

## **IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

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July 30, 2025

### **Attendance**

Board: Dr. Steven Rippentrop, Tanya Powell, Jodie Matthes, and Abby Maas

Environmental Health Staff: Sherry Lutz

HD Staff: Lori Sheeler, and Emilie Brecht

Invited Guests: Hianca Andrades and Hayley Abdo – Johnson County Public Health

Public: Winona Whitaker – The Hometown Current

**Call to Order** – Rippentrop called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda** – Powell motioned to approve agenda. Matthes: aye. Rippentrop: aye. Maas: nay. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2025** – Powell motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by Rippentrop. Matthes: aye. Maas abstained. Motion carried.

### **Environmental Health Update –**

Monthly activities reviewed and discussed.

### **Health Department Update –**

Monthly activities reviewed and discussed.

### **Action Items**

- Approve Health Department purchase card and expense limit. Motion by Rippentrop. Seconded by Powell. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve Health Department revised policies. Motion by Matthes to approve revised policies. Seconded by Powell. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve Health Department Policies. Motion by Maas to approve policies. Seconded by Matthes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve new Health Department Policies. Motion by Maas to approve new policies. Seconded by Matthes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve updated Mission and Vision Statements. Motion made by Powell. Seconded by Matthes. Rippentrop: aye. Maas: nay. Motion carried.
  
- Approve Proclamation #1. In light of the recent measles investigations and nursing shortage, We move to commend the Iowa County Health Department for outstanding service. We also ask that this recognition be shared through Iowa County's official communication channels. Motion to approve by Rippentrop. Seconded by Matthes. Maas: aye. Powell: aye. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- Approve Proclamation #2. We move to commend our EMS professionals for their service and recognize their role as an essential service for the health and safety of Iowa county. Motion to approve by Maas. Seconded by Rippentrop. Matthes: aye. Powell: aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Proclamation #3. We recognize the importance of assisting clients to access affordable health insurance, be it commercial plans, Medicare, or Medicaid, as essential to the health and well-being of Iowa County citizens, their families, our communities, and our healthcare infrastructure. Motion to approve by Matthes. Seconded by Rippentrop. Maas: aye. Powell: aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve Proclamation #4. We as the Board of Health recognize access to home healthcare as a critical service in our communities. Motion to approve by Rippentrop. Seconded by Powell. Maas: nay. Matthes: abstained. Motion carried.
- Approve Proclamation #5. In light of the fact that our Home Health Department cares for dozens of Iowa County residents who are uninsured or underinsured, I move that we request the Iowa County Board of Supervisors take urgent action to provide funding and publicly affirm their support to stabilize the Home Health Department, so residents do not have this critical service taken away. Rippentrop withdrew the proposed proclamation before any motion; no action was taken.

At 10:40 a.m. Rippentrop motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Maas. Motion passed unanimously.