Midwest Sanitation & Recycling	$4,817
Krichau Land Improvement, LLC	$8,500
Brown's Town & County Sanitation, LLC	$9,785.50
Maxim Trucking & Materials	$18,375
Next Level Waste Group	$31,789
Stevens Erosion Control	$48,695

Van Vark and Spoelstra will walk the property prior to the cleaning date to select the items that must be removed. The right-of-way will also be cleaned on this date. Motion to select Midwest Sanitation & Recycling bid by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Director Updates:

- Diana Von Stein from Iowa HHS called looking for assistance for Madison County Public Health with disease investigations. MCPH is on a list of counties willing to provide this service.
- There are measles cases in Southern Iowa; our department may be called to assist those counties dealing with cases.
- Judi Van Hulzen is in Chicago at Alzheimer's training to benefit the Dementia Friendly group.
- Aging at Home Expo will be September 10, a vendor fair for the aging population.
- Combat Cancer – radon tests will ship next week. Tablets are getting ready to be sent; contracts with libraries and pharmacies are being sent back. First round of Dermatoscopes to be sent soon.

Next meeting is September 15, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 6:04pm by Jahner, support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Recorder, Linsey Spoelstra