

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
July 23rd, 2026 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

<u>Board Members</u>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Jenna Lovaas	Present
	Jeff Sander-Welzien	Present
	Amanda Hoerschelmann	Present
<u>Staff Present</u>	Shane McClintock, Director to the Board of Health	
	Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health	
<u>Others Present</u>	Michele Cullen, Public Health/MercyOne Genesis VNA	
	Kristin Huisenga, CSAC	
	Renee Snyder, Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center	
	Lorna Bimm, Scott County Health Department	
	Jodi Jorgensen, MCAH	
	Kyle Mecham, ASAC	
	Heather Montgomery, Women’s Health and Family Services	
	Monica Barona, Scott County Health Department	
	Erin Price, ASAC	

Malcom called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The hybrid meeting was held with the option of teleconference participation. Roll call showed 4 members present at the start of the meeting, 1 later joined. 4 members were in the meeting room, and 1 was via ZOOM due to unforeseen circumstances. It was moved by Thiltgen, seconded by Sander-Welzien, to APPROVE the May 28th, 2026, minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

No updates.

AGENDA ITEM IV – COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance – No updates.
- B. Personnel – No updates.
- C. Total Quality Management – No updates.

AGENDA ITEM V – DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. **Environmental Services-** McClintock was present with no updates.
- B. **MercyOne Genesis VNA & Hospice**—Cullen handed out an informational report. They will be at the Clinton County fair the next two days with the Combat Cancer Grant doing free skin cancer screenings and handing out sunscreen packets. 64 counties are participating in this program and the radon aspect of it will start soon. This may include some funding for mitigation. The Community Garden is going well with produce being taken to Information and Referral. They did not have a partner for the Storybook Walk this summer. Regarding Homelessness Awareness, the YWCA is housing their first guest this week. Showers and laundry usage are becoming available at the Methodist Church and the YWCA as well. The cyclospora outbreak has been in the news lately. 55 cases are in Iowa but not related to the lettuce outbreak. **Malcom** noted the safe and healthy produce at the local Farmers Markets. **Cullen** requested approval to update the Board of Health signatory. It was moved by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the Board of Health signatory remaining as **Dr. Malcom**. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)**- **Jorgensen** introduced **Lorna Bimm** who took over the Child Care Nurse Consultant position after **Chris McClimon** retired and gave an update regarding dental screening audits. **Jorgensen** explained the services offered with the ISmile Program included in the slide show presented. The locations that served 615 clients with 2180 services last year include schools, WIC clinics, childcare centers, and preschools. Those included in the dental screening law are students enrolling in kindergarten and 9th grade. There are religious and financial hardship exemptions. 86% of Kindergartners were compliant last year, and 46% of 9th graders were compliant. Last year the statewide percentage of compliance was 55.2%.
- D. **Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT**- **Wirth** could not attend but updated that Clinton Jackson Early Childhood Iowa merged with Dubuque ECI on July 1st. The new area is named Eastern Iowa Early Childhood and includes Clinton, Jackson, and Dubuque counties. **Abbey Degenhardt** from Dubuque is the ECI Director for the merged area. The contracts that were in place were renewed for FY 27. The funding remained the same. They are looking for a part-time assistant director for the area to replace **Mary Kay Wirth** who will be leaving September 30th.
- E. **Women's Health and Family Services**— Request to approve 1st quarter Rapid HIV Testing claim and 1st quarter Teen Success claim. It was moved by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the claims as submitted. Motion carried 5-0. They continue doing well with the Teen Success program. **Elizabeth** has had additional training and has been in all the schools in the county. They continue Rapid HIV testing with no new cases. They partnered with ECI on an Essential Needs Grant. This helped families with needs especially diapers.
- F. **Community Health Care, Inc**- The WIC staff were unable to attend.
- G. **Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)**- **Huisenga** said they are currently handing out medication lock bags at community events. They are looking for prescribers who

would want to partner to distribute lock bags and complete academic detailing. There is an increasing concern over Kratom which is the substance that can produce opioid-like effects, and it is sold at gas stations with no age restriction. The Camanche-DeWitt Coalition is working on a Peer-to-Peer Mentoring project that they will share more about in the near future. They are looking for sustainability options and have recently applied for a federal grant that would help with community assessment, implementation and evaluation. The Overdose Vigil is scheduled for August 31st at Riverview Bandshell.

- H. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions-** Mecham was online with no updates. Price was in the meeting room and stated they have been busy with youth programs in the schools this past year. Quitline Iowa had 34 referrals last year to help quit smoking. There is an upcoming Lunch and Learn opportunity on August 24th regarding International Overdose Awareness Day. They also provide Kratom training.
- I. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center–** Snyder reminded the Board that Bridgeview is under transition with CHC. They will remain in the same building with most of the same staff and same services. Clients are not seeing a difference, as the location, faces, and care have remained the same. The services not staying with CHC are transitioning back to Bethany. They have a two-year program for adults with mental illness where they allow the patient to choose a goal to work on whether it be getting a job, housing (etc.) This is a Medicaid only program. Snyder believes it is a great program and the closest location to Clinton County is in Tipton.
- J. **Rediscover Recovery Community Center- Unable to attend.**

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Absent.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

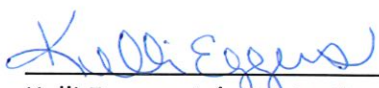
AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

September 24th, 2026, and November 19th, 2026 at 7:30 am at the Clinton County Satellite Building, large conference room. Meeting also available via Zoom.

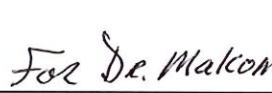
AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lovaas, seconded by Thiltgen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 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.