

Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
June 26th, 2025 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Absent
	Jean Morgan, RN, BSN, MSED	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Chelsea Sullens, DPT	Present
	Jenna Lovaas	Present

Staff Present Shane McClintock, Director to the Board of Health
Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health

Others Present Michele Cullen, Public Health/MercyOne Genesis VNA
Nancy Burns, Emergency Management
Kristin Huisenga, CSAC
Carolyn Weets, CSAC
Cynthia Kaczinski, Hillcrest Family Services/WIC
Briana Boswell, MCAH
Jodi Jorgensen, MCAH
Mary Kay Wirth, Early Childhood Iowa
Heather Montgomery, Women's Health and Family Services
Renee Snyder, Bridgeview
Amber Smith, CSAC
Erin Kuehn, ASAC

Thiltgen called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. The hybrid meeting was held with the option of teleconference participation. Roll call showed 3 members present. 2 members were in the meeting room, and 1 was via ZOOM due to unforeseen circumstances. 1 member later joined. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the May 1st, 2025 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

None.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance – **Eggers** noted that the Fiscal Year 2026 budget has been received as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

B. Personnel – No updates.

C. Total Quality Management – No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Environmental Services- McClintock** noted that they are working with **Kyle** of Clinton County GIS to update septic and well mapping and are working the Mosquito Surveillance program again this summer.
- B. MercyOne Genesis VNA & Hospice-Cullen** requested approval to sign continuing Public Health contracts and amendments. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Sullens**, to **APPROVE** said contracts. Motion carried 3-0. A report was submitted. **Cullen** noted they continue to work with the Let's Live Healthy Initiative. They will be following up this week with pre-and-post surveys. **Cullen** noted there are many people in Clinton that do not have access to food or know when their next meal is coming. A planning group including Sisters of Saint Francis and the Rotary met to discuss these issues and will possibly do a summit each year to raise awareness. The Donation Gardening continues as well. Walmart donated seed packets to put with flyers that they presented at the Rotary. Several people are gardening just to donate, and some are planting an extra row to donate. The Storybook Walk is at Eagle Point on the nature trail. Kids can go on a walk and read a story. A new book will be placed in July and August. Measles cases did rise last week. Iowa is now up to 6 cases. **Cullen** encourages those who are not up to date on vaccines to do so, or to have those not vaccinated get in to be. She also noted that those with symptoms should call ahead to their provider before being seen so that they can prevent the spread as it is highly contagious.
- C. Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Boswell** updated that their funding is close with a slight reduction compared to last year. They have received their notice of intent to award for Maternal Child and are now working on that contract with the state. CCNC is fully funded through the child health contract, it used to be largely funded by ECI. They do have an ECI contract that they thought would run out of funds, but it has not. **Thiltgen** asked if their budget goes through their Board of Supervisors. **Boswell** said that some funding is passed down from the federal level with HHS, but other items such as personnel are through their Board of Supervisors. **Jorgensen** provided an update slideshow from the Scott County I-Smile Program regarding Kindergarten and 9th grade dental screenings. She said that they provide gap-filling services such as dental screenings and fluoride. Their coordinators will help with dental appointments in finding payment sources and even transportation for clients. They offer fluoride and silver diamine fluoride as well. This is a liquid that they can apply right on the cavitated area to prevent the decay from spreading. I-Smile locations include childcare centers, WIC clinics, preschools, and the Scott County Health Department. 7 of the 9 schools in Clinton County qualify for the program. With this program they have a mobile dental unit and offer education in classrooms as well. This last year in Clinton County they saw 693 clients with over 2200 services provided. Their services also offer follow-up calls to families that have been treated whether they need help finding a dentist, etc. Any child enrolling in either Kindergarten or 9th grade in public or accredited nonpublic school is

eligible for the program. Forms must be submitted for the program. Clinton County has a 65% compliance rate this year with turning forms in which is a bit above the statewide average. A pediatric dentist goes to the Community Health Care location once a month as well. They will continue to add to her schedule as they get more need for her.

- D. Hillcrest Family Services/WIC– Kaczinski** noted that the number of Farmer's Market vouchers received this year was decreased without a specific reason for this happening. They continue to stress if vouchers are taken, that they be used. Funding for this program depends on actual usage. The WIC Grant was taken over by Community Health Care and Hillcrest subcontracted with them. As of June 30th, Hillcrest will no longer be subcontracting with CHC to provide those services so CHC will be providing them out of their offices. The staff at Hillcrest have accepted positions with CHC so the clients will see the same faces when they go in. They will be moving from their current location to the CHC office by Hy-Vee and are set to open July 1st. Their office number will remain the same at 563-243-9329. There will be no change in services, only location.
- E. Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT- Wirth** stated they will fund two of the home visiting programs for MercyOne Genesis. They are called Bright Beginnings and Nurse Family Partnership. Each program has the capacity for ten families or children. They will also fund the New Parent Program for Lutheran Services. This will have the capacity for 34 children or families. As stated prior, they are finding I-Smile as well. The rules have changed quite a bit, however they are still able to fund preschool scholarships. The ECI Board has just recently voted to increase those scholarships from \$100 to \$120 a month per child. This year they will also be funding car seats. **Lovaas** inquired if there was a certified car seat technician. **Wirth** stated that both MercyOne and LSI have car seat technicians.
- F. Women's Health and Family Services– Montgomery** noted that their health educator, **Cheek**, did leave in May, but they've hired a new educator that is set to start later today. **Cheek** did 76 presentations over the course of the last school year and reached 1993 students with the Pregnancy Prevention Program. Regarding the Rapid HIV Program, they did just recently have a positive test. Syphilis numbers in the county continue to be alarming as well so it is very important to spread the word that they offer free and rapid testing services.
- G. Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** was unable to attend by previously noted their pediatric dentist is coming once per month. She will be there on June 27th and again July 25th.
- H. Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Smith** works on the PFS PAM Grant for males over 45. Their sustainability plan has been turned in and they are waiting on corrections. They also continue to look for places to hang their Drink Less, Be Your Best banner in the county which changes locations every 30 days. **Weets** works on two grants. Both are related to controlled substances. They continue to have challenges getting updated data with the change in Iowa legislation. They are working with the school districts to integrate the active consent right into the electronic registration

process. In April, they collected about 120 pounds of prescription medications that were not being used. Huisenga said that the 8th Annual Overdose and Addiction Awareness Vigil will be on August 31st at 4 pm at the Clinton Bandshell. They would love to have more people involved with planning. A meeting for that will be on July 2nd at 4pm at ASAC. They also welcome resource booths. Gateway ImpACT Coalition received the CARA Grant and are in year 5 working on prescription drug abuse in Clinton. They are waiting to hear on year 2 of the STOP Act Grant which is regarding underage drinking. They are partnering with American Water Foundation to promote a campaign called Monitor, Secure, and Dispose to protect water through safe medication disposal. They also received a grant to prevent impaired driving called the GTSB Grant which starts October 1st.

- I. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** Erin Kuehn introduced herself as a prevention specialist. They just finished up the school year working with Clinton Middle School. They collaborated with the Cadet Program to promote membership of both programs. They were able to gain four new members this way. They continue to look for student engagement this summer for events such as Clinton Night Out. They are at 37 right now for Tobacco and Nicotine Free Policies. They also have 8 new enrollments totaling 47 for Iowa Quitline.
- J. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center-** Renee Snyder introduced herself as the new director. She has been in mental health for over 22 years, however. They currently have 4 prescribers of psychiatric medication. They also have three mental health therapists, and they do have openings. Snyder stated they are also a local LHH which is underfunded by the State of Iowa. The reimbursement rate is a struggle, but they do their best to counterbalance that. Bridgeview is an open access location, which means that anyone can come in with a mental health emergency as long as it is not yet to the point where they need to be restrained. Lovaas questioned if they serve children and adults. Snyder said basically 4 or 5 years to 100 years old. Morgan questioned if law enforcement can take someone there if they are in a situation. Snyder said absolutely and she has a new flier out to help raise awareness which Eggers can post.
- K. **Emergency Management-** Burns said they continue their quest to get weather radios out to citizens. Andrew will be giving a presentation at the Clinton Library on July 22nd at 6 pm on emergency preparedness. Anyone registered that comes to the presentation will get a free radio. The county school superintendents have all agreed to sign agreements regarding transportation for emergency situations. In an emergency situation, they agree to share transportation services to get children to safety. Later this year, they will do a large evacuation and reunification exercise at Clinton High School. They continue to monitor the weather. We are under a heat advisory today and are expected to have storms this evening. There was a little damage in the county last night from the storm that came through. A FEMA evaluated exercise will also take place this year regarding a radiological emergency.

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Absent.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Morgan thanked the reporting entities for all of their hard work. **Montgomery** noted that the Care for Yourself Grant that has provided mammograms to women for years did not get their funding renewed at this time. **Cullen** stated she has hopes it will be renewed in September. **Sullens** inquired if the Story Book Walk was handicap accessible. **Cullen** will follow up with **Sullens** when she has a chance to get up there and take a look at the project.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

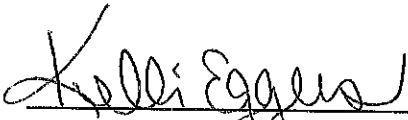
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

August 21st, 2025 and October 16th, 2025 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom.

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Morgan**, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to
the Board of Health

Approved 
Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

Attachments can be viewed by contacting the Board of Health at the Clinton County Satellite offices.