Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health
Public Meeting held
September 24th, 2026 – 7:30 a.m.
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM

Board Members	Dr. Mary Malcom	Absent
	Don Thiltgen	Present
	Jenna Lovaas	Present
	Jeff Sander-Welzien	Present
	Amanda Hoerschelmann	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
Cynthia Kaczinski, Community Health Care
Angie Eacker, Community Health Care
Kyle Mecham, ASAC
Christina Mesinger, ASAC
Heather Montgomery, Women's Health and Family Services

Thilgen 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. 3 members were in the meeting room, and 1 was via ZOOM due to unforeseen circumstances. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Sander-Welzien**, to **APPROVE** the July 23rd, 2026, minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH

None.

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** stated that the state is changing a lot of the rules and regulations of Chapter 69 that pertain to septic systems. He anticipates attending training to stay up to speed on the changes. **Thiltgen** inquired if they are online,

McClintock stated likely Des Moines.

B. **MercyOne Genesis VNA & Hospice–** Informational report submitted**. Cullen** stated the community garden was quite successful. They are hoping to find a partner to help weed as it has been a lot of work. They are looking for another partner to continue the Storybook Walk, possibly the Eagle Scouts. Updates regarding regionalizing Public Health: we are in district 6, which runs north. They are trying to decide which health department would write the application for it. Black Hawk County was chosen. Their application is due mid-October**.** Fiscal Year 2029 is when the counties would all go under the lead county. **Cullen** requested the signing of a letter of support for Black Hawk County. It was **moved** by **Lovaas**, seconded by **Sander-Welzien**, to **APPROVE** the letter of support. Motion approved 4-0. **Cullen** requested approval of amending the budget for the Combat Cancer Grant. **Lovaas** motioned to **APPROVE** said amendment, seconded by **Hoerschelmann**. Motion carried 4-0. Following the November 19th Board of Health meeting, the University of Iowa would like to discuss cancer statistics with the board and anyone wishing to stay on the meeting.

C. **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Not in attendance. Prochaska** of Scott County Health Department previously submitted the annual pool and tattoo inspection report.

D. **Eastern Iowa Early Childhood- Not in attendance.**

E. **Women's Health and Family Services– Montgomery** stated they are partnering with Family Planning Council of Iowa for a harm reduction vending machine in the county. This would have things such as naloxone, condoms, Plan B, etc. that would be provided at no cost. The location needs to be covered and have access to electricity and possibly be under camera. They continue to be successful with the Teen Success Program and have been doing several HIV/Syphilis test combinations. There are no new HIV cases, but Syphilis continues to be very prominent. **Montogomery** requested approval of the 2nd quarter Teen Success and Rapid HIV claims. **Sander-Welzien** motioned to **APPROVE** said claims, seconded by **Lovaas**. Motion carried 4-0.

F. **Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** reminded the board that Bridgeview is now called Community Healthcare North. For future agendas, we will reduce it to one reporting entity. They just started receiving flu vaccine and will start giving doses on October 5th followed by Covid vaccines soon thereafter. After the merge with Bridgeview, the location is the same and a majority of the staff are still there. **Kaczinski** stated participation in WIC is down a little still from last year but has increased the last few months. Their outreach program for the year includes post cards with a QR code that will help people get in touch with them more easily. They focus on pregnant women and weight gain, as larger birth weights result in negative effects for both mom and child. They recently hired their second breastfeeding peer counselor. The counselors are mentors for participants and can continue to meet with them up to the child's first birthday. CHC received an award called the Gold 2026 USDA WIC Breastfeeding Award of Excellence. They are very excited as it is rare to receive this award so quickly.

Kaczinski let the board know that after 38 years, she will be retiring as of the end of this calendar year.

G. **Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Not in attendance. Thiltgen** stated that he is the co-chair for the Camanche DeWitt Coalition. There was a recent article in The Observer about peer mentoring. **Emily Sutton** who was Miss Teen Iowa, helped put this program together. Since young children in 5th and even 6th grades are vaping, etc., having older teens that they look up to mentor them has been quite wonderful.

H. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Mecham** stated they have had an increase in youth services, so they are back open with youth groups on the weekends. The partial hospitalization program is going strong. They have partnered with UCS and created a withdrawal management program, and it has been successful. They have six people so far that have successfully stepped away from Kratom. **Mesinger** said they have some new nicotine and tobacco youth programs. They are promoting an alternative to suspension programs, substance related violations, and now behavioral violations as well. They continue helping workplaces with tobacco and nicotine free policies. She is working with the county on replacing expired Naloxone in the buildings. They are helping Women's Health and Family Services with stocking the vending machine as well.

I. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center– Snyder was not in attendance.** As requested by **Eacker** of CHC, we will merge the two entities on future agendas.

J. **Rediscover Recovery Community Center- Not in attendance.**

AGENDA ITEM VI – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Malcom previously requested mention of the video previously shared on the Health Department's Facebook page regarding the Summer Lunch Box Program as an example of local collaboration to alleviate hunger and food insecurity. The DeWitt Farmer's Market has seen redemption of WIC and senior vouchers. About 150-200 produce vouchers were distributed through the library's Summer Reading Program. The Clinton County Extension Service had a successful program with more participants than usual. They also received vouchers from the Summer Lunchbox Program. DeWitt Referral Center has been receiving surplus produce from the community.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – OLD BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE

November 19th, 2026, and January 14th, 2027, 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 **Sander-Welzien,** to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to
the Board of Health

Approved _____
Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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