



Sioux County Board of Health
 Meeting Minutes
 4/22/26 8:00 a.m.
 CHP Conference Room

Board of Health Members present: Keri Frick, Barb Top, Robin Van Zandbergen, Denise Lynott

CHP Staff present: Ryan Dokter

Other present: Craig Hoftzyer

Frick called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Subject/Topic	Discussion/Follow-up/Progress	Recommendations/Action Taken
4/22/26 meeting agenda	No additions or corrections.	Motion by Van Zandbergen, seconded by Top to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2/25/26 meeting minutes	No additions or corrections.	Motion by Lynott, seconded by Van Zandbergen to approve the 2/25/2026 minutes. Motion carried.
Action Items	<p>FY27 County Contract (BOH/BOS/CHP) – Motion by Top, seconded by Lynott to approve the FY27 County Contract in the amount of \$430,560. Motion carried.</p> <p>Signatory Authority – Teri Bos & Ryan Dokter – Motion by Top, seconded by Lynott to approve the signatory authority letters. Motion carried.</p> <p>Tanning Inspections Discussion – Dokter discussed the process towards completing an environmental health ordinance. One piece of that ordinance is addressing tanning facilities. Since 2019, no tanning inspections have taken place in Sioux County due to the State of Iowa no longer funding this work. Teri Bos and Ryan Dokter recently met with the Clay County Environmental Health Director regarding inspecting tanning facilities for Sioux County and fees associated with that work. Sioux County could be trained by Clay County to do inspections, but either way, the costs for doing inspections and any additional follow-up would be more than the fees collected. Dokter discussed that there are currently 5 active tanning facilities in the county which means they've paid their licensing fee. In 2019, Sioux County had 15 active facilities and are certain that there are facilities not licensed but operating. With Iowa's and Sioux County's cancer rates being high, specifically melanoma, the question is what steps should the BOH take? If the BOH or BOS desires to do something to address tanning facility inspections, an ordinance and fee schedule would need to be adopted and</p>	



	<p>enforced. The BOH discussed the importance of education as we know the use of tanning beds is not good for one's health. Motion by Frick, seconded by Top to table moving forward with adopting an ordinance for tanning facility inspections and instead, focus on prevention by educating the public about the dangers of using tanning beds. Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Agency Report</p>	<p>Senior Services Reports – BOH received an annual report from Orange City Area Health System, Sioux Center Health, and Hegg Health Center. Dokter reported that CHP will reduce funding in FY27 for this service from \$30,000 to \$15,000 and will eliminate funding in FY28 unless another funding source can be found. This decision was due to budget constraints.</p>	
<p>Environmental Health</p>	<p>Private Well Grants Report – Report timeframe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start: 2/25/202 • End: 4/14/2026 <p>Private Well Grants (PWG) program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells plugged: Three (5) inquiries; Three (3) wells plugged during this reporting period • Water tested: Two (2) wells tested during report period; 5 additional scheduled • Reports: Q2 report submitted and funds paid 1/31/2026. • Funds expended: \$12,151.83 in 2025, \$1400 during this reporting period. • Training: 20+ CEUs completed in previous calendar year. 12 CEUs required and submitted 1/15/2026. <p>Private well permitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) well permit approved. <p>Private sewage disposal systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed projects: 11 since last report (new systems or upgrades for remodels or property sales) • Applications: 37 (potential projects and work that has not been completed yet) • Active waivers: 25 (agreements for future installation or demolition) 	
<p>CHP Agency Updates</p>	<p>Ryan Dokter reported:</p> <p>Iowa HHS Alignment updates – district structure implementation planned for FY28 – July 1, 2027. IHHS will engage with LPH across the state and CHP will attend the session on April 23 in Storm Lake. IHHS has identified 5 core services which are Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention, Communicable & Infectious Disease, Emergency Preparedness & Response, Environmental Public Health, and Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health.</p> <p>Early Childhood Iowa & Iowa HHS – proposed legislation to</p>	



transfer oversight of home visitation programs away from local boards, NECI included, to Iowa HHS. Questions remain around a funding formula and discretionary funding for CHP's Healthy Families program.

Iowa Legislation – highlighted HF 2171 which failed to pass the second funnel which would have eliminated Iowa's K-12 immunization requirements. CHP is monitoring several bills as the session concludes.

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention – 7th cohort for Keys to Dementia Prevention program (10 sessions) that started on March 3 at Sioux Center Health with 12 participants.

Choose Health NW Iowa – 5th cohort of 8-session program that started February 19 in Orange City with 12 participants.

Joint Messaging Proposal on Iowa/Sioux County Cancers – CHP developed a proposal with a Dordt University Health Communications intern focused on Iowa/Sioux County cancer rates, prevention/screening for each cancer. The goal is to raise awareness in collaboration with the 4 hospitals and Promise CHC through social media posts and other means.

Combat Cancer – Marion County PH – CHP will be a part this initiative to address cancer in Iowa (prevention, screenings, radon testing/mitigation). Funding for this program is from the Rural Health Transformation Grant.

Teri Bos is attending the Healthiest State Conference in Ankeny today.

Communicable & Infectious Disease Control – CHP has followed up on several pertussis cases in Sioux County in April and for Tuberculosis in FY26, there are 6 individuals currently receiving inactive TB meds, 8 individuals completed inactive TB med regimen and 3 individuals completed "other" TB follow-up

Emergency Preparedness & Response – Sioux County Emergency Preparedness Coalition meets bi-monthly with Sioux County EMA, EP staff from 4 hospitals and Promise. Ryan Dokter and Teri Bos attended a virtual statewide readiness conference/webinar with SCH EP staff on March 26

Dokter attended the Public Health Conference April 8-9 as well as the National Preparedness Conference (virtually) April 13-15.

Environmental Public Health –

Lead Policy
BOH adopted on April 23, 2025
BOS approved on May 20, 2025

Quarantine/Isolation Policy
BOH adopted on June 11, 2025



BOS approved on August 19, 2025

Rabies/Animal Bites Policy
 BOH adopted on August 13, 2025
 BOS approved on September 30, 2025

Pools, Tattoo, Retail Food & Hotel Inspections - Designation to SDH
 BOH adopted on February 25, 2026
 BOS approved on March 10, 2026

Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health –

Will be providing dental education sessions again in Sioux Center, Rock Valley and Orange City as well as providing dental teaching bags to Cavity Free Iowa sites for use at well-child visits (SCH and Promise)

CHP staff assisted with running a booth at the Sioux Center Indoor Fair on March 25-26. Staff asked quiz questions related to public health for a prize based on their age group.

CHP will participate in the Northwest Iowa Community Baby Shower on April 25 at Kinsey Elementary.

Contract Updates

FY27 Local Public Health Services Grant (IHHS) – level funding
 FY27 Immunization Services Grant (IHHS) – level funding
 FY27 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant (IHHS) – reduced funding, but added Cherokee County
 FY27 Tobacco Use Prevention Grant (Iowa PCA) – waiting for State appropriations bill, but hope for at least level funding
 FY27 Healthy Families of America (NECI) – hope for level funding, but waiting for contract approval

Pending & New Funding Requests

FY27 County funding request – requested 6% increase of \$25,000 and received a 3.5% increase - \$430,560 for FY27 (Feb 24)

Delta Dental funding request for dental/oral health – awarded \$7,274 for 4/1/26 to 3/31/27 (Mar 4) – funding for targeted educational sessions, Give Kids A Smile Day for bilingual staff to assist, dental teaching bags for clinics participating in Cavity Free Iowa (Promise and SCH)

Elderbridge Agency on Aging funding request for \$8,683 to support our Keys to Dementia Prevention classes for FY27 (Mar 10)

Siouxland Community Foundation Grant Request for \$7,500 for the Escuelita Familiar (Family Literacy) Program (Mar 13). Application was denied on April 15.

Combat Cancer – Phase 1 funding is \$4,230.98, Phase 2 is \$3,016.76



Next Meeting Date:	June 17, 2026	
Frick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM		

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Dokter,
Community Health Partners

Keri Frick, Vice Chairperson
Sioux County Board of Health