

4th Floor Conference Room

Boone County Courthouse

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Dr Mehlhaus at 5:30 pm
- II. **Attendance:** Present: Dr Brian Mehlhaus, Gary Nystrom, via phone. Kristine Johansen, Shawn Bryant.
Absent: Kriss Haglund.
Additional Attendees:
Lydia Billings, Public Health Administrator.
Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.
- III. **Changes & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (05/19/2025).**
 - Motion by Kristin Johansen, 2nd by Gary Nystrom to approve the 05/19/2025 minutes. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- IV. **Changes & Approval of Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion by Shawn Bryant, 2nd by Kristine Johansen to make changes to the agenda. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- V. **Open Public Hearing(s) and Consideration of Request(s)**
 - A. None.
- VI. **Unfinished (Old) Business**
 - A. None

VII. New Business.

- A. Lydia Billings, Public Health Administrator. Signing of the IHHS Local Public Health Services Contract for FY26.

Lydia Billings gave a brief report on the FY26 contract and the amount of money to help fund the contract. She said that the amount of \$65,000.00 is what the contract is and that it was \$1000.00 more than 2024. She said that Brain Mehlhaus needs to sign off on the contract. Gary Nystrom motioned and Kristine Johansen 2nd to approve the FY26 contract and to have Brain Mehlhaus sign it. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

- B. Virginia McMulin, Greater Love Ministries of Madrid Iowa. Presentation.

Virginia made a presentation on Narcan and its uses via a slide show. She explained that she was a nurse and was interested in training people for the use of Narcan. She asked the Board of Health members for 60.00 to buy two Narcan kits. One would be in the Madrid Library, and one would be available through Virginia at Greater Love Ministries.

Gary Nystrom motioned Shawn Bryant 2nd for approving 60.00 for two Narcan kits for the Greater Love Ministries and the Madrid Library. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

- C. Hannah HyeSu Park, Community Family Resource. Presentation.

Hannah wanted to introduce herself to the board and let them know that she is a prevention specialist for Boone and Story Counties. She talked about Narcan and how CFR trains individuals on how to use it. She talked about Tobacco and vaping. Through a grant, they use it to educate adults and youth on effects of smoking and vaping and help them quit. She also talked about the other services that they provide, like Alcohol and Gambling prevention. She said that they helped the school districts in Boone County with their gambling policies, and they go out to the schools

(Madrid, Boone, United, and Ogden schools to check how policies are doing and are being enforced.

VIII. Department Update

- A. Public Health Department Report – Lydia Billings, Public Health Administrator gave a brief report. She said that in June they had two Sal manila cases and one Campy and one Lime disease and one Pertussis. The Pertussis was in a fully vaccinated six-year-old child. She said that the immunization report from this year compared to last year is five to seven percent. The adult flu vaccination, only 28 percent met the benchmark. Adolescent Flu vaccination only 23 percent met the benchmark. Child Flu vaccination only 31 percent met the benchmark. These are about the same as last year. The adolescent HPV vaccination is 56 percent met the benchmark. She said that Boone County is doing better than other counties around us. She said that she is trying to work with schools to help get more kids vaccinated. The adolescent benchmark for vaccines for school is at 80 percent. The two-year-old benchmark for vaccines for a child that is fully vaccinated is 81 percent. She said that they are seeing a lot more exemptions and questions about what is in the vaccines. She said that the Iowa Governor just signed a bill, HF229 that says that the school or other government agencies must provide information on the vaccines and that exemptions aren't excepted. She said that they have been working on the paint and the furniture in the waiting room of their office, and she wanted to have a get together where the public can come and see what they have done and ask questions and see the new space.

B. Health and Sanitation Department Report.

Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.

Gave an update on what has been happening in the county. He talked about how many septic systems they have been installing around the county. He talked about a couple of complaints that he was working on. He said that the two septic systems at the Dom Williams Golf Course have been sent out for bid and that they had received three bids. This was also confirmed by Gary Nystrom. He also handed out an information sheet on the Opioid Fund amount and emailed it to each board member also.

C. Shawn Bryant talked about the home making program in Boone County.

It is a cleaning service for individuals that can't clean their homes on their own.

Lydia Billings explained how the program works and that the state no longer gives funds to the county for this program and that Boone County has been funding it. She said that there are approximately twenty to twenty-five individuals in Boone County that are receiving this program. The next meeting in September the board members want to go over this program and make some changes to the policy if need be. Lydia said that she would research it and have an update on it next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Brian Mehlhaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Kristine Johansen, 2nd by Shawn Bryant to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

Next Meeting September 15th, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at Boone County Courthouse: 4th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Tharp, Secretary.