

Mitchell County Board of Health Meeting

06/06/25

12:00 – 1:37pm

MCHHCPH Conference Room

Call to Order: The Mitchell County Board of Health met on Friday, June 6, 2025 in the Mitchell County Home Health and Public Health conference room. Jolene Norby called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Those present for the meeting were Laura Huisman, Sandy Offen, Brenda Miller, Terri Tesch, Amanda Baer, Jessa Ketelsen, Pam Marzen, Sasha Giles, Dr. Kelly Ross and Janet Borcharding. Also present at the meeting were Scott Halbach (Faith Lutheran Home), Lezah Hanson I-Smile Oral Health Coordinator and Katie Strub (Allen Child Protection Center), Katie joined the meeting via zoom.

Agenda: Jolene asked for a motion to approve the agenda or if there are any changes. Sandy made a motion to approve the agenda as written; the motion was seconded by Brenda and passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of past minutes: Brenda made the motion to approve the April 11, 2025, May 20, 2025 and June 2, 2025 minutes as printed, motion seconded by Pam and passed unanimously.

Scott Halbach of Faith Lutheran Home gave a brief talk on what they have been working on during the last three years regarding building improvement. They are looking at adding a new wing to the nursing home. They have started a capital campaign to raise money for the project. Scott said there is an 8.5 million price tag for the project. Scott asked that we talk about the project in the community to raise awareness of the needs.

Katie Strub of Allen Children Protection Center then spoke. Katie is the clinic administrator at the Center. The Center covers Mitchell County. Katie went over her annual report for 2024 and the services offered in the handout she gave everyone. The ACPC serves 27 counties in Northeast Iowa with their main location in Black Hawk County. Their satellite in Cerro Gordo County accommodates families in rural North Central Iowa. Mitchell County is in the Cerro Gordo County satellite area. In 2024 there were no children in Mitchell County referred to the Family Resilience program. In 2025 ACPC was awarded a state grant for programs and to expand on the Allen campus.

Lezah Hanson of I-Smile Oral Health then gave a talk. Lezah is the I-Smile Coordinator. She discussed the I-Smile program data and goals and gave a hand-out to everyone. She went over county stats, dental audits and their goals.

Environmental Health: Amanda gave an environmental health update; there were no questions. She mentioned that everything is in her report that she had sent out to the Board of Health members to review before the meeting. There was group discussion regarding Radon kits.

Home Health/Public Health Business Operations: Laura had handed out a copy of her report and shared that the new contract for Elderbridge was signed and sent in. Laura reviewed with the Board the Iowa Grants letter she had received from the HHS Legal Counsel. This letter was included in the Board of Health report for our review. The General Assistance program that has been transferred to Home Health was discussed and Laura passed out GA packets to the Board.

Public Health Updates. Jessa deferred to her report for updates since the last meeting.

Home Health Update: Updates and review of report were given by Sasha.

QAPI Update: Update was given by Sasha, and her report was included in the packet.

Public Comment:

Next Meeting: August 22, 2025, at 12:00pm.

Meeting adjourned: 1:37 pm