



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING MAY BE FOUND IN THE ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR BY VISITING WWW.STORYCOUNTYIOWA.GOV.

DATE: August 5th, 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 6th 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, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio); **via zoom:** Betsy Matos.

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Jane Esterly-Rettig (zoom), Treasa Ferrari, Eric Adelmund, Hannah Park, Tanner Koder, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston (zoom), 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 Pleis to approve agenda as submitted. Motion passed on voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to approve minutes from June 3rd, 2025 meeting as amended. Motion passed on voice vote.

4. Public Forum:

None.

5. Consent Agenda:

Consideration Of The Environmental Health Director 4 Year Performance Review

Acknowledgement Of Signing FY26 Private Well Grant Contract: PWG PHTHOEL26085

This is the annual contract between Story County Board of Health and HHS for the FY26 Private Well Grant (PWG), signed by Environmental Health Director, authorized BOH signatory.

Acknowledgement Of Signing FY26-FY28 Pools, Tanning, And Tattoo Contract: BCD-ENV-Story-0048

Renewed 3-year contract, between the Story County Board of Health and Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL), delegating DIAL's inspection and enforcement authority to the Story County Board of Health with respect to Pool, Spa, & Tattoo establishments within Story and Boone counties. Contract is effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, signed by Environmental Health Director, authorized BOH signatory.

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to approve consent agenda. Roll call vote: Lee – Aye, Paschen – Aye, Badger – Aye, Pleis – Aye, Matos – Aye; motion passed.

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Community and Family Resources (CFR); Hannah Park

Park provided the update for CFR. Paschen asked for confirmation that the FDA approved Juuls? Park affirmed that yes, while the FDA has approved the usage of Juuls, some states have banned them completely. Paschen commented that he is surprised that Story County is a primary care physician (PCP) shortage area and processed to ask why that is? Park replied that yes, Story County is a PCP shortage area and she will have to consult HHS as she is not sure why. Paschen commented that he sees the criteria used by CFR in their report by reflecting on the difficulty of locations and distance needed to travel to get services. He wondered how close they have to be in order to get access and what does Story County need to do to get off the list of being in a PCP shortage? Park answered that the process to get in to see a PCP is difficult or even having the funds to pay for those appointments can be the issue for some. She also mentions that if the PCPs are booked, people are advised to go to Urgent Care but that is very costly. Heddens added in that the rural part of Story County is quite bare when it comes to PCPs. Park said in addition to Hedden's comment that yes, distance is a reason as well as the smaller towns do not have the staff whether that be PCPs or even dentists. Dr. Paschen gave Park his email address in case she would like to reach out to him about this issue. Park noted that CFR is integrated with HHS and will figure out where exactly the data is from. Agency report included in agenda packet.

6.2 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Tanner Koder

Koder provided the update for YSS. Koder notified the Board that Strahan was absent from presenting today due to helping coordinate and set up the Hidden In Plain Sight (HIPS) Trailer for the Iowa State Fair as it will be at the fair for all 10 days. Lee questioned if YSS tracks how many people go into the trailer at events? Koder answered that they track how many go into the trailer, what county they are from, and how many people even just stop to talk in front of the trailer as not all ages can go inside of the trailer. Agency report included in agenda packet.

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

Adelmund and Ferrari provided the update for PH. Paschen asked if there is a plan for Covid vaccines? Ferrari replied that PH is unsure as they may order some, but they have not given many out recently and it is flu vaccine time soon. Paschen stated that there has been talk through HHS about what they will recommend for the Covid vaccines and that might affect who gets them paid for by insurance, i.e, if it is recommended or not for children under 2. Ferrari commented that it is now up to the parents, not recommended but an option if the parents want it. PH has Measles vaccines for free for anyone born after 1957. Paschen added that some want the second Measles vaccine 3 months after they get their first one and Ferrari confirms that it is possible to do that now since it only has to be 28 days apart. Matos noted that she just now found the 2025 Community Needs Assessment and it is not on the BOH's website and hard to find. Adelmund added it is on Mary Greeley's PH

site. Lee added that it can be added to the BOH website. Matos questioned an item on page 13 of the Community Needs Assessment report and wondered when Story County will start to address some of these needs and how? Adelmund answered that PH is in the process of working through the findings right now and getting feedback as well to put together a presentation for the next meeting. Matos wants to see PH partner with CFR and other organizations to utilize resources for substance abuse. Adelmund confirmed that PH is working on partnerships and just met with the Theilen Student Health Center (TSHC) group at ISU to partner together on a few projects. Matos asked for confirmation that PH will present that information at the meeting? Adelmund affirmed that PH will present information at the next meeting. Heddens brought up concerns for getting Medicaid and the concern for those losing their insurance creating more need for charity care, etc. Heddens questioned if PH is building up some outreach or direction for people for that? Adelmund responded that Mary Greeley has workers at the hospital to help with the finances and funding, there are quite a few who need charity care currently and as a city owned hospital Mary Greeley cannot turn anyone away due to the inability to pay for services. Agency report included in agenda packet.

6.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti

Grandinetti provided the update for EH. Board members congratulated Johnston in receiving her Registered Environmental Health Sanitarian (REHS) certification. Lee inquired about what determines DNR vs County jurisdiction? Grandinetti responded that anything over 1500 gallons is DNR's jurisdiction and 1500 gallons or less is the County's jurisdiction. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7. Additional Items:

8. Comments:

Staff: None.

Board: None.

9. Adjournment

Paschen moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Pleis.

Lee adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.


Approval of Minutes

BOH Chair 10/7/25
Title and Date