



Board of Health

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DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes – June 24, 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):

- Kathy Dolter
- Jeff Metcalf
- Mitchell Edwards

Board Members (Virtual):

- Jack Dolehide

Board Members (Absent):

- Preeti Joseph
- Sandra Larson
- Lynn “Tut” Fuller

Liaison:

- Ann McDonough, Board of Supervisors Liaison (In person)

Internal Staff:

- Allie White
- Emma Hilkin
- Tina Daubenberger

Contracted Staff:

- Stacey Killian

Members of the Public:

- Diane Pape Freiburger
- Henry Powers
- Keegan Turnbough
- Mike Wolter
- John O’Brien
- Erica Felton

- MaryBeth Decker
- Ron Decker
- Rick Dickinson
- Jessica Oberbroeckling
- Randy McClain
- Deb Anglin
- Donna
- Duane Eaton
- Linda Eaton
- Beverly Freiburger
- Robert Freiburger
- Andrew G
- Sandy Denlinger
- Corene LuGrain
- Ann
- Calvin Denlinger
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Quorum Established: at 5:04 p.m.

Chairperson Announcements & Updates:

- See Addendum A for Dolter's comments on health impacts of data centers.

Public Comment:

- Diane Pape Freiburger shared that Iowa Immunizes has partnered with the VNA to provide vaccine information translated for the Marshallese community. She noted that this effort will make them a national leader in providing immunization translations for various populations.
- MaryBeth Decker discussed potential air pollution associated with data centers and the possible impacts on individuals with asthma.
- Mike Wolter thanked the BOH for its involvement in the discussion and stated his appreciation for community members who are willing to help protect public health.
- John O'Brien questioned whether current national standards are sufficient to address the potential impacts of data centers. He also expressed concern about noise and its effects on human health.
- Jessica Oberbroeckling suggested establishing a reserve or slush fund to address any future concerns related to the proposed data center.
- Robert Freiburger shared concerns about a stream originating near the proposed data center site that supplies water for his livestock for approximately ten months of the year. He expressed concern that any contamination of the water source could significantly impact livestock.
- Calvin Denlinger proposed the creation of a county noise ordinance that would establish

allowable noise levels based on the type of noise and time of day.

- Rick Dickinson encouraged the BOH to work with the BOS to develop ordinances that serve the entire county. He also noted that the University of Dubuque flight program has approximately 450 student pilots and the proximity of the proposed data center to the primary runway at the Dubuque Regional Airport could present future issues.
- Corene LuGrain discussed about the potential long-term impacts of data centers on children and future generations.
- Duane Eaton emphasized the importance of monitoring potential water contamination.
- Erica Felton spoke about the potential effects of data centers on brain health. She noted that many individuals visit the Interstate Power Company Forest Preserve for fresh air and physical activity and the proposed data center's proximity could discourage public use of the area.

BOS/BOH Liaison Comments:

Supervisor McDonough expressed appreciation for the BOH's work and acknowledged the progress made over the past eight years to improve public health in Dubuque County. She also stated that, under Iowa's Home Rule authority, counties have the ability to adopt standards that are more stringent than state requirements when making local decisions on local matters.

Approval of June 24, 2026 Agenda:

Motion by Metcalf, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- a. Board of Health Meeting May 20, 2026:** Motion by Edwards, seconded by Metcalf; approved unanimously.
- b. Board of Health Special Meeting June 8, 2026:** Motion by Metcalf, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.

Presentations & Reports

- a. DCPH Quarterly Public Health Coordinator Report- Emma Hilkin.**
 - Hilkin gave her full report which is in the packet. Dolter suggested participating in a HAZMAT drill to strengthen preparedness for chemical spill incidents.
- b. DCPH Monthly Report - Allie White.**
 - White gave her full report which is in the packet and no further questions.
- c. VNA Monthly Report - Stacey Killian.**
 - Killian gave her full report as well as school and childcare immunization audit reports which is in the packet and no further questions.

Action Items

- a. Plan to Address Health Impacts of, and Standards for, AI Data Centers.**
 - The Board approved the creation of a Data Center Health Impacts Citizen Working Group to meet monthly during the data center moratorium. The working group will be open to any community member who wishes to participate. Motion by Metcalf, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.

- The Board approved the creation of a Data Center Health Impact Subcommittee to meet during the data center moratorium. Motion by Metcalf, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.
- b. Plan to Address Discontinuation of CHA/CHIP Requirement Impact.**
- The Board discussed the recent change eliminating the requirement for local public health departments to develop a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), as Iowa will now develop a statewide CHA/CHIP. Board members agreed that Dubuque County should continue developing its own CHA/CHIP to identify and address local public health priorities. Edwards suggested using the previous CHA/CHIP as a framework and making modifications as needed.
 - Supervisor McDonough emphasized the importance of ensuring the assessment reflects the needs of the entire county.
 - The DCPH will present a proposed plan for developing the FY2027–FY2030 CHA/CHIP at the August Board of Health meeting. Motion by Metcalf, seconded by Edwards; approved unanimously.

Response to Public Questions

- a. Inquiry from Mr. Isenhardt regarding DCPH Grant Funding and Subcontracting.**
- This was tabled and will be on the July 15th BOH meeting.
- b. Inquiry from Mr. Halon regarding Opioid Settlement General Application for Bridgewater Recovery.**
- This was tabled and will be on the July 15th BOH meeting.

Unfinished Business

- a. Combat Cancer 28E Agreement with Marion County Public Health**
- This was tabled and will be on the July 15th BOH meeting.
- b. Contingency Plan for SF2432**
- This was tabled and will be on the July 15th BOH meeting.
- b. Iowa Public Health System Alignment Update**
- This was tabled and will be on the July 15th BOH meeting.
- c. Board of Health Ad Hoc Position Committee Update**
- This was tabled and will be on the July 15th BOH meeting.

New Business None

Board Communication and Reports: None

Next Meeting: July 15, at 5 p.m.

Public Comment: Diane Pape Freiburger noted that the Dubuque County Watersheds Department has a website that includes information on locations where water quality testing is being conducted. Mike Wolter thanked the BOH for its continued work and dedication to serving

Dubuque County.

Adjournment: Motion by Metcalf at 6:43 p.m.

Work Session

- a. **Dubuque County Overdose Trends - Dubuque Drug Task Force Director Sgt. Adam Williams, DCSO** Sergeant Williams presented on overdose trends in Dubuque County. His presentation was included in the meeting packet. The Board discussed the declining trend in overdoses and noted that increased availability of naloxone and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) may be contributing factors.

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	
Jeff Metcalf	5:00 PM	7:09 PM	In person	

April Board of Health Meeting Attendance for Special Meeting				
Name	Time In	Time Out	In person or Zoom	If absent, was notice provided

Sandra Larson				Yes
Lynn "Tut" Fuller	1:08 PM		Zoom	
Preeti Joseph				Yes
Mitchell Edwards	1:01 PM		Zoom	
Kathy Dolter	1:00 PM		In person	
Jack Dolehide				Yes
Jeff Metcalf	1:00 PM		In person	

May Board of Health Meeting Attendance

Name	Time In	Time Out	In person or Zoom	If absent, was notice provided
Sandra Larson	5:00 PM	7:03 PM	In Person	
Lynn "Tut" Fuller	5:00 PM	7:03 PM	Zoom	
Preeti Joseph				Yes
Mitchell Edwards	5:00 PM	7:03 PM	In Person	
Kathy Dolter	5:00 PM	7:03 PM	In Person	
Jack Dolehide				No
Jeff Metcalf	5:01 PM	7:03 PM	In Person	

June Board of Health Special Meeting Attendance

Name	Time In	Time Out	In person or Zoom	If absent, was notice provided
Sandra Larson	12:00 PM	12:35 PM	Zoom	
Lynn "Tut" Fuller	12:00 PM	12:35 PM	Zoom	
Preeti Joseph				No
Mitchell Edwards	12:00 PM	12:35 PM	Zoom	
Kathy Dolter	12:00 PM	12:35 PM	In Person	
Jack Dolehide	12:00 PM	12:35 PM	Zoom	
Jeff Metcalf	12:00 PM	12:35 PM	In Person	

June Board of Health Meeting Attendance

Name	Time In	Time Out	In person or Zoom	If absent, was notice provided
Sandra Larson				Yes
Lynn "Tut" Fuller				Yes
Preeti Joseph				Yes
Mitchell Edwards	5:04 PM	7:10 PM	In person	
Kathy Dolter	5:00 PM	7:10 PM	In person	
Jack Dolehide	5:00 PM	7:10 PM	Zoom	
Jeff Metcalf	5:00 PM	7:10 PM	In person	