



#### **Board of Health**

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## **DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2025 | 4:30 p.m.

Dubuque County West Campus Conference Room, 1225 Seippel Rd. Dubuque, IA & via Zoom

**Call to Order:** Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. (in person & Zoom).

### **Roll Call:**

#### **Board Members (In Person):**

- Sandra Larson, Chair
- Kathryn Dolter
- Pat Lehmkuhl
- Mike Fidgeon

#### **Board Members (Virtual):**

- Preeti Joseph
- Jess Smith

#### **Board Members (Absent):**

- Tut Fuller

#### **Liaison (Virtual):**

- Ann McDonough, Board of Supervisors Liaison

#### **Internal Staff (In Person):**

- Allie White
- Carissa Brown

#### **Contracted Staff (In Person):**

- Stacey Killian

#### **Guests from County Departments (Virtual):**

- Wayne Kenniker, Dubuque County Supervisor
- Andrea White, Budget Analyst

#### **Presenters:**

- Chad Wolbers – CEO Crescent Community Health Center

#### **Members of the Public (In Person):**

- Diane Pape Freiburger
- Carla Kasal

**Quorum Established:** at 4:31 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Chairperson Announcements & Updates:** Chair Larson acknowledged the national measles resurgence, Mental Health Awareness Month (May), and recent child fatalities during flu season. She also noted Iowa's plan for opioid settlement fund usage. Chair Larson recognized and thanked Board Member Pat Lehmkuhl for her contributions upon her resignation.

**BOS/BOH Liaison Comments:** Liaison McDonough reported on the Board of Supervisors' vote on May 5, 2025, regarding the opioid settlement expenditure proposal, expressing support for the original version. She noted that Supervisor Kenniker modified the amount and timing of the funding, explaining that he did not believe expenditures should extend beyond the tenure of current board members—a rationale new to the county's budgeting approach. She also echoed appreciation for Pat Lehmkuhl's service and encouraged others to share the Board of Health vacancy and consider applying.

**Approval of May 21, 2025, Agenda:** Motion by Fidgeon, seconded by Dolter; approved unanimously.

**Approval of April 16, 2025, Minutes:** Motion by Dolter, seconded by Fidgeon; approved unanimously.

### **Presentations & Reports**

#### **a. VNA Report (Director Killian):**

Killian reported on upcoming immunization changes as GRMG transitions to UnityPoint and efforts to enter historical vaccine data into IRIS via VNA to reflect accurate local immunization rates. Preparations are underway for back-to-school vaccinations. WIC participation exceeds 100% of the state goal. At the recent Community Baby Shower, staff provided 5 lead tests, 8 lactation appointments, 6 general health visits, 5 immunizations, 2 presumptive eligibility screenings, and 10 Medicaid verifications for children. The department also attended the Farmer's Market for the first time and will conduct TB testing at Flora Park on May 24. The current tobacco grant ends June 30; the new ASO will contact Director White regarding extending contracted goals. A success story was shared involving a family receiving Medicaid cards, address updates, and resource referrals. Financially, the county deficit funding is at 72% and on track. Progress was also reported on state grants including tobacco, LPHS, and BCC.

#### **b. DCPH Report (Director White):**

A new reporting format is being implemented to align with Foundational Public Health Services. Staff are monitoring measles and held a tabletop exercise on May 20, 2025. Preparation has begun for the next CHA/CHIP cycle, due November 2027, with quarterly reporting to the Board starting soon. Dubuque County's baseline adult obesity rate is 40.6%.

Staffing updates include over 30 applicants for the Public Health Coordinator position, with

interviews scheduled in the coming weeks; a second Environmental Specialist will be hired after July 1.

Brown shared updates on the MAT and General Application initiatives, both approved by the Board of Supervisors with modifications: one-year approval, reimbursement-based funding, and \$150K for MAT. Narcan distribution has reached 300 boxes; vending machines function well, but options for alert-enabled thermometers will be explored as summer approaches.

**Action Items:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Dolter requested scheduling a meeting with the 99 Counties Initiative – Iowa Cancer Registry.

**Board Communication and Reports:** Dolter provided an update on the future of Boards of Health and potential regionalization efforts.

**Response to Public Questions:** None

**Next Meeting:** June 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:** Ann McDonough spoke on maternal health, noting a request from Clarity Clinic for service support and highlighting fragmented care for expecting mothers, including those on Medicaid. She emphasized the need for greater coordination and resources, citing concerns from food providers about a potential missed opportunity for \$40 per child per month in funding.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Fidgeon at 5:27 p.m.

**Work Session:**

The Board held a work session with Chad Wolbers, CEO of Crescent Community Health Center to learn about its mission, vision, and goals. No action was taken.