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Board of Health Minutes

October 20, 2026
5:00 pm – 5:46 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, Dr. Tim McCoy, Nicole Bryant, Dan Vander Beek
Virtually Present: Kisha Jahner
Staff Present: Linsey Spoelstra, Christina Van Vark
Public Present: Tim De Nooy
Public Virtually Present: Lauren Asman

Public comments: Lauren Asman shared her comments in the meeting chat "I'm still looking to offer naloxone trainings or assistance with naloxone policy as well as other trainings related to substance misuse prevention education. I also have team members looking to help out any school staff that are interested in reviewing or developing their suicide prevention policies or problem gambling and gaming policies." For anyone interested in scheduling a training, they can reach out to Lauren at lasman@efr.org. No further public comments

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

Environmental Health report was reviewed. Motion to receive and file by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Tim De Nooy has requested a variance to Iowa Code setbacks when installing a septic system on his lot in Otley. Site evaluation was done by Eric Dursky, Mahaska County Sanitarian. The septic tank, if variance is approved, will be place 8.5 feet instead of 10 feet. Mr. De Nooy is planning to revitalize this property. He will work with Marion County Environmental Health staff to discuss the proper size of the system. There will be a garage built on the property and the septic system needs to be sized to accommodate both the garage and the existing house. Motion to approve the variance request by Bryant. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Black Gold Underground has submitted a Septic Contractor Application for FY27. Joseph Rhodes has been CIOWTS certified since April 2026 and has installed one system. Motion to approve the application by Vander Beek. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Bedwell Builders has submitted a Septic Contractor Application for FY27. Marion County Environmental Health staff have worked with Mr. Bedwell previously. Motion to approve the application by Vander Beek. Support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

The Board of Health has had ongoing conversations during previous months' BOH meetings regarding the Marion County Compensation Plan. This plan was approved by Marion County Board of Supervisors earlier this year. BOH Member Nicole Bryant drafted an addendum to the plan which states the authority regarding Public Health and Environmental Health employment and budget adoption will continue to remain with the Board of Health as they are not delegating their responsibility and authority to another governing body. This addendum will be adopted each year when the Board accepts the Marion County Handbook at their annual organizational meeting. Motion to approve the Marion County Compensation Plan with the attached addendum by Bryant. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

MCPH has received an amendment from Iowa HHS for the Immunization contract. The amendment increases the annual funding by $5,000. Motion to approve and file I-4 amendment by Vander Beek. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

MCPH received a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program contract from Iowa HHS to cover Marion, Lucas, Jasper, Wayne, and Decatur counties. The contract is $10,000. This contract was previously sent digitally to all Board members for review. Motion to receive and file the CLPPP contract by Vander Beek. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Combat Cancer Amendment No. 2 extends the length of the original 28E Agreements between MCPH and other local public health departments. Instead of providing new 28E Agreements, we will extend the original, add more funding for Year 2, and assign slot numbers for diagnostic screenings. Motion to approve the Amendment by McCoy. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

As part of our new Thrive program, we are required to hire two Thrive Navigators. This request is to post and hire one Navigator. There have been discussions between Spoelstra and Iowa HHS regarding the second Navigator and the potential for another entity to employ that person. For now,

the request is to hire one Navigator to be employed by MCPH. Motion to post and hire a Thrive Navigator by Bryant. Support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

MCPH has received a Memorandum of Understanding from the DNR for Private Wells. This contract lays out the requirements of the county when it comes to drilling new wells and plugging unused wells. This is a renewal of a contract we already hold. Motion to approve and sign the contract by Vander Beek. Support by McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Director Updates:

- Blood drive Thursday, October 22 at MCPH
- We had our first site visit with Iowa Primary Care Association and passed.
- We will be receiving an amendment for our Combat Cancer project which will allow us to purchase additional telehealth tablets, train more radon mitigators, and provide additional homes with financial assistance for home mitigation systems.
- Stacy and/or Linsey have been attending many conferences throughout the month of October and giving presentations at most, including: Iowa environmental Health Association fall conference, University of Iowa kickoff meeting for Combat Cancer TA program
- We have hired a part time Administrative Clerk. The original plan was to have this person report to Christina Van Vark (Assistant Director), but the person hired is a relative of Christina, so they will report to Spoelstra.

Prior to adjournment, Hannon noted she and Jahner attended the meeting at MCPH with Iowa HHS in late September. There were many good conversations surrounding the Combat cancer project and the good work being done across the state. All participants were complimentary of our staff and program management. Dr. McCoy noted the same from the University of Iowa meeting he attended.

Next meeting is November 17, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:46pm by Bryant, support by Vander Beek. Motion carried, ayes all.

Recorder, Linsey Spoelstra