

## Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health

### Public Meeting held

December 11th, 2025 – 7:30 a.m.

Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM

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

<b>Staff Present</b>	Shane McClinton, Director to the Board of Health
	Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health

<b>Others Present</b>	Michele Cullen, Public Health/MercyOne Genesis VNA
	Kristin Huisenga, CSAC
	Angie Eacker, CHC
	Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors
	Chrissy Watters, CHC
	Heather Montgomery, Women's Health & Family Services
	Amanda Hoerschelmann, Camanche School District
	Jeff Sander-Welzien, MercyOne
	Shannon Zoffika, IHHS
	Kyle Mecham, ASAC
	Christina Mesinger, ASAC

**Malcom** called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. The hybrid meeting was held with the option of teleconference participation. Roll call showed 4 members present. 3 members were in the meeting room, and 1 was via ZOOM due to unforeseen circumstances. It was **moved** by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Lovaas**, to **APPROVE** the October 16th, 2025 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

### AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

**Malcom** thanked **Sullens** and **Morgan** for their many years of service and dedication on the board. They both have terms ending this calendar year, and two new volunteers have applied for their seats. **Sullens** has been on the board for six years and **Morgan** since 2006. **Jeff Sander-Welzien** and **Amanda Hoerschelmann** were introduced as new board members, beginning their terms in January. **Sander-Welzien** lives in Clinton and has been with MercyOne hospital for 28 years. He knows **Morgan** very well. He has been at MercyOne as a tech, a nurse, in renal dialysis, and most recently in infection prevention. **Hoerschelmann** introduced herself as the Camanche school nurse. Prior to that she was with Medical Associates and MercyOne in

family practice and pediatrics. **Malcom** noted that **Lovaas** is listed as the Public Health Officer, but it turns out that the Health Officer does sign off on immunizations and contracts, so she requested that duty be reverted back to herself to appropriately sign the orders.

#### **AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Finance** – No updates. Fiscal Year 2027 requests have been submitted to the Board of Supervisors, and we are awaiting our budget session with them sometime in January.
- B. Personnel** – No updates.
- C. Total Quality Management** – No updates.

#### **AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Environmental Services-** **McClintock** stated the Mosquito Surveillance Report for 2025 has been completed. Once again, Asian Tiger mosquitoes were detected in DeWitt, and now in Clinton this year as well. 339 were trapped this calendar year as compared to 312 in 2024 and 188 in 2023. He explained that most of the mosquitoes are caught in sticky traps, however one is a mechanical trap at Rock Creek. The traps are collected and mailed to Iowa State University to be examined. This is funded by the state, but as **Eggers** noted it was cut in half this year. We were granted \$1800 for the program in 2025.
- B. MercyOne Genesis VNA & Hospice-** **Cullen** submitted an informational report. **Cullen** thanked **Sullens** and **Morgan** for their many years of service. **Zoffka** introduced herself as the Regional Health Consultant for IHHS. She met with **Cullen** over the summer regarding the many issues Clinton County faces. They had a change in leadership at the state level. **Garcia** has left and **Larry Johnson** has taken over as the director. **Cullen** stated that they finished up flu season immunizations. They did almost 600 students, whereas they used to vaccinate about 2000. Availability is much easier now with pharmacies, providers, and stores like Walmart carrying the vaccines. The Let's Live Healthy group wrapped up donation gardening. This year they had quite a few apples donated in the DeWitt area. The Storybook Walk at the Nature Center in Eagle Point was completed at the end of the summer and there is one in DeWitt as well. Regarding the Emergency Preparedness funding, this year we received additional carryover funds which bumped our region to over \$750,000 which made us eligible for an independent audit. MercyOne, formerly Genesis has had an independent audits for years. A firm out of Dubuque has been working with **Eggers** and **Cullen** regarding the report. We have not heard back from the audit in about a month. No report of findings have been had in any audits to date. **Malcom** noted that EMA had dropped off the agenda as a reporting entity. **Eggers** noted that a change in staff has warranted this for the time being but **Kness** will let us know if there is anything he needs to report on. **Malcom** noted that she feels **Cullen** and EMA should be working closely to which **Cullen** agrees that they do. She stated there is a County Emergency Preparedness meeting that anyone is welcome to attend one Friday per month.

C. **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Not in attendance.**

D. **Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT- Wirth could not be in attendance.**

E. **Women's Health and Family Services— Montgomery** stated that they have hired a new educator for the Teen Success Program and she is now in all the schools including DeWitt. They continue to offer the rapid HIV test and Syphilis test combination. This is a simple finger poke test and results are ready in ten minutes. The state of Iowa gets higher percentages each year with cases. Their office is hiring a physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner. They also have collaborated with ECI on a grant that provides diapers, wipes and formula. They see 4 or 5 families a day that need assistance.

F. **Community Health Care, Inc- Kaczinski** was unable to attend. **Eacker** said they continue to be busy with medical and dental appointments. They have not had a lot of flu yet, however some Covid and quite a few cases of strep throat. **Watters** is the WIC coordinator. She stated rates are holding steady. They saw 924 in November, and 4371 overall in all clinics. Their action plans include getting percentages up of those who will breastfeed for at least six months as well as to decrease high birth weights. **Thiltgen** questioned where her office was located. She is in Clinton but there are also clinics in Davenport.

G. **Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Huisenga** noted they are hiring a full-time coordinator for the PFS-PAM Grant. There were no OWI arrests over the Thanksgiving holiday with the saturation patrols. They have a grant with the American Water Foundation to provide medication lock bags. She is looking for connections on giving these out. **Huisenga** noted that Kratom is being sold in places such as gas stations and there is no age limit to purchase. It is of particular concern because it is much stronger than morphine. Kids are using it and mixing with drinks. It has been found that Narcan can reverse an overdose. **Thiltgen** noted that **Schwandt** had done a great job with the Camanche DeWitt Coalition, however they are out of funding. A fundraiser to acquire a minimum of \$50,000 will be done to try to keep it moving forward.

H. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Mecham** stated he is the program manager for New Directions. The PHP program continues to run well. They have youth services and family services. Most of the youth have graduated and he is proud of that. **Mesinger** said that the Sawmill Museum recently passed a nicotine and tobacco free policy. They just completed 7 sessions regarding youth vaping in schools and have 1 more scheduled. The Mental Health Day event will be on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Public Library from 11 to 1.

I. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center— Not in attendance.**

## **AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Irwin** said they had the second reading regarding the ordinance for Planning and Zoning and wind turbines. They have one more meeting next Monday. He has been working with the

Sheriff's office regarding hiring a jail nurse who will start in January. They are also trying to add more mental health and behavioral health services in the jail. The Recovery Center has already started offering some peer classes in the jail. He noted that budget season has begun. The schools are looking at a 0% increase for next fiscal year and have been told by legislators that they are going to somehow freeze counties at their current levy rates. This will completely impact how schools, cities, and counties operate. **Thiltgen** said **Irwin** has been doing a fine job all these years and questions if his name will be on the ballot in the future. **Irwin** said he plans to, but we will see what happens in the next month or so. **Irwin** said that litigation regarding the turbines is likely. What has been put in place is much stronger than that of before. He noted they are not activists; they must be contacted by the public if they want change. They must follow procedures. He noted that everyone complains about their energy rates, but we are actually much lower, about 50%, than that of the rates in California. He stated there are more data centers and more energy being used by data centers in Iowa than anywhere else in the United States right now. There has to be energy sources and there is a strong push with turbines and solar due to them being the most efficient to get online. **Eggers** thanked **Irwin** for the work he has done regarding the satellite office's parking lot issues.

### **AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS**

None.

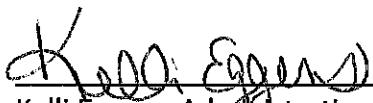
### **AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom.

### **AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Thiltgen, seconded by Lovaas, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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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.