



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

TENTATIVE AGENDA
TUESDAY, February 3, 2026
2:00 PM

Public Meeting Room - Story County Administration (900 6th Street)– Nevada, Iowa

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Board Of Health Introductions

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Board votes on the motion.

5.I. Acknowledgement Of Signing Amendment #2 To The Private Well Grant
PHTHOEL26085 For Re-Allocation By Director, Kimberly Grandinetti

Contract amended to increase the allocation amount by \$50,000. Maximum contract amount on the Declarations and Execution Page shall now read: \$95,454.00

Documents:

[PHTHOEL26085 STORY COUNTY AMENDMENT 2 \(1\).PDF](#)

5.II. Acknowledgement Of Board Of Supervisor's Approval Of Pay Exemption For Laura
Johnston

The Board of Supervisors approved a Pay Exception request for Laura Johnston on 1/2/26 to go from a Step C to a Step E, hourly rate of \$34.41

Documents:

[ACTION FORM LAURA BOS.PDF](#)

6. PROGRAM EDUCATION: Use Of The ARCA Database For Board Of Health Minutes

7. PUBLIC FORUM

This is the time for members of the public to offer comments concerning matters not scheduled to be heard before the Board of Health.

8. AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

8.I. YSS; Savanah Strahan And Tanner Koder

Documents:

[YSS- BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT FEBRUARY 2026.PDF](#)

8.II. Story County Public Health; Eric Adelmund

Documents:

[CHIP ACTION PLAN.PDF](#)
[EDITED. NOV DEC SCPH REPORT.PDF](#)

8.III. Story County Environmental Health; Kimberly Grandinetti

Documents:

[EH REPORT 2-3-26.PDF](#)

9. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

9.I. Recognizing Molly Lee For Years Of Service On The Board Of Health; Dr. Paschen

9.II. Discussion And Consideration To Approve Environmental Health Proposed Budget For FY27 For Recommendation To The Board Of Supervisors; Kimberly Grandinetti

Documents:

[FY27 BUDGET EXPENSE WORKSHEETS REVISED.PDF](#)
[FY27 BUDGET REVENUE REVISED.PDF](#)

9.III. Discussion Iowa Ethics Rules Reminder For Training; Lisa Heddens

A reminder that a while new Board members must take the required trainings it is open to anyone through IPIB and a refresher is always encouraged.

9.IV. Discussion & Consideration To Amend Issue Statement Protocol; Lisa Heddens

Documents:

[BOH ISSUE STATEMENTS.PDF](#)

9.V. Vaccine Position Statement; Dr. Paschen

Statement to re-iterate the Board's commitment to the health of Iowans by confirming support of current vaccine requirements for daycares and schools.

Documents:

[VXN STATEMENT.PDF](#)

9.VI. Discussion Of Board Of Health Strategic Plan; Dr. Paschen

Information regarding the upcoming Strategic Planning discussion at the April Board of Health meeting.

9.VII. Election Of Officers For Story County Board Of Health; Dr. Paschen

To determine Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year.

10. COMMENTS

Staff
Board

11. ADJOURNMENT

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CONTRACT AMENDMENT

CONTRACT #: PTHOEL26085	AMENDMENT #: 2
CONTRACTOR: Story County Board of Health	CONTRACT TITLE: Private Well Grants

The Maximum Contract Amount on the Declarations & Execution Page shall read: \$95,454.00

This contract is amended to adjust funding in Article IX-Budget as follows:

INCREASE Private Well Grants allocation by \$ 50,000.00

DECREASE Private Well Grants allocation by \$ 0.00

All other terms of the contract remain in effect. The contractor specifies no additional changes have been made to the Special, General or Contingent Terms.

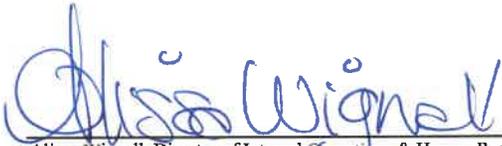
The parties hereto have executed this contract amendment on the day and year last specified below.

<p>For and on behalf of the Agency:</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Margot McComas, BSN, CPM, Division Administrator, Health Protection Division of Public Health</p>	<p>For and on behalf of the Contractor:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kimberly Grandinetti</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Story County Board of Health</p> <div style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>Digitally signed by Kimberly Grandinetti DN: C=US, O=Story County Environmental Health, CN=Kimberly Grandinetti, E=kgrandinetti@storycountyowa.gov Reason: I am approving this document with my legally binding signature Location: your signing location here Date: 2025.01.12 09:22:49-0000 Foxit PDF Editor Version: 11.2.12</p> </div>
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Story County Personnel Actions

Effective Date	Action	Name	Job Title	Department/Office	Status	Grade	Step	Longevity	Salary	Bi-weekly/Hourly Rate
1/11/2026	Pay Adjustment	Johnston, Laura	Environmental Health Specialist	Environmental Health	Full-time	18	E	N/A	\$71,573.07	\$34.41

Approved this 2nd day of January, 2026



Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Alissa Wignall, Director of Internal Operations & Human Resources

Story County Board of Health Report
February 2026
YSS Prevention Services

ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION

- Quarter two was very busy for us! We reached a total of 4,265 people in all our programming and events!
- We have done 3 more library presentations at the Ericson Library in Boone, and they were successful. We had 23 youth total, and we're still seeing repeat kids every month.
- We successfully reached the first semester students at Woodward Academy, Nevada Middle School, Roland Story, Ember, Madrid Jr/Sr High School, and Colo-Nesco Jr/Sr High School.
- In Boone County, 98.7% of the students said this had a positive impact on their lives. In Story County, 100% said this had a positive impact on their lives! That's so reassuring, and it's been awesome to reflect on what impact we are having.
- TOP at Boone Middle School is going great! We already have 4/20 students hit their 20 hours of CSL and 6 more are nearly there! They're really loving the volunteer aspect of TOP.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT SERVICES

At YSS' Family Counseling Clinic, we promote overall wellness through appropriate, evidence-based treatment interventions including Mental Health Therapy and Substance Use Counseling. Recently, YSS streamlined our counseling clinic structure by shifting therapists to a contract-based workforce model and focusing more on our substance use services. Intensive Outpatient for adolescents and young adults started in August and continues to grow steadily. This group structure allows us to serve more members of our community with personalized, evidence based care.

Over the last two months, in Story County we provided:

- 63 mental health therapy appointments
- 186 Extended Outpatient substance use appointments
- 345 Intensive Outpatient substance use groups

YSS' Intensive Outpatient Program is steadily growing with more than 25 adolescents and young adults currently enrolled and engaged in the program. This program is virtual in order to remove barriers such as transportation but provides the same individualized care.

EMBER

The Ember Recovery Campus is now able to serve up to 39 clients on campus. For residential substance use treatment we have 15 adolescent female beds, 10 adolescent male beds, and 9 young adult male beds. We also have 5 beds for crisis stabilization services. As our staffing continues to grow we will soon be opening 5 more adolescent boy beds. We were also recently awarded a federal grant named Basic Center. This enables us to continue to offer services to non-system involved adolescents who are either homeless or at risk of being homeless for up to 21 days.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS EDUCATION (SUICIDE PREVENTION)

- Staff presented a poster and joint session at MRASH conference.
- Finished programming at RSMS, Ballard, and Colo-Nesco. Start programming at Hampton in December. Roland-Story has expressed learning & teaching the curriculum and have invited our input.
- Worked briefly with Clarion-Goldfield-Dows on their District Plan and will start training faculty in Suicide Prevention Programming beginning in Spring 26.
- Organized and implemented Mental Health Trainings at Gilbert, grades PK-8th.
- Will be tabling at the Wellness Resource Fair in December.
- Continued participation in NIACC Behavioral Summit in April 2026; invited to speak on mental health in agriculture.
- Total Number of youth served since September: approx. 251; Adults: approx. 260

MENTORING

- We are still providing school-based mentoring services to youth in Gilbert, Ames, Ballard, Nevada, and Collins Maxwell School Districts in Story County with the addition of Roland Story
- Highlight of the month..
 - We have recently started a new mentoring program at Roland Story. This program differs from our current mentoring program as we are implementing a curriculum for our high school mentors at Roland Story. The goal is to help educate them how to become great mentors and provide them with the space to ask questions and develop critical skills.

Number of Youth Served: School- Current Matches: Eastern Story County – 20 Ames MS – 25 Gilbert – 55 Ames Elementary - 18

Upcoming Events

- February 1st we are hosting a bowling event for our matches. We held this event last year. It was a huge hit with the youth. We are excited to be able to have a fun space to foster building meaningful relationships

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Our prevention efforts continued in the Story County school districts. We completed programming in Roland-Story High using the Catch My Breath curriculum. We also are starting to teach in Ames Middle School with 7th grade at the end of January. We will be there for 8 weeks.
- We also have received state opioid dollars to start expanding our prevention services on a statewide level. There will be four pillars for this program; early intervention, hidden in plain sight trailer, coalitions, and parent education.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- The Ames Builders Club meets bi-weekly at Ames Middle School and focuses on community service learning.
 - Tanner has shifted into this roll
 - There has been an average of 10 students each week so far!
 - The students have been busy completing a total of five service-learning projects already including posters to help spread awareness, help fundraise, creating blankets for the animal shelter, making a drive to needed items for the animal shelter and visiting the animal shelter!
- Roland-Story Tough Topics meets weekly, and the group discusses topics important to the youth and attendance has been awesome this year!
 - This year, seniors have had the option to go home instead of staying for a group, but they have specifically chosen to attend Tough Topics instead of leaving school early!
- Nevada Tough Topics group meets weekly.
 - Drea oversees this group, and it continues to flourish.
 - There are two high school groups, and the teacher is trying to start a middle school group/third group as well. Drea has picked up a few extra group meetings here and there as the need for her skills continues to rise!
 - The classroom teacher of this group reached out to Drea's supervisors to let them know how phenomenal she has done in these groups!
- Tanner Started a new Tough Topics group at Boone High School and 27 new students have already attended the meeting!
- Ames Middle School Tough Topics meet weekly with Drea. This is shifting a little in the fall to their TAP groups.
 - This has been going fantastic, and Drea has created great relationships with the teachers and students at Ames Middle School!
 - They continue to plan field trips that give many of the students great opportunities for their futures.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

- Meetings are continuing with students one on one and helping them successfully look toward their future.
- Career Pathways Academy students got to take a tour of the Ames Public Library.
- An EMT Simulator presented at Nevada and students got to see how an ambulance works.

IMPACT TEEN CLUB

- Teen Club runs in Colo Nesco and Nevada 3 days a week.
- Colo is averaging 6 students or more daily
- Nevada has already reached 9 students to attend, with an average of 6 students daily.

- The program provides teens with a safe, fun, and healthy environment after school. IMPACT offers many opportunities for participants to explore their interests and expand their abilities in a variety of ways, including service learning.
- Service Learning: Participants are responsible for planning service-learning projects that they are interested in. These projects challenge students to address issues in their community and come up with solutions to better their community in the long term. The curriculum we utilize for our community service projects is called Teen Outreach Program (TOP). It is a completely student lead curriculum and teaches them the skills they need to implement community service projects from start to finish. It also helps them to be able to identify what needs their community has.
- Colo is run by Meagan and Nevada is run by Erica!

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

- Summer Enrichment has offered a free six-week summer camp focused on providing meals and reducing summer learning slide to Story County youth in Ames, Nevada, and Collins-Maxwell school districts.
- Nevada's highest number was 110, Collins-Maxwell's highest number was 55. Ames highest number was 52.
- The program has served thousands of meals to the students for free.
- The program received a \$1,500 Grant that will help run these free sites in Collins Maxwell, Nevada, and Ames!
- The program has received a \$1,000 grant from Kiwanis recently.
- All three sites will partner with Ames ISU Vet Med this summer again and toured their campus site!
- Nevada has many field trips to local businesses in the town and each business has partnered and offered to cover the fees of the field trips!

Story County 2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

ACTION PLAN

1. Mental Health

Initiatives, strategies, **leading measures:**

- *Make It OK* initiative to reduce stigma of mental health conversations and increase awareness of mental health resources. Continue community presentations and event tabling. **# events tabled; # engaged. # presentations; # participated.**
- Educational resources such as 988, QPR, Mental Health First Aid, 211, NAMI, My Life Iowa and the Iowa Office of Recovery Services. Provide in lobby and at community events. **# given out in response to survey; # given at community outreach.**
- Distribute gun locks at no cost (supplied by the VA) and promote gun safety with *Talk It Up*, *Lock It Up* and *Be SMART* literature and social media messaging. Provide in lobby and at community events. **# gun locks given out.**

Metric:

Goal—Story County will be below the U.S. average in suicide mortality indicators by 2030 with the goal of zero.

2. Nutrition, Physical Activity & Weight

Initiatives and strategies:

- Bingocize for seniors: free classes combining exercise, bingo, and nutrition education. Continue at community locations. **# classes offered; # participated.**
- Pick a Better Snack: nutrition education for K–2 students beginning January 2026. Begin with K in Roland Story, Nevada, and Collins-Maxwell. **# students educated. PABS metrics including # students not previously tried fruit or vegetable offered.**
- Keys to Dementia Prevention: continue these classes in the community that promote the MIND diet and regular physical activity. **# classes offered; # participated. Keys metrics including SYB Quiz & CDC Fit tests.**

- Rural at Heart Program: promotes heart-healthy habits through community events and Heart Healthy Hubs. # events; # participants. If no Community Connector hired – nurses will conduct education, tabling and use same metrics.
- Senior Health Clinics: provide blood pressure screenings, healthy lifestyle education, and offer resources to healthy living programs. # resources & education provided. # BP screenings completed.

Metric:

Goal—Reduce prevalence of overweight children (children 5-17) and “No leisure-time for physical activity in the past month” related indicators by 5% by 2030.

3. Substance Use

Initiatives

- Distribute Narcan (provided by Iowa HHS) free of charge with training. #Narcan given.
- Provide prevention and recovery resources through collaborations with Youth & Shelter Services, Community & Family Resources, and others. # of resources provided.
- Participate in community awareness events, including the Ames Overdose Awareness Event and Hidden in Plain Sight trailer program. # events tabled; # of engagements.
- Continue education on the brain impacts of alcohol and substance use through the Keys to Dementia Prevention program. # of Keys participants; # improved on ETOH use on SYB Quiz.
- Promote Iowa Cancer Consortium social media materials on the risks of alcohol, smoking, and vaping. # posts regarding substance use; # resources provided.

Metric:

Goal—Story County will be below the state average for “Individuals currently using vaping products (every day or on some days)” by 2030.

4. Access to Health Care Services

Initiatives

- Continuing memberships with Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) and Iowa Immunizes to advocate for continued health access programs. **Attend annual conference, continue committee memberships of Iowa Immunizes.**
- Refer patients to Primary Health Care (PHC) and Obria for low- or no-cost medical services. **# Clients referred.**
- Promote Vaccines for Children and Adults programs, MMR Initiative, and Farm Worker Flu Initiative. **# of vaccines provided.**
- Provide prescription savings cards, translation services, and culturally appropriate educational materials. **# cards provided.**
- Provide patient education encouraging routine medical checkups. **# educated.**
- Maintain membership in Story County Immigrant and Refugee Collaboration.
- Maintain membership in NAACP Ames Health Committee. **# events with education, health promotion**
- Maintain membership in Story County Transportation Collaboration.

Metric:

Goal—Improve the metric of “Child has visited a Physician for a Routine Checkup in the past year (children 0-17)” by 2030.

Story County Board of Health Report

Prepared by Story County Public
Health

November - December 2025



Funding Source	Grant \$ Funded	Grant \$ Spent	Grant \$ % Spent/Remains
POPULATION HEALTH	\$207,171	\$111,462.38	54% / \$95,708.62

The 10 Essential Services – Putting Framework into Practice

Essential Service	Our Contribution	Numbers
<p>1. Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latent TB med management • Monitor Epi Update, Respiratory Report • Story County Quality of Life Alliance quarterly meeting. • Community Health Improvement Plan <p>https://www.mgmc.org/app/files/public/973752cf-5ce3-4519-afea-02d27094c295/Story%20County%20Health%20Improvement%20Plan%202020.pdf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We administered 137 VFC (Vaccines for Children) and VFA (Vaccines for Adults) vaccines. • Latent TB cases: 12 cases. We continue to follow up on the 15 contacts of an active case. • We completed 6 TB tests. • We administered 1 private pay vaccination. • HHS MMR Initiative MMR Vaccine. Through an initiative from HHS, we can offer the MMR vaccine at no cost to all individuals – insured or not. • HHS Flu vaccine initiative for farmworkers continues. Billboard on east 30 will be up for 4 weeks starting December 12 to promote a fee flu vaccine at our office. • State Hygienic Laboratory conducts viral testing twice weekly on samples from Ames Wastewater Treatment Plant. • We continue to share the Epi Updates, HAN alerts, and Respiratory Report with providers and the public as applicable and appropriate.
<p>2. Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards and their root causes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CADE (Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology) investigations completed. Education is provided during these investigations to prevent the spread of infection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CADE case investigations completed: 2 Cryptosporidium; 1 Pertussis; 1 Ehrlichiosis; 1 Shigella. • Investigated by HHS (Health and Human Services): 2 Lyme; 4 Salmonella; 7 Campylobacter.

<p>3. Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keys to Dementia Prevention https://www.brainhelpandhope.org/ • Senior Health Clinics https://www.mgmc.org/care/senior-health/ • Resources in office given to individuals as needed on a variety of topics • CIHCC Communication (JIS) monthly meeting • Social media is being used to promote specialty months, education, and health alerts. https://www.facebook.com/storycountypublichealth • Baby Basics Class https://www.mgmc.org/healthy-living/calendar/event-search-results-detail/?eventId=fe6d2db5-5bea-f011-a885-000d3a611c21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment) Keys to Dementia Prevention course in Ames finished mid-December with 16 participants. • Other local public health departments offer “Coffee with a nurse” events; our senior health clinics provide an opportunity for seniors to ask questions about their health, learn about local resources available, and talk one on one with public health nurses. • A needs survey is provided for each client in our office, and resources are then provided as they indicate. We also began taking a resource binder to all senior health clinics and Bingocize classes. • CIHCC Communication meetings (JIS Joint Information Systems) inform us of best practices for public education, including social media. Ideas are generated and strategies discussed to prevent misinformation. These meetings also ensure consistent messaging across counties. • We have 272 Facebook followers. Our Instagram account is active as well, with a small following of 31 followers. • We use Board of Health funding to provide Baby Basics. This class is for expecting new parents which provides the latest information and helpful hints for a joyful beginning with a baby. Mid-Iowa Community Action provides the instruction for this course. • Community presentation completed in November on the topic of dementia prevention. This was at Huxley 3 C’s with 23 participants.
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<p>4. Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAACP Health Committee – SCPH has a member on the committee. • BooSt Together for Children – SCPH has a Board member. • Story County Immigrant and Refugee Collaboration, Story County Transportation Coalition, and Story County Hunger Collaboration – we have a member on each collaboration. • Collaborating with MGMC Music Therapy. • Continue to support school nurses with immunization questions and translations as needed. We assist in putting records into IRIS (Immunization Registry Information System) and notifying nurses as needed of vaccines required. • SCPH continues as a site for the Raising Readers program. • Continue collaboration with American Heart Association as a potential host site for new Rural at Heart program. • Bingocize offered to seniors. https://www.bingocize.com/?srsltid=AfmBOoql6H7rrTczjBLZLqcyqINzGgErxn8TXN0yoALpxuE6VtraUGGY • Gun Locks are given to anyone who wants one at our office. We 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse tabled at First Annual Wellness Resource Fair at Ames Public Library. Low attendance, but networking was productive. • Story County Mental Health Task Force attended; services and resources learned about. • Fellows Elementary School Science Night was in early November. A nurse and intern were there with Guthrie county’s big brain and various educational materials. 671 people toured the brain and learned why protection of the brain is vital. • Provide senior health promotion (foot care and BP screenings) each month at 7 sites in Ames, 1 in Cambridge, 1 in Colo, 1 in Collins, 1 in Nevada, and 1 in Story City. This is done in part with funding from Area Agency on Aging and United Way. We promote mental wellness by including a Music Therapist at senior health clinics. We are also promoting community resources. • The Transportation Collaboration continues to advocate for access. • Hunger Collaboration continues to push for policy and programming to assist those with nutrition/food needs. • The Story County Immigrant and Refugee Collaboration continues to be a resource and support for immigrants, refugees, and those that support them. • BooSt has funds they will decide how to allocate to best serve the youngest residents of Boone and Story counties. • Talk it up, Lock it Up promotion (thanks to Polk County Health Department) and free gun locks (from the Veteran’s Administration). We have them in the office
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	<p>received these from the Veterans Administration. They also include information regarding mental health resources and suicide prevention.</p>	<p>and give them at no charge. Over 290 locks have been distributed in the past year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingocize (Falls Prevention curriculum) at 60 Forward. Participants meet twice weekly for exercise. Bingocize was also facilitated at Keystone Apartments (Nutrition curriculum). • NAACP Health Committee volunteered to serve and clean up Food at First in December. We had 8 committee members serving. • MICA Mobile Food Pantry was invited to meet with Keystone Bingocize participants. Seventeen food bags were distributed, and the relationship with MICA resources will continue at Keystone.
<p>5. Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All nurses are members of IPHA (Iowa Public Health Association) https://iowapha.org/ • Attended and participated in public health coalition meetings. Attended and participated in webinars and meetings to learn about potential changes to Iowa Public Health. • One nurse participates in the Iowa Immunizes Vaccine Equity Group. • Two nurses participate in the Iowa Immunizes Coalition committees – Communications and Policy & Advocacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Narcan distribution continues – supported by Iowa HHS. A QR code was created for individuals to scan if Narcan was administered. No one has scanned, which Iowa HHS informs us is not unique. We have given out 27 boxes of Narcan. • We continue to monitor the changing landscape of federal policies and how that will impact our local public health.
<p>6. Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating CADE cases about isolation/exclusion. Completing accurate and thorough case investigations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No exclusions needed.

<p>protect the public's health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunization Audits conducted – all schools and licensed childcare in county. 	
<p>7. Ensure an effective system that enables access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program • Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program • Ensuring medical translation is available for non-English speaking clients. • Using needs assessment to identify the needs of clients and respond appropriately by providing requested information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFC and VFA immunizations are given at no cost to individuals who qualify for the programs. • Language Line on iPad continues to make translation easier and more personal. The video translation line ensures accurate medical translation is occurring as we have seen an increase in non-English speaking clients. We also can access the traditional telephone language line. • We continue our health promotion and disease prevention initiative in the office by having free condoms and female receptive condoms from My Iowa. • We aim to offer literature in many languages to ensure information is understandable.
<p>8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intern from Utah State University is completing her MPH and is with us 3 days each week. • SCPH nurse is a member of the MGMC Nursing Workforce Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internships are offered to students each semester. • We continue to have 5 PRN nurses working at SCPH. They bring various experiences and expertise with them. • Collaborating with ISU Dr. Welk's kinesiology students. They meet with local public health departments to engage communities. Students working in Story County will initiate Bingocycle at Stonehaven apartments. • Rural at Heart is officially approved by American Heart Association. A Community Connector has not yet been hired.

<p>9. Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring PRN staff and ensuring they are competent. Continuous ongoing education to stay up to date with HAN (Health Alert Network) alerts, changing ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) recommendations and VFC regulations. • Continuing educational opportunities to ensure we are providing evidence-based, best practice for public health practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 full time SCPH nurse, 2 part time SCPH nurses. Five PRN nurses; 3 assist with senior clinics and community outreach and 2 also assist with VFC/VFA clinics. • We continue to evaluate current policies and procedures to ensure we are following evidence-based best practices. • MyCity MyHealth conference was attended in November by a nurse. Learned about pertinent issues regarding public health and strengthened collaborations with other public health professionals. • Two more nurses and our intern became Make It OK ambassadors in December. https://www.iowahealthieststate.com/make-it-ok
<p>10. Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with BOH and updating them on SCPH events and funding. • Emergency preparedness (this is separate funding – not supported by BOH grants). • Continuous learning – enrolling in classes and webinars to increase and maintain competence. One nurse is a member of American Public Health Association which aids in keeping up to date with national landscape of public health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kruse and Ken Sharp hold monthly webinars regarding Iowa’s public health system re-alignment. There still remain many unknowns, but they have confirmed regionalization will happen. The state was awarded new Rural Health grants which will focus on provider recruitment. https://hhs.iowa.gov/initiatives/healthy-hometowns-iowas-rural-health-transformation-plan • Emergency Coalition of 14 counties meets monthly. https://1a.prepareiowa.org/ • IHHS – HAN system. We ensure our EMResource is up to date each quarter. We ensure appropriate individuals receiving HAN alerts are responding accordingly.

Current and future activities:

Leading measures established for the CHIP. These will assist us in ensuring we are meeting longer term goals and making the impact we desire to make. We have made improvements in literature to be given out and will have a new focus on encouraging parents/guardians to take children to well child visits.

Immunization audits of licensed childcare centers are complete. 98.63% of 2558 enrolled had valid certificates. The religious exemption rate was 2.62%. That is the highest it has been, but not a surprise since the K-12 audit also had the highest exemption rate.

One part time nurse will transition to full time status. We will then be staffed with 2 full time nurses, 1 part time nurse, and 5 PRN nurses.

Bingocize new sessions began at 60 Forward and will begin at Meadows Apartments.

Heart Health presentation for Prime Time Alive will occur Feb 25.

A new session of Keys to Dementia Prevention began (Jan 5) at 60 Forward with a maximum of 15 participants.

Pick A Better Snack education <https://hhs.iowa.gov/pick-better-snack> began (Jan 8) at Roland Story, Collins-Maxwell, and Nevada kindergartens. This will continue every month during the school year. We will reach 203 students with this program.

Continuing to explore funding sources for Credible Mind. It is a free, confidential, 24/7 digital platform offering expert-vetted mental health and well-being resources like articles, videos, podcasts, and assessments to help individuals with stress, anxiety, burnout, and overall emotional health, promoting self-care and early intervention through personalized, evidence-based content.

“Make it OK” presentations are scheduled for February and March for Story City Chamber of Commerce and Huxley 3 C’s.



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Report to the Story County Board of Health February 3, 2026

Aquatic Program

- Indoor pool inspections will be starting soon – Matt stated they will be done by April 1
- Outdoor pools will begin at the end of May/Beginning of June and typically done by July

Indoor Air Quality 2026

- January promotion was exceptional this year! We once again did the first 10 days as free kits and then the rest of the month at \$5 (roughly half price) for Story County residents and employees.
- 48 kits were handed out by the 6th for what we had in stock and another 72 were requested by January 12th. By the time the order came the remaining 28 were spoken for. Another order had to be placed.
- **As of the 26th approximately 158 kits have been requested.**
- We received a lot of support and appreciation for providing the promotion and having the kits available. We also received several calls from people in other counties asking if their counties offer the same thing.
- Unexpected increase is likely due to the Cancer in Iowa report and attention radon is receiving nationally in addition to promotional activities done by the department.

Onsite Program

- Permit Info (2026):
 - 8 New & 1 Alteration applications
 - 4 Time of Transfer (TOT) inspections reviews
 - 0 tanks pumped for regular maintenance – 3 pumped due to TOT

Tanning Program

FY 26

- Routine inspections are underway to be Done by April 1

Tattoo Program

FY 26:

- Routine inspections are underway to be done by April 1

Well Program

FY26 – Q2

- 9 well permits issued (5 water supply, 3 geothermal, 1 Dewatering, 0 test wells)
- Q2 Claim to be submitted by 1/30/26
- Re-Allocated an additional \$50,000, amendment fully executed

* The following metrics were not submitted by the time this report was submitted as the claim is still being worked on – results will be provided at the meeting regarding the PWG

- _____ wells sampled:
 - _____ various analyte tests ran:
 - _____ Coliform: _____ pass / _____ failed (_____ fecal coliform)
 - _____ Nitrate: _____ fail
 - _____ Total Arsenic: _____ samples failed
 - _____ well Arsenic Speciation Testing
 - _____ Manganese: _____ over MCL
 - _____ Fluoride: _____ over MCL
 - _____ wells plugged / _____ cistern plugged / _____ well rehab
 - _____ Chlorinated / _____ Assessments

Joint Department Reviews

FY 26:

- 26 Plat & Survey Reviews
- Many Reviews completed through Citizenseve:
 - *Transition to new system started, but reports not available at this time

Department & Staff

- Matt and Laura attended IOWWA Septic Conference in Cedar Rapids Jan 7-8
- Kimberly started NACO's High Performance Leadership Academy Jan 5 (runs through March)
- Marty started January 14th
- All Staff attended a DMACC training virtual Lunch & Learn January 14th – basics of onsite
- All Staff attended a virtual training from IPIB: Public Meetings and Open Records - January 14th
- Kimberly and Laura attended DMACC Lunch and Learn January 28 – gravelless technologies
- All staff continue to be involved with various committees internally and externally (Laura: Prairie Rivers Work Group, Matt: Safety & Green Team, Kimberly: IEHA, Public Health Conference of Iowa Planning Committee, Watershed work groups)

Miscellaneous & Upcoming

- Feb 4, budget work session scheduled with the Board of Supervisors
- EH Admin position – Marty Gartin started January 14th

Submitted by Kimberly Grandinetti on January 28, 2026

FY-2027 BUDGET EXPENDITURE REQUEST

DEPARTMENT 23: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (SANITATION)

03020

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION/NARRATIVE	FY-27 SUBTOTAL	FY-27 PROJECTED EXPENSE	FY-26 RE-EST EXPENSE	FY-26 ESTIMATED EXPENSE	3 YEAR ACTUAL AVERAGE 23-25
01000-03020-100-23-8	Salaries, Pay Plan Staff (TBD by Auditor) - Environmental Health Director (Grade 22, Step I) Environmental Specialist (Grade 18, Step K) Environmental Specialist (Grade 18, May 2026 Step F due to pay exception for REHS) Office Coordinator - Currently PT at 24 hrs/wk (Grade 12, Step A) *Estimate of wages is based on FY26 current comp plan's next step increase for budgeting purposes, does not factor in COL	106,251 83,003 73,362 28,929	291,545	277,550	277,550	245,766
01000-03020-100-23-9	Extra Help (non-budgeted grant requiring temp help) none planned	0	0	0	0	0
01000-03020-104-23	Overtime Pay	0	0	0	0	170
01000-03020-106-23	Taxable Fringe Benefits Taxable meal costs during out of town travel that is not overnight (10 meals X \$15) Reimbursement - removed (in previous years: phone stipend for Director) Reimbursement - removed (in previous years phone stipend for admin)	150 0 0	150	150	150	27
02000-03020-110-23	FICA (current amount, final TBD by auditor)	21,700	21,700	21,700	21,700	18,778
02000-03020-111-23	IPERS (current amount, final TBD by auditor)	26,700	26,700	26,700	26,700	23,685
01000-03020-113-23	Employer's Flex Benefits (current amount, final TBD by auditor)	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,240	5,061
01000-03020-114-23	Employee's Insurances (current amount, final TBD by auditor)	46,300	46,300	46,300	46,300	40,780
01000-03020-120-23	Board of Health Supplies and mileage for board members (100 miles X \$0.50) plus materials for new member, training for BOH members	2,050	2,050	2,500	4,300	996
01000-03020-250-23	Vehicle Fuels/Maintenance new vehicle fuel (6,500 miles/year @ 40 mpg =163 gallon/ year; 163 gal x \$3.00/gal = \$488/year) Scheduled routine maintenance (2 oil/filter change @ \$0, 2 tire rotates @ \$45 ea, 10 washes @ \$10ea, air filter @\$30, wipers @ \$35) Unanticipated Repairs 2nd Vehicle - purchase used sherrif's vehicle or fleet vehicle for staff Maintenance history: 2024 Honda CRV Hyprid purchased Feb 2024	488 255 100 10,000	10,843	850	850	1,547
01000-03020-260-23	Office Supplies Estimated office supplies (paper, pens, envelopes, etc) Septic /well outreach, postcards, letters to 2,000 addresses, pamphlets, etc. Training materials, flyers, brochures for industry trainings to be held, outreach related to watershed workgroup activities, public hearing materials, or radon Payment services Office Efficiency: chair mats, shelving, pictues, brochure rack, etc Unexpected supplies (i.e. computer related)	250 150 200 0 400 250	1,250	1,800	1,750	1,236
01000-03020-284-23-35	Grant Pass Thru: Septic Grant Grant ended - did not reapply	0	0	0	0	10,000
01000-03020-294-23-35	Uniforms & Equipment Boots at \$200/field staff x 2, field hats @ \$10 x 3 Field work supplies (PPE, wipes, pool chemicals, reagents, insecticide, probe) Promotional Program Items: such as annual radon promotion *Added line item for FY25 - items were moved from other line items to offset costs related to this line item	430 300 100	830	950	830	

PROJECTED REVENUES FY-2027
DEPARTMENT 23: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (SANITARIAN)

01000 - General Basic 03000 - Physical Health & Social Services

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	FY-27 SUBTOTAL	FY-27 PROJECTED REVENUE	FY-26 RE-ESTIMATE REVENUE	FY-26 ESTIMATED REVENUE	FY- 23-25 AVERAGE actual received
01000 03000 2624 23	Well Testing & Abandonment FY26 grant contract slightly reduced \$45,454 projected to stay the same for FY27 *With Promotional activities we plan to receive all of the awarded amount and request additional funds like FY 25	45,454	45,454	95,454	50,500	33,099
01000 03000 2710 23	Other State Grants Septic pumper inspections (contract with DNR) Earl's Septic (new FY26) - 2 trucks Earl's - Land App @ \$7/1,000 gal Draintech -three trucks Draintech - septage land applied x \$7/1,000 gal Figures based on last year's pumper reports, note DNR decreased some reimbursements in 2024	300 1,500 300 2,000	4,100	3,000	1,800	1,992
01000 03000 3310 23	Sewage/Septic Permit New septic permits 75 X \$ 200 (Anticipated approval of fees) County site reviews 20 X \$150 (Anticipated approval of fees) Repair septic permits (8 @\$50 and 10 @ \$30)	15,000 3,000 700	18,700	15,000	14,400	14,933
01000 03000 3320 23	Water Well Permits DNR fee, collected by county, and paid to IDNR quarterly (15 wells X \$25) County fee which covers site review and well permit (15 wells X \$150) (anticipated) *Used average for FY23 and FY25 to re-estimate for FY27 since we had captured well permits for an old project FY24 which skew the results	375 2,250	2,625	2,500	2,250	3,750
01000 03000 5390 23	Other Health Fees Radon test kits 60 X \$12 *Other health fees were broken up for FY24 and moving forward	720	720	575	500	3,818
01000 03000 5391 23	Other Health Fees - Aquatic Pool inspection program as per IDPH fee schedule (estimated w/Boone pools added) *Line item added Feb 2023	15,000	15,000	15,000	16,000	11,804
01000 03000 5392 23	Other Health Fees - Tanning Tanning - 9 Facilities (\$33/bed) (A couple larger facilities closed and 2 smaller ones in 2025 so we will see reduced revenue from inspections), fy25 insp had delay due to waiting on state changes *Line item added Feb 2023	550	550	550	1,300	1,338
01000 03000 5393 23	Other Health Fees - Tattoo Tattoo inspection program - 10 establishments X \$250 (includes Boone) *Line item added Feb 2023	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000	2,344
01000 03000 8190 23 35	Donation - Other Septic Grant - not available	0	0	0	0	15,000
01000 03000 8490 23	Miscellany		0	400	0	0
TOTALS		89,649	89,649	134,979	89,750	82,186

Prepared and submitted to BOH/BOS by Kimberly Grandinetti 12/18/26, approved for recommendation by BOH on

Discussion and Consideration of “Board of Health Issue Statements Protocol”

Background

Per guidance issued by the Story County Attorney, “...the BOH’s statutory mandate is to enforce “state health laws”, “rules,” or other lawful orders, to “protect” and “improve” Story County’s public health through its rules and regulations; however, the BOH may only adopt such “rules and regulations” when the board of supervisors approves of the same following a motion or resolution, publication in a newspaper, and after the BOH has held a public hearing on the matter. The primary point then is that the BOH’s positions that are to be substantive in nature require a rule or regulation to be adopted first, which may only be done after the board of supervisors approves the same. *Id.* at §§ 137.104(1)(b)(2), (b)(4). Furthermore, “...position or issue statements issued by the BOH should be permitted only after the BOH members discuss the issues at their meeting and vote to take a unified position on the BOH’s behalf. This distinction is necessary to accurately reflect the BOH’s views as a body, rather than the views of the individual.”

Proposed Action

BOH to vote on an “public health issue statement protocol”, to consist of the following steps (proposed):

1. Identification of an issue of public health importance
 - a. Issues may be brought forth by one or more BOH member(s), staff, or the general public.
2. Completion of a basic needs assessment for value of SCBOH involvement, to consist of Y/N answers to the following four questions:
 - a. Is the issue applicable to Story County, as determined by local data and evidence?
 - b. Is influence possible? (e.g., policy, partnerships, convening, advocacy)
 - c. Would involvement be unique (not duplicative of existing efforts) within Story County?
 - d. Is there a potential for higher impact to underserved communities?
3. Drafting of an issue statement
 - a. To include an outline of answers to the needs assessment above, as well as a clear statement of position of the Board.
 - b. Shall not seek to influence particular policy actions or be tied to particular legislation.
4. Discussion during BOH meeting
 - a. Review whether needs assessment reveals value in proceeding (majority Y answers)
 - b. Discussion and agreement on language contained in issue statement
5. Determination of route of action most appropriate for the given issue, either:
 - a. Put forth an **issue statement**, which must meet the purpose* of educating the public about an issue of public health importance
 - i. If (a) is selected, a motion or resolution is made from the BOH (majority vote)

--OR--

- b. Put forth a **rule or regulation**, which applies to positions that are substantive in nature
 - i. If (b) is selected, the BOH must follow the following steps
 1. Motion or resolution from Board (majority vote)
 2. Publication in newspaper
 3. Public hearing
 4. Approval by BOS

***It is recommended that all issue statements include the following text:**

The purpose of this issue statement, in alignment with the BOH's statutory mandate¹, is to enforce state health laws, rules, or other lawful orders in order to protect and improve Story County's public health through education on public health issues.

¹The Story County Board of Health ("BOH") has "jurisdiction over public health matters within the county." Iowa Code § 137.103(2). Furthermore, the BOH may engage in advocacy, which "Involves the general education of community, business, [] elected, and appointed policy-makers on issues and community sentiment, not tied to particular legislation." Iowa Code § 137.103(1)(a).

The Story County Board of Health wishes to re-iterate its commitment to the health of all Iowans by confirming our support of the current vaccine requirements for daycare and school attendance as outlined in our previous Board of Health Immunization statement(August 8th,2023).

We have been concerned of the recent recommendations that have come out from the CDC(Center for Disease Control and prevention) as well as ACIP(Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) that seem to contradict the current immunization schedule. These recommendations are not based on any scientific data and are not supported by any major medical organization.

The Story County Board of Health encourages all hospitals, medical providers as well as parents to follow the immunization guidelines as outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/).

Data has shown that vaccines are an extremely safe and cost-effective intervention to improve the health of our children and consequently the health of our state. Vaccines have been shown to decrease disease burden, lower medical costs and improve life expectancy on a population level.

The Story County Board of Health's only concern is with the health of all residents of Story County. No exceptions.