

Chickasaw County Board of Health
May 8, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building on Friday, May 8, 2026. Toni Friedrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The members were Joan Knoll by phone, Jeremy McGrath, and Toni Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman, Karen Sinnwell

The guests were Lisa Welter, RN, Administrator; Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary; Derek Lechtenberg, Env. Health Specialist, Katie Strub, Allen Child Protection Center.

A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll, to approve the agenda. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Sinnwell. Motion carried.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to approve the April 10, 2026, Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman and Sinnwell. Motion carried.

Public comment: none

Katie Strub -Allen Child Protection Center

Katie gave an update regarding the Allen Child Protection Center. She informed the board that in 2025, 6 children from Chickasaw County were referred to the center.

Katie left at 9:19 a.m.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Update

The agency's April activities were presented. Derek completed 4 septic site evaluations, 3 septic final evaluations, and 3 time of transfers. He also performed 36 water tests. Derek had 1 complaint and 1 illegal dumping. Derek completed 4 pumper truck inspections, signed 1 master matrix, and signed 2 minor subdivisions. He sent out the 2nd noncompliant maintenance agreement letters and attended a meeting at the ISU extension office regarding wells and the care of wells.

Home Health

Home Health Update

The monthly home health update was shared. Census: 56; Medicare: 7; Medicare HMO: 1; Medicaid: 22; VA: 14; Other: 12; Referrals: 13; Admissions: 7; Failed admissions: 6; Discharges: 5; non-billable: 5; Nurse visits: 128; Aide visits: 245; Homemaker visits: 203; and 53 therapy visits. Lisa informed the board that credentialing with Mercy One insurance had been completed.

Business Operations

Monthly Claims

The Public Health claims totaled \$9,302.56. Mileage claims were \$2,675.64. The total for Public Health claims was \$11,978.20. Environmental Health claims amounted to \$2,498.07, bringing the grand total to \$14,476.27. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell. Motion carried.

Payroll Approval

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to approve payroll for the periods ending April 12, 2026, and April 26, 2026. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell. Motion carried.

Strategic Plan Update

Lisa provided an update on our strategic plan.

Public Health System Alignment

Lisa emailed out information on this and will send out the recent flyer she received.

Amendment 5- Emergency Response Grant

Lisa informed the board that this grant has ended and that they are recouping unspent funds to distribute to other grants. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll, to approve the director to sign the Emergency Response Grant Amendment 5. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell. Motion carried.

28E Agreement -Marion County

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to approve the director to sign the 28E Agreement with Marion County for the Healthy lowans-Combat Cancer grant for \$2,421.19. This 28E will cover both Chickasaw and Howard County. This grant covers March 20, 2026, to October 30, 2026. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell. Motion carried.

Donation Account

Lisa informed the board that the agency had received a monetary donation and it is being requested to have the funds placed into a restricted account. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll to request the supervisors to direct the auditor to set up a restricted account for donations to be used for special projects at the discretion of the Public Health Director for things beyond the general budget. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell. Motion carried.

Public Health

Communicable Disease Update

Lisa reported she had 3 communicable diseases in April. 1 case of Chlamydia, 1 case of E. coli, and 1 case of Giardia.

Animal Bites

Lisa reported no dog bites in April.

Grant Update

Anita will send out the grants once they are completed next week

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. Ayes: Knoll, McGrath, and Friedrich. Absent: Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell. Motion carried.

Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary

Attested by Lisa Welter, RN, BSN
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