

CEDAR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
May 16, 2025

7:30AM
Courthouse Basement

Present:

Alan Beyer, DVM, Chair
Brad Gaul, Vice Chair via phone
Pat Lilienthal, CRNA
Leslie George-Paulsen, DO via phone
Jane Caes, RN

Staff:

Stefanie Wagaman, RN, MSN, OCN
Joanna Foor, RN, BSN
Joselyn Snook, RN
Ashley Hansen
Caitlin Boyle
James Dinsch
Jodi Jorgensen
Allie Taiber

Dr. Beyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Pat Lilienthal motioned to approve the agenda; Jane Caes seconded.

Pat Lilienthal motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 21, 2025; Jane Caes seconded.

Jodi Jorgensen, the I-Smile Program coordinator, gave updates for our region. She said collectively, Cedar County compliance rate is 57 percent. The kindergarten compliance rate is at 75 percent and the 9th grade compliance rate is at 43 percent for the county.

Dr. Beyer addressed the visitors for comments. James Dinsch said that things are progressing with the Cedar County EMS, he is just waiting for some contracts to be approved from the attorney's office. He said he believes he will have paramedics within the next few months to be able to hop on the local ambulances until theirs is up and running. Allie Taiber addressed the board about an MOU she plans on having with Cedar County Public Health to help accomplish goals of the Cedar County CHA-CHIP.

Stefanie Wagaman gave her director updates; She gave updates on FY26 DECAT funding, trainings attended, and the realignment webinar that she watched. She also gave updates that we are hyperaware of the measles outbreak and the outreach methods to make the public aware. She gave an update on the Tobacco grant; she is not sure we will have it for FY26 as an email was recently sent out that says it ends June 30, 2025.

Joey Foor gave updates on public health activities; she gave an update on the number of vaccines given in the last two months, disease investigations, school ISTEP chapters, meetings attended and outreach they have doing. She mentioned Whitney gave a presentation about the effects of social media at the Tipton schools "mini mental health" day and it was well received.

Joselyn Snook presented the home health update. She gave an update on admissions and discharges within the last 2 months. She spoke about a meeting the staff had with Jennifer Hager, a Wellpoint advisor who talked about services that clients could be receiving. She also mentioned that on July 1st an Oasis will be required on every skilled client with a start of care date on or after July 1st.

Ashley Hansen gave the financial update. We are at 83.06% of the way through FY 25, we have expended 72.33% of our budget and received 82.50% of our fiscal year budgeted amount.

Caitlin Boyle gave the environmentalist updates. Since January 1st they have given out 21 septic permits, 7 well permits and recorded 10 animal bites. She also gave an update that they were awarded an additional \$15,000 for the private well grant that needs to be used by June 30, 2025. She mentioned they have had a couple of water tests recently that tested positive for arsenic and manganese. The DNR updated the well tracking system it is now called IWIS, and it has turned into an online portal for them to store well information and pictures and will be a public platform. She is working on creating policies and procedure guidelines to make it clear on how to properly do a task. She brought up the new legislation on accessory dwelling units (ADU's) and how that will affect septic work going forward as it allows two homes on each property. The second home must be 1,000 sq feet or below. She gave an update on the trainings she has attended.

Pat Lilienthal left the meeting at 0832.

Adoption of the Cedar County employee handbook has been tabled until the updates are completed by the Auditor's office.

Stefanie asked the board for permission to apply for the FY26 Local Public Health Services grant. Jane Caes made a motion to approve the application of the grant; Brad Gaul seconded the motion.

We discussed the sliding scale fee. With the LPHS grant no longer paying home health costs in FY27, we need to look at what we are charging clients. We presented an updated sliding scale fee table for all services. Jane Caes made a motion to approve the new sliding scale fee table effective July 1, 2025, with a letter going out to all private pay clients to alert them of why and when; Brad Gaul seconded the motion.

The board reviewed the following policies: Appearance of Staff and Non-Discrimination. Jane Caes made a motion to approve the policies; Brad Gaul seconded the motion.

Caitlin Boyle presented the signatory authority form. The one that was previously approved did not have an enacted-on date which the grant to counties requires. Dr. Beyers made a motion to approve the signatory authority form until revoked to be signed with the addition of adding Caitlin to it in case of an emergent signature needed; Jane Caes seconded the motion.

Jane Caes made a motion to adjourn to meeting at 0901; Brad Gaul seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Hansen
Business and Quality Manager