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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MAY 21, 2026 MEETING MINUTES 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Scott County Administrative Center
600 West 4th Street – 1st 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, Lashon Moore, Nicki Parmelee, Monica Barona, Mariah Benson, Lorna Bimm, Anna Copp, Michelle Fitzjarrell, Ellen Gackle, Vianka Herrera, Heather Hopson, Jodi Jorgensen, Amy Long, Christina McDonough, Jessica Redden, Brenda Schwarz

Others Present: Lori Elam, David Farmer, Kathleen Fitzgibbon, Dr. Francis Kane, John Maxwell, Ann McGlynn, Sue Pettis, Mahesh Sharma

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

Dr. O'Donnell called for a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Hanson. 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

Ms. Thoreson welcomed members of County Administration and special guests attending Dr. O'Donnell's final meeting prior to her retirement from the Scott County Board of Health.

John Maxwell, Chair of the Scott County Board of Supervisors, presented a proclamation recognizing Dr. O'Donnell for twenty years of service on the Scott County Board of Health and thanked her for her leadership and commitment to advancing the health and well-being of Scott County residents.

Dr. O'Donnell reflected on her appointment to the Board in 2006 and highlighted key moments from her twenty years of service. She noted the many changes she has witnessed within the Health Department and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve alongside dedicated Board members and staff.

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

- Amy Long, Senior Office Assistant 1 year May 19
- Nicki Parmelee, Fiscal Manager 3 years May 8
- Mariah Benson, Community Health Consultant 4 years May 2

Ms. Thoreson provided an update on the Syndemic Prevention Outreach and Testing Services (SPOTS) grant. Program income funding has been reduced by 18%, resulting in an approximate 12% decrease to the overall contract amount. Program services will continue with minor adjustments to outreach activities, and full funding is anticipated to resume in January 2027.

Ms. Thoreson reported on a community workgroup organized by the United Way to discuss upcoming Medicaid changes scheduled to take effect in January 2027. Healthcare and community organization representatives are collaborating on outreach, enrollment assistance, and care coordination strategies to support the individuals who may be impacted.

An update on the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) public health system alignment efforts was provided. Ms. Thoreson reported that discussions continue among the proposed District 7 health departments regarding future district structure and lead agency designation. The district lead agency Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to be released in August 2026, with planning activities expected to begin in January 2027.

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

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

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

Dr. O'Donnell moved to the Board of Health Orientation: Tapestry Farms, Ann McGlynn, Executive Director

Ms. McGlynn, Founder and Executive Director of Tapestry Farms, provided an overview of the organization's mission and services supporting refugee families in the Quad Cities. Ms. McGlynn expressed appreciation for the Scott County Health Department's partnership, highlighting assistance with the organization's licensed kitchen, information sharing, and support with immigration-related immunization records.

Ms. McGlynn described Tapestry Farms' programs, which include English language instruction, food distribution, immigration legal assistance, urban farming initiatives, and employment support. She discussed current challenges facing refugee families, including loss of certain public benefits and concerns regarding future access to healthcare coverage.

Ms. McGlynn also reviewed the organization's efforts to increase food security through urban agriculture, volunteer engagement, community partnerships, and social activities. She shared examples of successful outcomes for refugee families served through the program and emphasized the importance of community collaboration in supporting refugee settlement and integration.

Dr. O'Donnell called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the reports. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to Unfinished Business.

Ms. Thoreson shared information on key bills relevant to public health, highlighting changes related to minor consent for HPV vaccinations and noting that additional legislation affecting the governor's authority during public health emergency declarations remains under consideration.

Ms. Thoreson also discussed the recent property tax legislation and its potential fiscal impact on Scott County beginning fiscal year 2028.

Dr. O'Donnell moved to New Business.

Following discussion, Dr. Hanson moved to approve and authorize the director to sign the following memorandums of understanding listed below. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

- Summer Food Service Program Health Inspections with the Iowa Department of Education
- Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) Participation

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

- Public Health Emergency Response: Amendment 12 Influenza A/H5N1 Response
- Private Water Well Grant: Board of Health Signatory Form

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

- Department Medical Director Services with Dr. Louis Katz
- Chief Medical Officer for Scott County Correctional Health Services with Dr. Christopher Posey
- HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STI Screening Services with Humility Homes and Services, Inc.
- HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STI Screening Services with Medicine in the Barbershop
- HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STI Screening Services with The Center of Love in Action
- Referral Network with The Project of the Quad Cities
- Unincorporated Scott County Recycling Services with Waste Commission of Scott County
- Food and Hotel Licensing, Inspection, and Enforcement Activities with the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing

Ms. Thoreson shared the Fiscal Year 2026 – 3rd Quarter Performance Measures/Budgeting for Outcomes (BFOs). Ms. Thoreson highlighted the following:

- The animal bite follow-up process has been revised to focus staff resources on higher-risk

situations, including bites involving stray or wild animals, above the shoulder, and cases in which medical care has not already been sought. The revised process is expected to reduce the number of cases requiring formal risk assessment.

- The Healthy Child Care Iowa program service levels in Clinton, Jackson, and Cedar counties were impacted by staffing transitions during the reporting period; however, the program continues to meet expectations, and partners have expressed satisfaction with services provided.
- The Sexual Health Program client volumes have fluctuated due to staffing changes and training of new personnel. The Express Clinic model has improved access to services and additional staff are expected to begin seeing clients independently soon.
- The licensed Tattoo Establishment Program has experienced growth. As a result, staff have conducted additional pre-operational inspections, which has temporarily affected routine inspection numbers.

The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2026, at the Scott County Administration Center, 1st Floor Board Room. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary