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SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

August 20, 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, 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, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Kane

Staff Present: Amy Thoreson, Brooke Barnes, Briana Boswell, Lashon Moore, Nicki Parmelee, Parker Prochaska, Mariah Benson, Anna Copp, Michelle Fitzjarrell, Ellen Gackle, Vianka Herrera, Christina McDonough, Brenda Schwarz

Others Present: Lori Elam, Jane Larkin, Jeremy Mask, Darrin Sinnard, Beth Stoffers

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

Dr. Franzman called for a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Hanson moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

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| • Beth Liljequist, Per Diem Dental Hygienist | 1 year | August 1 |
| • Sherrie Petersen, Environmental Health Specialist | 3 years | August 7 |
| • Jessica Redden, Child Care Nurse Consultant | 14 years | August 27 |
| • Brooke Barnes, Deputy Director | 18 years | August 29 |
| • Jack Hoskins, Environmental Health Specialist | 26 years | August 7 |

Ms. Thoreson shared that Christina McDonough, and she attended Community Health Care, Inc.'s (CHC) 50th anniversary celebration during National Federally Qualified Health Center Week. The event highlighted CHCs history and evolution, as well as challenges and opportunities for the next 50 years.

Tom Bowman, Chief Executive Officer of CHC, is scheduled to provide the Board of Health orientation at the November Joint Board of Health/Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Thoreson shared that she recently met with Reverend Dr. Dwight Ford of Project NOW to discuss community needs and potential opportunities for collaboration. The meeting provided an opportunity to share information and discuss current initiatives.

Ms. Thoreson met with Dr. Michael Bean, Student Services Director at Eastern Iowa Community College, to discuss opportunities to collaborate. Ms. Thoreson noted that the meetings with Dr. Ford and Dr. Bean provided opportunities to establish new connections and explore potential partnerships within the community.

Ms. Thoreson noted that she attended a community presentation hosted by the Iowa Environmental Council at the Eastern Avenue Library. The presentation focused on cancer and related risk factors and included an opportunity for community discussion. The Environmental Risk Factors and Iowa's Cancer Crisis Report that was shared is included in the Board packet.

Ms. Thoreson provided an update on the proposed Public Health Alignment initiative, including information from recent state town hall meetings and materials provided by the state. The initiative will use a phased, district-based approach to public health services and funding, with an RFP anticipated in August. Scott County is part of District 7, and representatives from Black Hawk, Johnson, Linn, and Scott Counties continue to discuss the proposed approach and the possibility of applying through the competitive RFP process to be the lead entity.

The department's Workforce Development Committee will discontinue its separate workforce competency assessment and instead rely on data from the national Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PHWINS). The change will reduce duplication and allow workforce development activities to align with other department assessments and planning efforts.

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

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

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

Dr. Franzman moved to the Board of Health Orientation: Behavioral Health District, Jeremy Mask, District 7 Leader, Iowa Primary Care Association

Mr. Mask provided an overview of Iowa's behavioral health district system and the work completed during its first year. The state's behavioral health system now integrates mental health and substance use disorder services within behavioral health districts. District 7 includes Scott County and

encompasses metropolitan, micropolitan, and rural communities. The Iowa Primary Care Association serves as the Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization and works to improve access to services, coordinate resources, and support providers throughout the district. Funding supports prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery, and crisis services.

Mr. Mask discussed the statewide behavioral health system navigation program, which helps individuals identify available services, address barriers, and connect with appropriate providers. Navigators can assist with transportation, telehealth, applications, and transitions between services. Services are available at no cost and without insurance requirements. He noted that the program also provides valuable information about service needs and gaps throughout the state.

Mr. Mask reviewed the District 7 Advisory Council, which provides community input on behavioral health needs, service gaps, and priorities. The Council includes elected officials, individuals with behavioral health professional or educational experience, individuals with lived experience, and law enforcement representatives. Community input is used to help guide behavioral health planning and future investments.

District 7's first-year assessment identified transportation, workforce recruitment and retention, awareness of prevention and recovery services, coordination of treatment, and access to crisis services as areas for continued attention. Mr. Mask noted that the district has a strong network of behavioral health providers, while improving coordination and awareness of available resources remains a priority. Goals for the coming year include strengthening school and jail based behavioral health services, improving data collection and reporting, and increasing collaboration among behavioral health and community partners.

Mr. Mask explained there is an overlap between behavioral health and public health needs assessments, noting that behavioral health has been identified as a significant priority in both. Continued coordination between the two systems will help identify community needs and opportunities to improve access to services.

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

Dr. Franzman moved to Unfinished Business.

Ms. Thoreson provided a legislative update. Recent federal activity related to immunization policy was noted. At this time, vaccine policy continues to be addressed at the state level, and no changes to current Iowa guidance have been received. The department continues to monitor developments and provide information from trusted public health resources.

The Medicaid work group convened by United Way of the Quad Cities continues to monitor anticipated changes related to Medicaid work requirements. Implementation in Iowa is anticipated in December, with implementation in Illinois anticipated in January. Additional details regarding implementation are still pending, and the department will continue to monitor guidance and participate in upcoming Medicaid town hall meetings.

Dr. Franzman moved to New Business.

The Board discussed several existing public health position statements. The Public Health Policy Committee will review the statements and bring any proposed updates back to the Board for further discussion and consideration.

- Inclusion of Electronic Cigarettes in State and Local Regulations and Policies
- Iowa Natural Resource Trust Fund
- Sales of Raw Milk
- Syringe Services Programs (SSPs)

The possibility of an additional Board meeting was discussed to provide an opportunity for Board members to become better acquainted, discuss areas of interest, and engage in planning. Staff will explore potential dates and follow up with Board members.

Following discussion, Dr. Kane moved to approve the recommendation to annually designate the same official public notice posting location as the Board of Supervisors. This designation will occur at the first Board of Health meeting each calendar year, following the election of officers. Motion seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2026, at the Scott County Administration Center, 1st Floor Board Room. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schwarz
Recording Secretary