

CEDAR COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
November 21, 2025

7:30AM
Courthouse Basement

Present:

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

Staff and visitors:

Stefanie Wagaman, RN, MSN, OCN
Joanna Foor, RN,
Joselyn Snook, RN
Ashley Hansen
Phil LaRue, Environmentalist
Beth Salyars
Caitlin Boyle
James Dinsch

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

Jane Caes motioned to approve the agenda with the changes of the order of the agenda; Pat Lilienthal seconded.

Jane Caes motioned to approve the meeting minutes from October 9, 2025; Pat Lilienthal seconded; Brad Gaul abstained; Motion passed.

Beth Salyars, Community and Family Resources Behavioral Health, gave a presentation on IHHS behavioral health. She presented on Cedar County's data. Per the data Cedar County citizens have on average 4.5 poor mental health days per month. 25.2% of adults report excessive drinking and 47 Cedar County residents received substance abuse treatment in FY24.

Phil LaRue gave the environmentalist updates they did 30 water tests, 1 well shocking, and 1 well permit. Caitlin Boyle spoke on the map they presented that shows the well tests and bad water test data results from FY24. They have issued 5 septic permits. They also have investigated 1 animal bite and performed 1 tattoo inspection.

Phil LaRue spoke on changes to the current Environmental and Zoning Administrative Assistant Job Description. Phil is still working with Michael Galloway, Rebecca Reif, and Stefanie Wagaman on the job description and pay grade change. We will table this agenda item until the January meeting.

Stefanie Wagaman gave her director updates; she gave updates on training attended and training courses upcoming. She also mentioned that she was asked to be a part of a workgroup for HHS to help navigate the best opportunities for grant reporting.

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 and events she has attended.

Joselyn Snook presented the home health update. She gave an update on the admissions and discharges within the last 2 months. She mentioned that Medicaid waivers are changing and will be implemented in phases over the next couple of months. She also mentioned that we received an email about our low

EVV compliance with Iowa Medicaid. We have made this into a QAPI project to try to increase our compliance rate.

Ashley Hansen gave the financial update. We are 33.70% of the way through FY26, we have expended 32.45% of our budget and received 36.54% of our fiscal year budget amount. She also mentioned that we will be submitting a budget amendment as we didn't budget to spend money out of the memorial fund and we have spent funds on that line item.

The auditor's office has sent down the updates to the Cedar County handbook. Brad Gaul made a motion to approve public health to adopt the use of the Cedar County handbook; Jane Caes seconded the motion.

Dr. Alan Beyer's term ends on 12/31/2025. Dr. Beyer has agreed to stay on the board of health for another term.

The board reviewed the following policies: Home Health Records Required Updates, Equipment inventory for state and federal funds, Local Public Health Services Grants Approved Activities, Physician protocols patient specific parameters, Quality Assurance and performance improvement plan, Community Health Needs Assessment – Health Improvement Plan, Cedar County Public Health Respiratory Protection Program, Record Retention, Exposure Control Plan, Comprehensive Assessment/Oasis Policy. Jane Caes made a motion to approve the policies with the changes presented; Pat Lilienthal seconded the motion.

Brad Gaul made a motion to adjourn to meeting at 0912; Jane Caes seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Hansen
Business and Quality Manager