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## Scott County Health Department

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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
FEBRUARY 19, 2026  
MEETING MINUTES  
12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room  
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Dr. O'Donnell, Chair of the Scott County Board of Health, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ms. Flaherty, Dr. Franzman, Dr. Hanson, Dr. O'Donnell, Mr. Robinson

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Nicki Parmelee, Lenore Alonso, Mariah Benson, Anna Copp, Lorna Bimm, Michelle Fitzjarrell, Ellen Gackle, Vianka Herrera, Amy Long, Christina McDonough, Raymond Miller

Others: Chrissy Watters

Dr. O'Donnell called for a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dr. Hanson moved to accept the amended agenda. Motion seconded by Dr. Franzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Donnell called for a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

### Director's Report

Mrs. Thoreson recognized the following employees for their years of service to the department.

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| • Amy Haut, Public Health Nurse                | 3 years  | February 27 |
| • Andy Swartz, Environmental Health Specialist | 4 years  | February 21 |
| • Ray Miller, Environmental Health Specialist  | 5 years  | February 1  |
| • Lashon Moore, Clinical Services Manager      | 23 years | February 24 |
| • Amy Thoreson, Director                       | 27 years | February 22 |

Mrs. Thoreson shared that she met Brian Renfro, Chancellor of the Eastern Iowa Community College District. Mr. Renfro recently joined the Quad City Initiative Board and has a desire to be a partner regarding public health areas.

In follow-up to the January Board of Health (BOH) meeting, Mrs. Thoreson shared that staff analyzed hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) reports in the School Health Reporting System. The increase in reported cases is likely due to duplicate reporting, as schools may submit reports for each day a student is absent, creating multiple entries for a single case. In addition, many reports are based on parent-reported illness rather than provider-confirmed diagnoses. Staff are providing education to the school nurses to standardize reporting and improve data accuracy.

Staff participated in a Constellation Energy radiological exercise dress rehearsal in late January. The evaluated exercise will be held with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) evaluators in late February, which is required for the plant's license compliance.

The food team has been preparing for the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) food program contract review, which occurs every three years. Staff have been updating procedures, addressing prior findings, and are well-prepared for the review.

Mrs. Thoreson explained that, effective March 1, 2026, TB Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) incentive funding from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Tuberculosis Program will no longer be provided to local public health agencies (LPHAs). Existing contracts for TB DOT incentive funding made prior to this date will remain in effect for the duration of patient treatment. DOT remains the standard of care, but HHS will now focus its resources on essential clinical and public health functions to maintain program stability and continuity of critical services.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of January 2026.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Budget Report for the month of January 2026.

Following discussion, Mr. Robinson moved to approve the claims. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Donnell called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. Franzman moved to approve the reports. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to Unfinished Business.

The 2026 Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Legislative Top Priorities have been included in the Board packet.

The Board noted that the weekly legislative summaries provided by Mrs. Thoreson during the legislative session are helpful and informative.

Mrs. Thoreson shared information on key bills relevant to public health, including those addressing immunizations, fluoride, behavioral health, early childhood funding, county health department

governance, and tobacco and nicotine regulation. Mrs. Thoreson highlighted bills that have passed committees and are eligible for floor debate.

Board members reviewed and discussed the revised BOH Position Statement on Community Water Fluoridation. The revised statement reflects updates to improve clarity and readability and to remove information, such as specific statistics, that could become outdated.

Following discussion, Dr. Franzman moved to approve the revised BOH Position Statement on Community Water Fluoridation. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to New Business.

Mrs. Thoreson shared that the previously approved FY27 Scott County Health Department budget has been increased by \$29,820.78 due to county administration adjustments to department salaries and benefits; the total proposed FY27 budget is \$8,425,010. No other changes have been made to revenues or expenditures.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve the revised FY27 Scott County Health Department budget. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Thoreson reviewed changes to the Department Table of Organization, which were approved by the Board of Supervisors. The updates include the addition of a .8 FTE medical assistant in Clinical Services, removal of the 0.75 FTE medical laboratory technician, adjustments to per diem clinical nurse hours, and the addition of a 1.0 FTE grant-funded child care nurse consultant (CCNC) which was previously subcontracted to MercyOne Genesis Visiting Nurse Association.

Mrs. Thoreson presented a recommendation from the department to discontinue the Non-Public School Nurse Consultant Program at the conclusion of the current school year. This recommendation came after discussions regarding program needs and operations with Iowa Department of Education consultants and the department's assigned Scott County assistant county attorney which identified areas of potential risk and liability. To meet regulatory expectations, additional staff would be required, which would move the department from a consulting role to a direct care model. Neither adding staff nor developing a full-service School Nurse Program is in alignment with department or county goals.

The Board discussed the program's long-standing role, evolving scope, and operational and staffing considerations, as well as potential impacts on students, families, and schools. Members emphasized the importance of supporting schools through transition planning while maintaining positive relationships.

Following discussion, Dr. Franzman moved to accept the recommendation to discontinue the Non-Public School Nurse Consultant Program at the conclusion of the current school year, with staff to assist schools with appropriate transition planning. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. Motion carried, with Dr. O'Donnell voting opposed.

Dr. O'Donnell requested that staff report back on school responses and the transition plan.

Vianka Herrera explained that the SCHD received a request from the Iowa Health Initiative Coalition to voluntarily register as a partner of their coalition. The Iowa Health Initiative Coalition is committed to reducing death and disease caused by tobacco use in the state of Iowa and is represented by organizations, businesses, and the health care community.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to register the SCHD as a partner to the Iowa Health Initiative Coalition. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried.

Brooke Barnes shared the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Mrs. Barnes highlighted the following:

- An updated process for reporting animal bites from the Humane Society of Scott County has been developed.
- Due to staffing shortages, staff conducted fewer sexual health client interviews, which is reflected in the data reported.

Following discussion, Mr. Robinson moved to approve and authorize the Staff Education Request. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the director to submit and sign the following grant item listed below. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

- Local Public Health Services Contract Fiscal Year 2027 grant components, contract, amendments, and subcontract amendments

The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2026, at the Scott County Administration Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schwarz  
Recording Secretary