

THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE
JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
OCTOBER 23, 2025

Chairperson Green called the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to order in the Johnson County Health and Human Services Building Boardroom at 3:01 p.m. Members present: V Fixmer-Oraiz, Jon Green, Lisa Green-Douglass, Mandi Remington, and Rod Sullivan. Johnson County Board of Health members present: Joni Bosch, Peter Wallace, and Melanie Wellington; absent: Zachary Pollock, Michelle Weckmann.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Wallace, to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment- No one from the public spoke.

Weckmann joined the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Board of Health and the Board of Supervisors
Wellington stated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Board of Health (BOH) and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) delineates the BOH's jurisdiction over personnel issues and salaries for employees of the Johnson County Public Health (JCPH) Department. County PH Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski said the BOH is adopting the County personnel handbook. Assistant County Attorney Dave Van Compernelle said the MOU is a helpful document. The MOU was read into the record and both boards reviewed the document. Green said the 28E agreement will be presented to the BOS at a future meeting.

Joint Position Papers/Statements

Pettit-Majewski said the position papers have been in the works for two years. She said all their position papers are on the County website and get reviewed every three years. Wellington said housing is another topic that could be added to the position papers between the two boards. Sullivan suggested water quality also be considered. Bosch mentioned fluoridation has been an issue that has been discussed lately. Pettit-Majewski said another topic could be the removal of infrastructure of public health. Fixmer-Oraiz suggested the topic of authoritarianism on public health. Wellington said the topic could be the rights of public health with careful consideration. Green said balancing tension between individual liberties and rights of our neighbors could be a topic of paper. Pettit-Majewski also suggested another topic about supporting Medicaid and Affordable Care Act programs. Bosch said it is important that the papers use basic language and share stories to make an impact. Pettit-Majewski said some topics should be broken out as videos for social media. Green proposed the BOH discuss the list of topics and prioritize them to be sent back to the Supervisors and provide any feedback. He said in the meantime the previous papers can be reviewed. Pettit-Majewski said an AmeriCorps student has been helping the department

with some of the research. Fixmer-Oraiz suggested also using students from the University of Iowa to work on some of these projects.

Public Health Update

Pettit-Majewski provided an update that included the impact of the federal government shutdown on WIC and SNAP benefits; she is concerned with the threat of losing childhood immunizations and resources within the CDC; she said the recent negative impacts to public health are alarming. Wellington said the next big issues the County should prepare for is the potential of losing SNAP benefits soon and tax credits for the Affordable Care Act expiring in December. Wellington said the Vaccine for Children program provides most children in the County with vaccines and it is a federally funded program, and it is a fear that could be unfunded.

Discuss Next Joint Meeting of the Board of Health and Board of Supervisors

Green said he would like to see when the BOH could meet again in another joint session to discuss septic system issues. The next meeting between the two boards was scheduled for November 19 from 4-6 p.m.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest: Julie Persons, Auditor

Recorded by Auditors Office: Eric Van Lancker, Deputy Auditor (Minutes)