



Board of Health

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DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2026 | 5 p.m.

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

Call to Order: Chair Dolter called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. (in person & Zoom).

Roll Call:

Board Members (In Person):

- Sandra Larson
- Kathy Dolter
- Jeff Metcalf
- Preeti Joseph
- Mitchell Edwards
- Lynn “Tut” Fuller

Board Members (Virtual):

- Jack Dolehide

Board Members (Absent):

- None

Liaison (Virtual):

- Ann McDonough, Board of Supervisors Liaison

Internal Staff (In Person):

- Allie White
- Bailey Avenarius
- John Sewell

Contracted Staff:

- Stacey Killian
- Mary Rose Corrigan (Virtual)

Members of the Public:

- Diane Pape Freiburger
- Chuck Isenhardt (Virtual)
- Deb Anglin
- Jeremiah Allen
- Diane K Anderson

- Carla Kasal

Quorum Established: at 5 PM

Public Comment: None

Chairperson Announcements & Updates: Dolter reminded the BOH that public health's mission is to safeguard the health of the community. She also noted that two bills, SF2432 and SF2171, remain active and could potentially impact public health operations.

BOS/BOH Liaison Comments: Supervisor McDonough encouraged BOH members to use their expertise and positions on the Board to help inform the community of the challenges currently facing public health. Supervisor McDonough also shared that she will not be seeking a third term and wanted the Board to be aware of this upcoming change.

Approval of March 18, 2026 Agenda: Motion by Joseph, seconded by Larson; approved unanimously.

Approval of February 18, 2026 Minutes: Motion by Larson, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.

Presentations & Reports

DCPH Monthly Report - Allie White White provided her full report, which is included in greater detail within the meeting packet. The Board also discussed opioid overdoses and the role Narcan has played in reducing overdose fatalities in Dubuque County. Related data will be presented at the next Board of Health meeting.

VNA Monthly Report - Stacey Killian Killian provided her full report, which is included in greater detail within the meeting packet. She noted that the VNA report places a stronger emphasis on trends to allow for comparison of data over time. The Health and Human Services (HHS) focus areas include environmental health, chronic disease management, maternal and child health, and communicable diseases, and the VNA has selected data points that align with these priorities. Fuller asked whether there may be an opportunity to implement toothbrushing programs in schools and seek donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste. Killian stated she will explore this possibility.

DCPH Quarterly Environmental Specialist Report – John Sewell Sewell provided his full report, which is included in greater detail within the meeting packet. Fuller asked that Sewell explore additional grant opportunities to help cover the cost of more expensive sampling. Supervisor McDonough suggested contacting the University of Iowa to assess potential partnership opportunities with DCPH for expanded water sampling efforts. The BOH expressed its desire for DCPH to continue identifying ways to increase community awareness regarding radon. A potential policy change requiring radon testing during the sale of a home may be discussed further with the Ad Hoc Board of Health Position

Committee.

Action Items

Discussion and Possible Action on FY27 Opioid Settlement Funds – RFP for Medically Assisted Treatment Services and General Application Motion to issue the request for funding and utilize the dates suggested in the packet was made by Larson, seconded by Metcalf; approved unanimously. The BOH also requested that White explore whether the county may be eligible for reimbursement for staff time dedicated to work related to the Opioid Settlement Funds following Carissa's departure from the department.

Response to Public Questions None

Unfinished Business

VNA Carenet Update Patients are in the process of being connected to services following the conclusion of the Carenet program. Of the 45 total patients, 20 have been successfully placed. Killian will continue to provide updates to the Boh until all patients have been placed.

Drinking Water Radon Testing White reported that she contacted the Environmental Regional Consultant regarding radon testing in water. Testing is available through the Private Well Grant; however, homeowners must provide documentation of an elevated radon level to qualify. One concern noted was that there is currently no established standard for an acceptable radon level in water.

New Business

SF 2432 The BOH discussed the bill and its potential impacts, noting that the BOS and Dubuque legislators have been informed. Fuller inquired whether the county could assume services currently contracted to the City of Dubuque. Dolter responded that capacity limitations, without adjustments to funding and timeline, would make it challenging for DCPH to manage all required services. Dolter also gave a formal apology for submitting a letter outlining concerns regarding SF2432 on behalf of the BOH without prior discussion with the Board.

Drinking Water Quality in Dubuque County DCPH is working on compiling data from all wells in Dubuque County to analyze water quality trends.

Board Communication & Reports Cancer Rates in Iowa In October 2025, the Iowa Cancer Registry visited Dubuque County to discuss cancer trends within the county. The presentation is included in the meeting packet for reference.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2026 at 5 PM

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Motion by Metcalf 7:09 PM

January Board of Health Meeting Attendance				
Name	Time In	Time Out	In person or Zoom	If absent, was notice provided
Sandra Larson	4:15 PM	6:22 PM	In person	
Lynn "Tut" Fuller	4:30 PM	6:22 PM	In person	
Preeti Joseph	4:45 PM	6:22 PM	In person	
Mitchell Edwards	4:27 PM	6:22 PM	In person	
Kathy Dolter	4:00 PM	6:22 PM	In person	
Jack Dolehide	4:25 PM	6:22 PM	In person	
Jeff Metcalf	4:15 PM	6:22 PM	In person	

February Board of Health Meeting Attendance				
Name	Time In	Time Out	In person or Zoom	If absent, was notice provided
Sandra Larson	4:15 PM	6:01 PM	In person	
Lynn "Tut" Fuller				No
Preeti Joseph	4:28 PM	6:01 PM	In person	
Mitchell Edwards	4:31 PM	6:01 PM	Zoom	
Kathy Dolter	4:15 PM	6:01 PM	In person	
Jack Dolehide	4:31 PM	6:01 PM	In person	
Jeff Metcalf	4:15 PM	6:01 PM	In person	

March Board of Health Meeting Attendance				
Name	Time In	Time Out	In person or Zoom	If absent, was notice provided
Sandra Larson	5:00 PM	7:09 PM	In person	
Lynn "Tut" Fuller	5:03 PM	7:09 PM	In person	
Preeti Joseph	5:00 PM	7:09 PM	In person	
Mitchell Edwards	5:00 PM	7:09 PM	In person	
Kathy Dolter	5:00 PM	7:09 PM	In person	
Jack Dolehide	5:00 PM	7:09 PM	Zoom	
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