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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

June 18, 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. Franzman, Vice 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. Kane, Dr. Hanson, Mr. Robinson

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Nicki Parmelee, Lenore Alonso, Monica Barona, Mariah Benson, Anna Copp, Michelle Fitzjarrell, Ellen Gackle, Jodi Jorgensen, Amy Long, Brenda Schwarz

Others Present: Morgan Huber, Justina Livingston, Chrissy Watters, Hope Weynch

Dr. Franzman welcomed Dr. Francis Kane to the Board of Health (BOH). Dr. Kane was appointed to the Board of Health in May 2026 and is a board-certified Family Medicine physician who practiced in the Quad Cities for 35 years.

The Board acknowledged the May 2026 retirement of Dr. Ann O'Donnell who had been serving as Chair. The Board then discussed officer appointments for the remainder of calendar year 2026.

Dr. Franzman called for a nomination for Chair of the Board position.

Dr. Hanson moved to nominate Dr. Franzman for the position of Chair of the Board. Motion seconded by Dr. Kane. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Franzman called for a nomination of the Vice Chair of the Board position.

Mr. Robinson moved to nominate Dr. Hanson for the position of Vice Chair of the Board. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Franzman called for a motion to accept the agenda. Dr. Hanson moved to accept the agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Franzman called for a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes

of the May 21, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Franzman welcomed students from Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

Dr. Franzman moved to Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

The following reports were reviewed and discussed by the Board:

Director's Report

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

- Jennifer Stout, Per Diem Correctional Health Nurse 3 years June 12
- Brittany Wall, Correctional Health Nurse 11 years June 10
- Leslie Ronnebeck, Correctional Health Manager 20 years June 12

Ms. Thoreson shared that the department has added a Health Alerts & Information section to the department's webpage. The page provides information on current and emerging public health issues, along with relevant guidance for residents.

A new page has been added to the Community Services webpage highlighting initiatives supported by the Opioid Settlement funds and promoting transparency regarding the use of those funds.

Ms. Thoreson reported that transition meetings with several non-public schools have been completed following the discontinuation of the Non-Public School Nurse Consultant Program. Staff will continue to provide technical assistance and serve as a resource to non-public schools, consistent with the support provided to public schools.

The department received a draft contract from the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals & Licensing (DIAL) for food and hotel inspections. The contract includes changes associated with the implementation of the System for Agriculture, Food, Health, E-Inspections, and Registration (SAFHER) database. The new system will utilize DIAL's risk classifications and inspection frequency standards. Staff are comparing the inspection frequencies to those adopted by the BOH in July 2025 to evaluate potential administrative and operational impacts.

Staff are reviewing the department's annual operational permits and effluent sampling of sand filter septic systems due to significant growth in the number of systems over time and upcoming state code changes. Any recommendations for changes to the program and/or the Scott County Ordinance 23, Private Sewage Disposal Systems will be brought to the BOH.

Ms. Thoreson shared that discussions continue regarding animal control, sheltering, and rabies follow-up services agreement with the Humane Society.

Dr. Franzman moved to the Public Health Activity Report for the month of May 2026.

Dr. Franzman moved to the Budget Report for the month of May 2026.

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

Dr. Franzman moved to the Board of Health Orientation: I-Smile Program, Jodi Jorgensen

Jodi Jorgensen, I-Smile Coordinator, provided an overview of the I-Smile Program which was established in 2006 to improve oral health outcomes for children across Iowa. The program is part of the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health grant and focuses on children ages birth through five. Ms. Jorgensen also reviewed the I-Smile @ School Program, which serves kindergarten through third-grade students.

Ms. Jorgensen explained that the I-Smile Program provides oral health screenings, fluoride varnish applications, oral health education, dental referrals, and care coordination services at no cost to families. Services are offered in a variety of community settings, including Head Start programs, childcare centers, preschools, schools, WIC clinics, and the Scott County Health Department. The program also partners with medical providers through the Cavity Free Iowa initiative to provide training on oral health screenings and fluoride varnish applications during well-child visits.

Ms. Jorgensen shared that the I-Smile @ School Program serves approximately 28 schools in Scott, Cedar, Clinton, and Jackson counties where at least 40 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. The program utilizes a mobile dental unit to provide oral screenings, risk assessments, fluoride varnish applications, dental sealants, and care coordination services.

During the 2025-2026 school year, the I-Smile Program served 1,168 children and provided 4,171 services, including dental screenings, fluoride applications, dental sealants, and silver diamine fluoride treatments.

Ms. Jorgensen also reviewed Iowa's dental screening requirement, which requires students entering kindergarten and ninth grade to provide proof of dental screening. She explained that I-Smile works with schools to support compliance with the requirement, assist families in obtaining screenings, and provide follow-up care when needed.

For the 2025-2026 school year, Scott County kindergarten compliance remained at 99 percent, while ninth-grade compliance increased from 39 percent during the previous school year to 60 percent. Overall compliance for Scott County was 78 percent, which exceeds recent statewide compliance rates. Ms. Jorgensen noted that the improvement in ninth-grade compliance resulted from a pilot program that utilized local dentists who volunteered to provide dental screenings at Davenport Community School District high schools. The pilot program was successful and may be expanded to additional high schools in the future.

Board members discussed the relationship between oral health and overall health and emphasized the importance of preventative dental care and early intervention. Discussion also occurred regarding access to dental services. Board members recognized the importance of partnerships with medical providers, schools, and community organizations to improve access to dental care and identify oral health needs early.

Dr. Franzman called for a motion to accept the reports. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the reports. Motion seconded by Dr. Kane. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Franzman moved to Unfinished Business.

Ms. Thoreson provided a legislative update, noting that the Iowa legislative session has concluded. Staff continue to monitor potential impacts of state and federal policy and budget decisions affecting public health programs.

Ms. Thoreson also reported that staff are participating in a Medicaid workgroup related to upcoming work requirement changes and monitoring state and local elections and potential changes in elected leadership. Scott County will have at least one new Board of Supervisor member and two new state legislators in 2027 based upon the June primary election.

Dr. Franzman moved to New Business.

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.

- Behavioral Health – Administrative Services Organization: Tobacco Community Partnerships

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

- HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STI Screening Services with Behavioral Health Group
- HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STI Screening Services with Robert Young Center/Center for Alcohol & Drug Services, Inc.
- HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STI Screening Services with New Life Outpatient Center
- Vaccine Storage Back-Up Facility with Community Health Care

The next meeting will be held on July 16, 2026, at the Scott County Administration Center, 1st Floor Board Room. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary