



PUBLIC HEALTH

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JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH **Wednesday September 16, 2026** **MEETING MINUTES** **4:00 pm**

Call to Order: Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Roll Call: Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD; Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS; Joni Bosch, PhD, ARNP; Michelle Weckmann, MS, MD

Staff: Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Director; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Rob Thul, Environmental Health Manager; Matthew Waldschmidt, Fiscal Manager; Roberta Sloat, Clinical Services Manager; Alissa Sotzen, Grants Analyst; Tuesdai Kemp, Secretary II; Rebecca Hackett-Leas, Oral Health Coordinator; Josie Dalton, Emergency Preparedness Planner.

Others Present: Nathan Peters, Assistant County Attorney

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bosch to approve Wednesday August 19, 2026, meeting minutes; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday October 21, 2026, in Conference Room 214 at 4:00 pm in the Health and Human Services Building.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None

Staff Updates: None

Staff Shoutout: The Board of Health presented cards given to Pettit-Majewski to be distributed.

Financial Update: None

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **I-Smile Update:** Hackett-Leas provided an overview of I-Smile Oral Health Services and school-based dental screening programs in Johnson County. A few of these services include screenings, risk assessments, sealants, oral hygiene instruction, radiographs, fluoride varnish, and silver diamine fluoride. Hackett-Leas also stated I-Smile collaborates with schools, WIC, Head Start, Neighborhood Centers, the Infant Oral Health Program, and Bright Smiles Clinic to connect families with dental care and facilitate referrals. She also spoke on The Cavity Free Iowa Program which assists families with accessing dental services, particularly those covered by Medicaid. The presentation also addressed the use of radiographs to identify serious oral infections and the importance of timely referrals. Hackett-Leas also spoke on The Healthy Habit All Stars program which highlighted as an oral health education initiative that teaches children proper tooth-brushing techniques.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Applications, Contracts and Agreements: None

OTHER

- **RFA 26-14 Letter of Support for Black Hawk County to apply as Lead Entity:** Pettit-Majewski spoke on supporting Black Hawk County during the alignment process and writing a letter of support for Black Hawk County to be the lead entity rather than Johnson County applying for the lead position. Pettit-Majewski has been working with her counterpart Kaitlin Emrich in Black Hawk County and stated Black Hawk County has the capacity to become the lead entity in the alignment.

Motion by Wallace to approve RFA 26-14 Letter of Support for Black Hawk County to apply as Lead Entity; seconded by Bosch. The motion passed unanimously.

- **RFA 26-15 APHA Bridge Building Application:** Dalton spoke on applying for the Building Bridges Project which is an APHA grant. Dalton stated this grant would help the Community Health Department strengthen relationships between community organizations and local health departments. This grant would also help focus on improving structure and information sharing capabilities between organizations. Dalton also stated she has been reaching out to United Way to coordinate this partnership with them.

Motion by Bosch to approve RFA 26-15 APHA Bridge Building Application; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

- **RFA 26-16 NACCHO High-Risk Population:** Jarvis spoke on the NACCHO High-Risk Population project which will go from November 2026 through July 2027. Jarvis stated this grant would work to address vaccination rates and high-risk populations which include the measles outbreak throughout the State of Iowa particularly part of the Johnson County Community.

Motion by Bosch to approve RFA 26-16 NACCHO High-Risk Population; seconded by Weckmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: None

Members, Board of Health: Wallace reported Lina Tucker-Reinders resigning as director of the Iowa Public Health Association and has taken a job with Merck working with immunizations. He also stated IPHA is going to continue with the hiring process of another full-time director. Wellington reported on decreasing vaccine hesitancy project with more information to come later when the last steps are finalized.

Director: Pettit-Majewski reported the next Board of Health meeting will be in Room 214. She also reported on the Legislative Policy Committee through ISAC with the focus on water quality and access to dental care as well as hospitals in rural areas to stay open. She also stated that during their Board of Directors meeting with Dave Muhlbaaur, they had good conversations regarding immunizations and the importance of immunizations that are concerned around infectious disease and issues with access to care and public health funding. There will also be a presentation on October 8th at the IPHA Candidate Forum to give a brief overview of what Public Health is and what Public Health has to offer as well as the alignment. Pettit-Majewski also reported on staff updates within the department.

Wellington adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

10/21/26

Date

Signature on File

Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD, Chair

Submitted by:

Tuesdai Kemp

Secretary II