

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

TAMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & HOME CARE

Monday February 24, 2025 – 12:00 P.M.
Meeting held at Tama County Annex Building and via Zoom

Members Present:	Sally Custer	Micki Ferris	Chris Behrens
	Lori Johnson	Jolynn Harger	Shannon Zoffka
	Casey Schmidt	Sherry Parks – via Zoom	Sherri Vesely – via Zoom

Members Absent: Curt Hilmer

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Parks, Chairman at 12:06 p.m.

Micki Ferris moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Micki Ferris noted that on the Minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting that on page 3, Item B under New Business needed rewording. She said that it needed to say “If a non-Tama County Resident request foot services, they will be charged \$50.” Sally Custer moved to accept the Minutes with this rewording. Micki Ferris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Environmental Report:

Chris Behrens shared that he did one septic inspection in February. He has attended trainings and has been working on a nuisance property at Union Grove Lake. The Homeowner has until 03/01 to make changes. Chris drove by the property last week and it does look like the owner is working on the issues.

On March 12, the Tama County Extension Office will be offering an education on wells and programs to assist with them.

Director’s Report - 10 Essential Public Health Services Framework – Shannon Zoffka

Shannon introduced new Board member Sherri Vesely to the rest of the Board members. Introductions were made.

- 1. Assess and Monitor population health status, factors that influence health and community needs and assets*
 - Food Pantry: Mobile food pantry continues monthly in Tama
 - Several schools reported 10% absenteeism in January, follow up with each school nurse was completed and the findings were reported to the State
 - HAN update on TB in Pacific Islanders was shared with the local clinics
- 2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population*
 - Communicable Disease Investigations Started in January: 0
 - Active & Latent TB Cases: 4 current latent cases
 - Animal Bites: 0 in January
 - Immunizations Given: 4
- 3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it*
 - Social Media Strategy: Winter Weather, Winter Weather Safety, Bird Flu, Food Safety, Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, Radon, Measles, Fall Prevention, Poison Control
 - Posts: 40
 - Coffee Talks: 6 sites with 35 attendees.
- 4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health*

- Maternal Health: No new news
- Nest: 16 attendees, topic in January was RSV. Lutheran Social Services presented on what services they provide.
- SKIP: Plans continue for Spring events, next meeting is February 27th
- NEI3A/COA: The meal site has been moved to Spanky's. NEI3A is looking at working with us on presentations at Coffee Talks and perhaps providing a meal at those locations when they present.

5. *Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health*

- Audits of home health charts continue and no concerns were identified.
- Lori and Shannon attend the Public Health Office Hours monthly with Dr. Kruse.

6. *Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health*

- PHEP: work continues on Stop the Bleed Kits for area schools. 5 schools were interested.

7. *Assure and effective system that enables access to the individual services and care need to be health*

- Foot Clinics and Blood Pressure Clinics continue
- Home Health: 56% of referrals were admitted
- Condom Program: 2 new sites have begun to participate – Mercy Traer and Bohemian Blond in Clutier.

8. *Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce*

- Tammy Schuett completed training on the Period of Purple Crying for the Nest program

9. *Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research and continuous quality improvement*

- QAPI: Next meeting will be in March date to be determined

10. *Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health*

- Many changes are happening in the County, we have recently taken part in an IT Audit conducted by ISAC.
- The County has introduced the new HR process to Departments.

Waiver: January: Two patients were served under the Frail and Elderly Waiver. There were 0 Maternal Health Home visits in January.

Financial Report:

Admissions increased for the month of January. Skilled Nurse visits increased for January. Health Aide visits and hours increased for the month of January. Our revenue increased for the month of January.

The wrong amount for Employee Health Insurance has been taken out again by the Courthouse. This should be corrected next month.

The County had a group come and do an IT Audit of our network. They met with Department Heads on 02/14/25 and provided a summary of issues. They will provide a written report in a few weeks.

Micki Ferris moved to approve the Financial Report. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize CEO/Executive Director to be BOH Signatory for all State of Iowa Grants. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Micki Ferris moved to Approve & Authorize Medical Director to sign Standing Orders for Immunization Program. Sally Custer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: The January Mid-Iowa Community Action Board of Health Newsletter was included in Board member packets.

Public Comment: None

Future Meeting Dates: The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025 at Noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jolynn Harger, Executive/Financial Assistant

The full Zoom recording is available. It is available by request.