



LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 | 4:00 PM
Harris Building | Conference Room 234
1020 6th St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401



Call to Order - Dr. Dustin Arnold, Chair

Dr. Dustin Arnold, Board Chair, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Board of Health Present: Dr. Dustin Arnold, Melissa Walker, and Cory Speth(legal); Remote: Erica Bernard and Linda Langston

Linn County Public Health Members Present: Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director; Matt Majeski, Administration Division Manager; Heather Meador, Clinical Services Branch Manager; Dustin Hinrichs, Food and Aquatic Safety, Tattoo Tanning Branch Manager; Ruby Perin, Healthy Homes Branch Manager; Diane Midcalf, Office Manager; Amy Hockett, Assessment & Health Promotion Manager; Wanda Reiter Kintz, Air Quality Branch Manager; Anne Carter, Health Equity Program Manager; Mollie Swayne, Communications Specialist and Becca Orth, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

Recognize Guests and Staff - Dr. Pramod Dwivedi, Health Director

Dr. Dwivedi introduced a new staff member, Mollie Swayne, Communications Specialist. He also recognized Anne Carter, Health Equity Project Manager, for an appointment to the Region 7 CDC Center for Public Health Preparedness and Response – Steering Committee.

Public Comment: Three Minute Limit per Speaker

None

Approve Agenda*

Motion made to approve agenda with an amendment to remove the Closed Session

****MSC Walker/Bernard**

BOH member/s excused absences

Ben Rogers

Approval of Minutes*

January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the above minutes as presented.

****MSC Walker/Langston**

Presentation - Lab

Lab & Air Quality Branch Supervisor - Wanda Reiter Kintz

Ms. Reiter Kintz presented to the Board.

Board of Health Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Dr. Dustin Arnold, Committee Chair

January Financial Statements*

Motion made to approve January 2025 Finance Statements

****MSC Walker/Bernard**

Authorize Health Director to sign ongoing contracts/agreements/MOUs/etc. on behalf of the Board of Health, unless a new program or 20% dollar amount variation*

Motion made to approve authorization.

****MSC Walker/Langston**

Policy and Government Relations Committee - Erica Bernard and Melissa Walker, Co-Committee Chairs

Harm Reduction Position Statement*

Motion made to approve the position statement

****MSC Walker/Langston**

Health Director's Report - Dr. Pramod Dwivedi

- **Executive orders are causing uncertainty. Based on communications with colleagues at state level there is no threat as of right now, it is business as usual.**
- **Fiscal Year 2026 Budget was tentatively approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 15th.**
- **Matt Majeski will be leading the Strategic Plan and Workforce Development.**
- **My Care Community – Food Assistance and housing are leading needs in this community.**
- **The Mobile Health Unit continues to help the community with vaccination services.**
- **Vaccine for Adults program is moving forward.**
- **Immunization Audit Data – religious exceptions continue to increase. There have been measles outbreaks throughout the United States.**
- **QTS data center was going to have 866 generators but this afternoon they provided an update that they plan to scale back to 150 but could change.**
- **Ambient Air monitoring had 26 good days and 5 moderate days.**
- **Made note of the Private Well Grant details.**
- **Radon test kits will have a slight price increase.**
- **Supervisor Rogers is leaving and will have impact on this Board.**
- **United Nations Association and Amnesty International – Dr. Dwivedi was invited to speak.**

Administration Division Manager, Mr. Majeski, provided legislative updates to the Board.

Board of Health Attorney Report - Cory Speth

None

~~Closed Session (Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i))~~

~~Motion to go into Closed Session *~~

~~Motion to go into Public Session *~~

Upcoming Meetings

No Meetings in March

Finance Committee Meeting - April 21, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Policy and Government Relations Committee Meeting - April 21, 2025 at 3:00

p.m. Board of Health Meeting - April 23, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at: 4:57 PM.