



PUBLIC HEALTH

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Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS
Chair, Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD
Michelle Weckmann, MS, MD

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH March 26, 2025 MEETING MINUTES 4:00 pm

Call to Order: Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call: Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD; Peter D. Wallace, MD, MS; Joni Bosch, PhD, ARNP; Michelle Weckmann, MS, MD; Via Teams: Zachary Pollock, PharmD, MS

Staff: Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Director; Sam Jarvis, Community Health Manager; Roberta Sloat, Clinical Services Manager; Jamie Gade, SDHC; Emily Janssen, Clinical Services Coordinator; Alissa Sotzen, Grants Analyst

Others Present: David VanCompernelle, Assistant County Attorney, Bonnie Rubin, Jes Lang, Parker Harlow, DPM Intern

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bosch to approve the February 19, 2025 meeting minutes; seconded by Weckmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting Date and Time: April 16, 2025 in Conference Room 203 at 4:00 pm in the Health and Human Services Building.

Citizen Comments / Questions / Issues: None

Staff Updates: Emily Janssen, Clinical Services Coordinator joined Clinical Services on March 10, 2025.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION(S):

- **Healthy JoCo:** Jamie Gade, Social Determinants of Health Coordinator updated the BOH on Healthy JoCo team progress. She provided a slide show to illustrate Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships 2.0 (MAPP 2.0) phases, described the vision, mission and values for Healthy JoCo, the timeline for the assessment cycle year and the Continuing Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) efforts, review and revisions. Gade identified the Healthy JoCo team and reviewed goals for CHIP, Healthcare, Mental Health, Housing and Food Security.

ACTION ITEMS

Expenditures Over \$3,000: None

Applications, Contracts and Agreements:

OTHER

- **Position Statement Renewal-Immunization:** Jarvis presented the Immunization Position Statement for a scheduled three-year review.

Motion by Bosch to approve renewal of the Johnson County Board of Health Position Statement on Immunizations with suggested grammar edits; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

- **25-06 RFA Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Outreach Worker Job Description:** Pettit-Majewski reminded the BOH this position is in collaboration with the Johnson County Attorney's Office for violence prevention efforts by strategically eliminating gun violence through targeted, strategic and data-driven programs. She described the role of this position in engaging with individuals who are at high risk of participating in or being a victim of violent crime. The position was originally approved in 2024 and was rewritten in collaboration with Human Resources and the Johnson County Attorney's Office to improve the job description. This is an ARPA funded position with no fiscal implication. Pettit-Majewski responded to questions, comments and suggestions from BOH members.

Motion by Bosch to approve CVI Outreach Worker job description with suggested edits; seconded by Weckmann. The motion passed unanimously.

- **25-07 RFA Temporary Fiscal Manager Position:** Pettit-Majewski explained the current Fiscal Manager, Matt Waldschmidt will be deployed by the National Guard for approximately one year at the end of May 2025. After consideration, Pettit-Majewski would prefer to hire a temporary manager rather than contract through a temporary employment agency. She explained the wage and job description would remain the same. Normally temp employees don't get benefits, but since the position will be longer than 6 months, she explained they would provide benefits. This was a change from what was originally in the RFA. She asked for approval to hire a temporary manager for the duration of Waldschmidt's deployment.

Motion by Bosch to approve Temporary Fiscal Manager position; seconded by Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

- **25-08 RFA Good Neighbor Iowa Flyer:** Pettit-Majewski asked the BOH to approve the Good Neighbor Iowa program to promote the BOH position statement message advocating against the use of pesticides in public spaces in a consolidated flyer for distribution to community members and daycare providers. She informed Good Neighbor Iowa that because the position statement reflects the BOH name and authority that the BOH would need to approve this use of the position statement.

Motion by Weckmann to approve Good Neighbor Iowa Flyer with suggested modifications that would require approval by the Chair; seconded by Pollock. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions:

- **Emerging Infectious Diseases:** Discussed the reemergence of some infectious diseases and working with the University of Iowa College of Public Health. Bonnie Rubin discussed the ongoing projects the college is pursuing, including studies into measles, tabletop exercises, and campaigns for vaccinations. Sam Jarvis discussed what JCPH is seeing in the political landscape, including support from state and federal governments. The board discussed the communication of resources to the providers in the county and JCPH.
- **Consideration of a Press Release re: MMR Vaccination:** Board discussion of a press release and how the JCPH team engages with local providers, and the local populus on the Public Health needs, and compared the process to what could be implemented similar to an “Amber Alert” to quickly send information to those that need to be notified of what to be on the look out for as outbreaks occur.
- **FY26 WIC Funding Levels:** Roberta Sloat reviewed the WIC subcontract with HACAP and the RFA that was released. Since the subcontract is based on the capacity and case load of the partners, and through discussions with Diana at HACAP, Roberta reported that the JCPH funding from the WIC subcontract will be cut by only 1/3 of the \$75,000 that the grant was cut by overall. Roberta Sloat also reported that the Maternal Health Grant funding was cut by \$300, essentially remaining flat for the next grant year.

Reports / Inquiries:

County Attorney: No report

Members, Board of Health: Peter D. Wallace: Will do a talk on the Vaccine Compensation program of 1986, and will receive a lifetime achievement award for his years of service at the 50th anniversary of LPHA. Melanie Wellington: No Report. Michelle Weckmann: No Report. Joni Bosch: No report. Zachary Pollock: No report.

Director: Conversations with staff about knowns and unknowns, and what is known, ensuring there are no unnecessary fears and that questions are being addressed as best they can be. Specific notes can be found in the agenda packet.

Motion by Wallace to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Wellington. The motion passed unanimously.

Wellington adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm.

Approved by Board of Health Action on

April 16, 2025

Date

Signature on File

Melanie Wellington, MD, PhD, Chair

Submitted by:
Susan Denny
Secretary II