



**Sioux County Board of Health**  
 Meeting Minutes  
 6/17/26 8:00 a.m.  
 CHP Conference Room

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

**CHP Staff present:** Teri Bos, Ryan Dokter

**Other present:** Craig Hoftzyer, Maddie Boswell

Visser called the meeting to order at 8:01am

Subject/Topic	Discussion/Follow-up/Progress	Recommendations/Action Taken
6/17/26 meeting agenda	The agenda was amended to include a new action item regarding the DNR septic inspections, added as item number three.	Motion by Frick, supported by Top to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.
4/22/26 meeting minutes	No additions or corrections.	Motion by Top, supported by Frick to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
Mid-Sioux Opportunity Report: WIC/Maternal Health	<p><b>Maddie Boswell reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIC serves women (prenatal and postpartum), infants, and children up to age five, with a focus on middle-income families who qualify under 185% of federal poverty guidelines</li> <li>• Families qualify through income or eligibility in programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, FIP, foster care, or Head Start participation.</li> <li>• The program improves birth outcomes, reduces childhood obesity, supports breastfeeding through education and peer counselors, and benefits local communities economically.</li> <li>• Currently, WIC provides an average food package valued at \$80 per person per month, including supplemental nutrition and farmer's market checks (\$30 per individual for fresh produce). Recent food package updates include increased fruit and vegetable allowances, options for milk substitutes, nut/seed butters for allergy families, and juice substitution for additional produce funds</li> <li>• WIC benefits are itemized on a card system, with approved foods marked in stores and a WIC shopping app available for barcode scanning.</li> <li>• WIC vendors include Walmart, Hy-Vee, Fairway, CVS,</li> </ul>	

	<p>Walgreens, and some Dollar Generals, limited to Iowa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breastfeeding support includes peer counselors with large caseloads, bilingual support, breast pumps, and formula options requiring prescriptions for special cases.</li> <li>• Active caseload is approximately 2,900 participants monthly, with Sioux Center, Spencer, and Lamar’s clinics as the largest.</li> <li>• Only about 52% of eligible WIC population in Sioux County is currently served, with prenatal women identified as a key growth opportunity. Efforts include outreach to OB offices and hospitals.</li> <li>• Maternal Health contract supports prenatal care access, home visits, psychosocial and oral health screenings, and Medicaid presumptive eligibility.</li> <li>• Oral health follow-up includes referrals to local dental providers, with some waitlists noted.</li> <li>• Funding is based on state projections and typically underestimates actual service numbers, requiring negotiation for additional funds.</li> </ul>	
<p>Action Items</p>	<p><b>1. BOH Policy Manual Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOH policies were reviewed and updated after over a year of work; medical director review every two years was noted. Updated policies approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. FY27 LPHS Grant Subcontract</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LPHS grant subcontract was reviewed, noting consistent funding of \$73,241 annually for six years. Approval and signing were completed</li> </ul> <p><b>3. DNR Septic Contract with BOH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A contract regarding DNR septic inspections was introduced, detailing delegated authority to the Board of Health for inspection and reporting.</li> <li>• The contract is a three-year agreement through April 2029, with funding and contractor details provided.</li> <li>• Due to limited information and late notice, as well as Environmental Health staff not present to answer questions, the Board decided to table the contract for further review and requested more information from the sender before approval and signing.</li> <li>• <i>Additional information was provided by Sikkema and emailed to BOH after the meeting. BOH members discussed via email and a quorum approved signing the contract.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Motion by Lynott, supported by Top to approve updated BOH Policies. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion by Frick, supported by Top to approve and sign subcontract. Motion carried.</p> <p>Tabled – more information requested</p> <p><i>Motion by Frick, supported by Top and Visser via email to approve the contract. Motion carried. Visser signed and returned the contract via email.</i></p>



<p>Report on Iowa HHS Alignment</p>	<p><b>Ryan Dokter reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iowa HHS is transitioning to a district structure for public health, aligning with behavioral health districts and focusing on five core public health services.</li> <li>• A Request for Proposals (RFP) for lead entities will be issued in August, with applications due in October and awards announced in December. Implementation begins January 1, 2027.</li> <li>• Two counties in the district expressed willingness to be lead entities: Woodbury County (preferred due to size) and Crawford County (backup).</li> <li>• The lead entity will coordinate services across counties, especially supporting smaller public health agencies lacking capacity.</li> <li>• Local operations are expected to continue without major changes, with the lead entity addressing service gaps.</li> </ul>	
<p>Agency Report on Core Public Health Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental Public Health: Private well grants</b> and inspections are active during the season. PWG report was provided by EH Director and shared with BOH. <b>Combat Cancer Initiative:</b> Rural Iowa public health agencies collaborate on cancer prevention, including scholarships (\$600-\$750) for radon testing and mitigation certification to build workforce capacity. <b>Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention:</b> Will expand in FY27 to include Cherokee County; FY26 stats: six new high lead cases identified in five counties (home nursing visits), two property inspections conducted; actively following 19 children.</li> <li>• <b>Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention: Tobacco &amp; Nicotine Prevention Program</b> active in five counties; 93 school presentations reached 2,656 individuals; <b>Sunscreen Education and events</b> planned in partnership with Tsunami Water Park.</li> <li>• <b>Communicable and Infectious Disease Control:</b> <b>Pertussis</b> cases continue at low levels; monitoring of Ebola for travelers, awareness of <b>Hantavirus</b> and <b>New World Screwworm</b> affecting livestock monitored</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Preparedness and Response: Sioux County Emergency Preparedness Coalition</b> resumed in-person meetings, improving engagement; AEDs and training equipment purchased for the county; AED purchases will not be allowed next year with public health funds.</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health: Mental health awareness</b> events held; new <b>bilingual home visitor</b> hired; summer family literacy and <b>dental education</b> programs underway</li> </ul>	
Contracts & Funding Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobacco use prevention grant funding increased significantly, with base amounts raised to \$25,000 and a 25% increase for Sioux County, totaling over \$62,000 new dollars.</li> <li>• Other grants, including Delta Dental, KEYS program, and cancer prevention, continue with similar funding.</li> <li>• County funding increased by 3.5%.</li> <li>• Farm worker flu shot promotion funding provided again, ends in October; successful partnership last year with local farm industries and Occ Health departments</li> </ul>	
Next Meeting Date:	August 5, 2026 @ 8am	
Visser adjourned the meeting at 9am		Motion by Top, supported by Visser to adjourn the meeting Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Bos,  
Community Health Partners

Matt Visser, Chairperson  
Sioux County Board of Health