



## STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

900 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET

NEVADA, IOWA 50201

### Minutes

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**DATE:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Molly Lee, DVM, MPH – Chair

John Paschen, MD – Vice-Chair

Mike Badger

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 PM

**PLACE:** Public Meeting Room – Story County Administration

900 6<sup>th</sup> St

Nevada, IA

Betsy Matos, PhD, MPH

Sherri Pleis, DVM

Lisa Heddens (Ex-Officio Member)

**Special Note to the Public: This meeting was also offered via Zoom.**

**Board Members Present:** Molly Lee, John Paschen, Mike Badger, Sherrie Pleis; **via zoom:** Betsy Matos, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio).

**Quorum was established.**

**Board Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Alissa Wignall, Crystal Rink, Jane Esterly-Rettig (zoom), Treasa Ferrari, Trisha MacDonald (zoom), Eric Adelmund, Heather Bombei, Hannah Park, Sherry Zook, Savannah Strahan, Anna Royer (zoom), Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston, Allie Hoffman (Recording Secretary).

**1. Call to Order**

Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion by Paschen, seconded by Badger to approve agenda as submitted. Motion passed on voice vote, Pleis: not present.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Paschen, seconded by Badger to approve minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting as amended. Motion passed on voice vote, Matos abstained due to absence from April meeting, Pleis: not present.*

**4. Public Forum:**

None.

**5. Consent Agenda:**

Consideration Of Subcontract Between Story County Board Of Health & Mary Greeley Medical Center For The FY26 LPHS Contract

**Acknowledgement Of Approval Of The Signature Of The Environmental Health Director, Kimberly Grandinetti, In Signing ArcaSearch Digital Archiving Services Contract**

Contract between Story County Environmental Health and ArcaSearch to create a searchable archive system for the Board of Health minutes so that deposit could be paid. This is a budgeted item.

**Consideration Of Personnel Actions**

Cost of Living adjustment approved by BOS, increases to be effective 6/29/25:

Allie Hoffman @ 23.76; Laura Johnston @ 32.75; Kimberly Grandinetti @ 3,889.65 bw; Matthew Cory @ 37.98;

Step Increase for Matthew Cory @ 38.93, effective 7/27/25;

Step Increase for Kimberly Grandinetti @ 3,986.89 bw, effective 7/27/25

***Motion by Paschen, seconded by Badger to approve consent agenda. Motion passed on voice vote, Pleis: not present.***

**6. Agency and Departmental Reports:**

**6.1 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Savannah Strahan**

Strahan provided the update for YSS. Lee questioned what the date and contact information is for the Vet Med visit? Strahan provided that she did not have this information with her but will get it from her coworker and send it out. Agency report included in agenda packet.

**6.2 Story County Public Health (PH); Eric Adelmund & Sherry Zook**

Adelmund and Zook provided the update for PH. Heddens asked if PH has seen more reception due to being at the Farmer's Markets or if it correlates with the public just seeing them? Adelmund replies that PH has seen more interest due to both as both the sunscreen and the gun locks are quite popular while the Narcan is new. Also, PH is an agency that needs to be seen in the community. Matos wondered about the homelessness report update? Adelmund answered that the consultant report is complete and Heddens added that the report is available on the City of Ames and Story County's websites. Matos inquired if PH was promoting Measles vaccines at the Farmers Markets? PH answered that there is information posted on all vaccines offered by PH and people have asked about vaccines available for their children. PH will also be marketing the vaccine promotion on 2 Cyrides. Lee asked if PH is aware of funding being lost for programs like Heartcorp, PH Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), and other interns they host? Adelmund responded that the PH intern is funded through Mary Greeley so that position will stay and the Heartcorp is coming to an end. The funding for PHEP is extended for 1 more year at least. Lee commented that Anna was on the radio this morning and then asked her to speak on her experience? Royer answered saying that it was a great experience and the host was very gracious and had great questions to ask. Lee added that being on the radio is fun, you heard it here. Matos wondered if the link to the homelessness conversation could be added to the BOH's website? Lee noted that Allie can add the link to the BOH page. Agency report included in agenda packet.

**\*Pleis arrived at 2:12 PM**

**6.3 Local Public Health Services Contract Update; Heather Bombei**

Bombei provided the update on the Local Public Health Services (LPHS) Contract. Lee inquired if the Public Health Academy of Iowa (PHAI) has been around for awhile? Bombei responded that it is confusing due to the similar language used. The Public Health Leadership academy has been around since the pandemic and it was geared more towards supervisors whereas the PHAI is more for PH staff. Agency report included in agenda packet.

#### **6.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti**

Grandinetti provided the update for EH. Lee asked what the new DNR IWIS website stands for? Cory answered that is Iowa Well Information System (IWIS). Lee then questioned if IWIS is public facing? Grandinetti responded that it does have public facing features but EH staff can also log in and handle permitting, water sample results, etc. On IWIS the public will be able to search permits and maybe even see the location of wells in the county. Lee inquired about what the Chapter 69 modifications are and if they effect EH? Grandinetti replied that there are significant changes that were proposed that would cause EH to change and update ordinances but unsure of what that will look like right now. Agency report included in agenda packet.

#### **7. Additional Items:**

##### **7.1 Discussion And Consideration Of Environmental Health Director Evaluation Process; Molly Lee**

Lee gave a brief overview of the options for how EH Director evaluations can occur – by the BOH Chair, or by the Board as a whole. Wignall added in some clarification that this is coming before the BOH because of a new change in standard based on a new case law. Currently, the BOH has given authority to the Board Chair to complete the evaluation, then the evaluation is brought to the full Board for their review. Rink provided more context that the current process allows the full Board review to occur in closed session within the open meeting, upon request by the director. However, a new case in the Iowa Court of Appeals has provided an interpretation that a Board must clearly indicate a necessity to go into closed session to prevent needless and irreparable injury to the individual's reputation. Discussion between the Board, Wignall, and Rink ensued regarding how the Board would like to handle the EH Director Evaluation Process going forward. The Board came to the conclusion that the Board Chair shall complete the Director evaluations and the evaluation will be placed as an item on the consent agenda with no attachment or discussion. The evaluation itself is considered a confidential personnel record so will not be open to the public but will be available for review by the Board. If the Chair communicates concerns and/or the Board wishes to discuss any portion of the evaluation, the item will be pulled out of the consent agenda, the Board will make the determination of whether it is necessary to go into closed session, and if so determined, complete the further discussion in closed session.

***Motion by Pleis, seconded by Badger to give authority to the BOH chair to complete EH Director evaluations and put on the consent agenda for approval. Motion passed on voice vote.***

##### **7.2 Discussion And Consideration Of Proclaiming June As LGBTQIA+ Pride Month**

The Board read the proclamation.

***Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to proclaim June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. Motion passed on voice vote.***

#### **8. Comments:**

**Staff:** None.

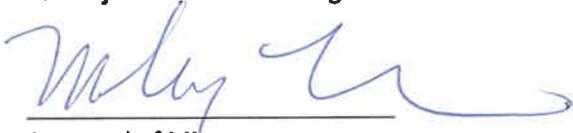
**Board:**

Lee: There is a spot in our Program Education section on the agendas, think on items that could be good – we have the pool presentation next time but for the future it would be nice to have items for this section.

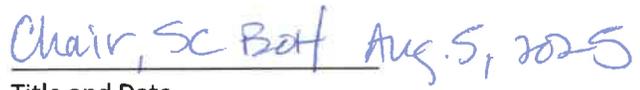
#### **9. Adjournment**

***Pleis moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Paschen.***

Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Lee', written over a horizontal line.

Approval of Minutes

Handwritten text in blue ink: 'Chair, SC BdH Aug. 5, 2025', written over a horizontal line.

Title and Date