

**Minutes – Clinton County Board of Health  
Public Meeting held  
February 5th, 2026 – 7:30 a.m.  
Clinton County Satellite Office, large conference room and Via ZOOM**

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<b><u>Board Members</u></b>	Dr. Mary Malcom	Present
	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**      Laurie Sparks, Public Health/MercyOne Genesis VNA  
                                 Kristin Huisenga, CSAC  
                                 Jim Irwin, Board of Supervisors  
                                 Renee Snyder, Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center  
                                 Brianna Boswell, MCAH  
                                 Brooke Barnes, MCAH  
                                 Olivia Regenwether, ASAC  
                                 Angie Eacker, Community Health Care  
                                 Chrissy Watters, Community Health Care  
                                 Valeric Acosta, Clinton Substance Abuse Council  
                                 Brittany Good, Area Substance Abuse Council

**Malcom** called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. The hybrid meeting was held with the option of teleconference participation. Roll call showed 5 members present. It was **moved by Lovaas**, seconded by **Thiltgen**, to **APPROVE** the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

**AGENDA ITEM III – BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board of Health unanimously elected calendar year 2026 committee assignments to be as follows:

Finance: **Malcom, Thiltgen**

Personnel: **Malcom, Thiltgen, Lovaas**

Total Quality Management- **Sander-Welzien, Hoerschelmann**

The 2026 calendar year Board of Health chairperson was elected as **Malcom**. The 2026 calendar year Board of Health vice chairperson was elected as **Thiltgen**.

**Malcom** noted that there are currently two bills before the legislature. One deals with medical examiners and the requirement in a child's death to investigate vaccine status. Another bill is to eliminate vaccine requirements for schools. **Malcom** welcomed comments on the two bills to which there were 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** noted that the budget session with the Board of Supervisors went well. They moved some of the funds from the Elvira budget towards gasoline/fuel, as the rising cost of that. 8% was given back to the general fund.
- B. MercyOne Genesis VNA & Hospice- Sparks** presented a written report as **Cullen** is on vacation. The local public health mid-year plan has been turned in and approved. The Let's Live Healthy Coalition met on January 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for donation gardening. They discussed adding a couple of sites and a few more businesses to work with. The Storybook Walk at Eagle Point Park will have additional signage added along with a new book. The Mental Health Awareness Night is coming up on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 1. It will focus on healthy behaviors to help mental health. Childhood vaccines continue to be offered monthly in Clinton, DeWitt, and Wheatland. They also continue lead testing at WIC clinics. 3 cases of pertussis came back in December from North Scott students who reside in Clinton County. All were unvaccinated. Regarding Region 5 and local emergency preparedness, they continue to be the fiscal agent and house the grant coordinator. They are working on updating the point of dispensing plan and continue to teach Stop the Bleed as well. The Nurse Family Partnership program has 34 clients and Bright Beginnings currently has 11. **Malcom** questioned whether **Sparks** has numbers on how many county children are covered under state health insurance. She does not, but **Boswell** may be able to get that information to her.
- C. Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)- Boswell** stated that they have a subcontract to help Public Health with lead testing at WIC Clinics. She stated that **Chris McClimon** will be retiring soon, so they will be having an upcoming position within Scott County to serve Clinton, Jackson, and Cedar counties. Their office continues to do oral health services in childcare centers and preschools. They are really focusing on zero- to two-year-olds. There are 13 centers that serve those ages in the county, so their goal is to visit them 3 times per year. They offer screenings, sealants, fluoride, and silver diamine fluoride. Last year 757 kids were screened. In September, they had a vacancy open up with the maternal health program, but they have decided to leave that position open for now. **Barnes** noted that they have a long-standing contract with the Iowa

Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing to support tattoo inspections. They currently have 13 establishments that they monitor in the county with one upcoming temporary tattoo event. They also inspect 11 pools in the county, 7 of them are indoor. Any issues that would come up with them would be reported to the Board of Health.

- D. **Early Childhood Iowa/DECAT- Wirth** was unable to attend as she is on vacation.
- E. **Women's Health and Family Services- Montgomery** was absent but previously requested approval for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Rapid HIV and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Teen Success claims. It was moved by **Thiltgen**, seconded by **Lovaas** to approve said claims. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. **Community Health Care, Inc- Eacker** reported that they continue to grow and have added a fifth family practice nurse practitioner. She is still at the mercy of waiting for insurance approvals but able to start seeing patients this week. The pediatric dentist continues to come once per month. **Watters** said their January participation for WIC was down slightly to 4250 enrolled in all of the counties they cover. They started an in person breastfeeding class that is being taught in Spanish. As far as their grant goals, they are really focusing on pregnant women and children.
- G. **Clinton Substance Abuse Council (GIC & CDC)- Huisenga** announced that they have hired a new coordinator, **Valerie Acosta**. They are wrapping up their third year helping support local event organizers in creating stronger alcohol polices such as the wristbands recently used by the DeWitt Wine Walk. A reminder that they offer TIPS training which is regarding being a responsible beverage server. **Huisenga** now fills the roll in going through the academic detailing process for the SPF-RX grant. 1470 doses of Narcan were distributed in the county last year whether it was from a pharmacy, ASAC, Clinton CRUSH, Rediscover Recovery Center, or Life Connections. Unfortunately, there is no exact number on how many were used, but they do believe it to be high. Kratom is still being sold at local gas stations and is currently being discussed with legislature. The Camanche-DeWitt Coalition is taking 44 youth to Des Moines for Day on the Hill soon. **Thiltgen** noted that the Camanche-DeWitt Coalition is always looking for funding to keep going, he has been tasked with looking for donors.
- H. **Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC)/New Directions- Regenwether** said they recently passed another tobacco-free, nicotine-free policy with Big River Packaging. They still promote Quitline Iowa and My Life, My Quit. They are working with Speak Out Against Suicide on the upcoming mental health event. **Brittany Good** has been working with local businesses and schools to get medication disposal policies.
- I. **Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center- Snyder** said they have implemented a new scheduling system for the psychiatric department. There was trial and error, but it does seem to be going much better now. Initially there was a lot of fear of clients leaving with no actual rescheduled appointment, but now the no show rates have decreased, and they have better medication management. They are actively looking for partners in the community to help with fundraising events as well as donors.

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

**Irwin** stated that over the last two years, they have really changed the budget process. They like to use excess dollars to cover some costs but also don't want to lower the levy rate to the point where it can't be sustained moving forward. The legislation at the state level has been very difficult to maneuver through. They've put restrictions on how you can use dollars but also put caps in place. He stated that the governor, the Senate and the House met, and all gave their ideas, but it is frustrating, as 6 to 8 people are working behind the scenes to try and combine those 3 into making something that will work for everyone in their eyes. **Irwin** stated that there is a general levy, a general supplemental levy, a rural levy and a debt service. The debt service is just paying down the jail and a road and new radios that were purchased. The rural portion is for secondary roads, and a portion of the Sheriff's office, etc. The general one is for things like insurance and benefits. The general levy started out with a hard cap of \$3.50. The county ended up being over that cap which came about after signing a 28E agreement with all of the communities in the county to leverage county dollars. This was needed to close the county landfill. The jail ran over budget by 2 million dollars. To cover that, they moved 42 cents from the general levy. Now, when this new legislation is passed, they cannot take anything away from the general levy without losing all of the general supplemental. It is very confusing and conflicting, so they are trying to figure out how to move things around. Because of this, they have moved extra dollars into certain levies so if they are not spent, they get carried over and come back into the budget. It appears that the state is trying to force counties to consolidate. We currently share our engineer with Dubuque County. The Mental Health Advocate is also being shared with Jackson County. A nurse was hired recently specifically for the jail. They also signed a contract with the Robert Young Center to provide mental health services in the jail. **Thiltgen** mentioned that the word Doge was being tossed around. **Irwin** said yes, Doge and IPERS were hot topics that were discussed. He feels that the IPERS conversation has died down as everyone realizes the effects on schools, and city and county government if that was taken away. He stated that our County Attorney has announced he will not seek reelection. There are a number of inmates that are sitting in jail because there are not enough public defenders available. Scott County just lost a lawsuit at the Iowa Supreme Court over the time that someone was in jail with a delay in the prosecution. We currently have two inmates that have been in jail for over 600 days. If they had pushed for a speedy trial, they likely would have been released after 60 days. Once you've been jailed for 72 hours, all medical services fall on the county taxpayers. One individual has been taken to medical facilities in Clinton and the University of Iowa for treatment. The medical services fall on the county as well as the wages and overtime to the deputy who is transporting them.

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

None.

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

None.

**AGENDA ITEM IX – NEW BUSINESS**

None.

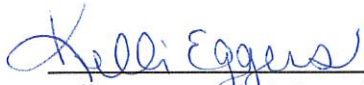
**AGENDA ITEM X – NEXT MEETING DATE**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 and May 28<sup>th</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 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Kelli Eggers, Administrative Assistant to  
the Board of Health

Approved   
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Dr. Malcom, Chairperson, Board of Health

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