

Mitchell County Board of Health Meeting

04/10/2026

11:58-12:47

MCHHCPH Conference Room

Call to Order: The Mitchell County Board of Health meet on Friday, April 10, 2026, in the Mitchell County Home Health and Public Health conference room. Terri Tesch called the meeting to order at 11:58 pm. Others present at the meeting were Sandy Offen, Pam Marzen, Jolene Norby, Dr. Kelly Ross, Janet Borcharding, James Meineke, Laura Huisman, Sasha Giles, Amanda Baer, Jessa Ketelsen and Christine Hackenmiller.

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

Review and Approval of past minutes: Pam made the motion to approve February 13, 2026, minutes as printed, motion seconded by Janet and passed unanimously.

Environmental Health: Amanda deferred to her report and was open to questions. She expressed she has no concerns with expenses and revenues. Currently has 4 free radon test kits left. Once those are gone, she will have kits to sell at \$10 and plans to continue tracking results and continue with follow-up calls.

Public Health/Home Health Business Operations: Expense/Revenue Reports: Laura deferred to the report. Laura explained the expense/revenue amendments she submitted to Rachel yesterday. She increased the expenses by \$52k and increased the revenues by 48K these increases are due to grant fundings and the home health census. She also talked about extra grant funding that was received and applied towards purchase on an AED for Osage Park and Rec. Additional Avian Influenza funding is available to us as well.

Public Health Updates. Jessa deferred to her report and expanded on a few points in her report. Jessa highlighted the upcoming Summer Safety kickoff, May 20, at Osage City Park 3:30-6:30. She is partnering with the city library on this event. Public Health will focus on the safety and educational aspects of the event. Additional offerings for that evening: seat belt convincer, fire house, car seat checks with free seats, hidden in plain sight, water safety, bike safety course, etc. We will have help from Osage PD and Justin Trees. Expecting 450-500 to attend. Free meals supplied. Advertisement will begin on May 1. Jessa talked about the Cancer Grant partnership, partnering with Marion County. This grant will give the counties tools to help with prevention and the screening program. Tools for the counties tablet to allow connection with telehealth, FIT tests, Radon tests, 500 homes needing a mitigation system will receive \$2000.00 and dermatoscopes will be provided for healthcare providers. Public Health alignment: with the alignment each county will be expected to cover the 5 Core services. Fortunately for Mitchell County we already focus on 4 out of 5 and have North Iowa Community Action taking care of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health. A town hall will be held in a couple weeks which will cover more details. Outlook on the alignment is very positive – seeing a lot of positive in the changes.

Home Health Update: Sasha deferred to the report. Sasha attended the IHCA conference couple weeks ago and came back with several ideas to help improve patient surveys. Aide skills fair will be held at the end of April. Received several good HHCaps survey comments.

QAPI Update: Sasha deferred to her report.

Agency Other: Still in the process of looking for PRN aide, we have had several interviews just not finding the right fit for this position. Terri suggested changing the meeting time to earlier time 10-Noon verses Noon-2; all board members are willing to try this new time.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2026, 10am-Noon

Meeting adjourned: 12:47 pm