

**FINAL MINUTES**

**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 18, 2023

Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse  
201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

Present	Excused	Absent	Roll Call	Officer
x			Sara Davenport	
x			Dr. Khristian Becker	
x			Nin Flagel	
	x		Doug Latham	
		x	Dr. Gerald Bybee	

**Board Members Present:** Sara Davenport, Dr. Khristian Becker, Nin Flagel  
**Board Members Excused:** Doug Latham  
**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Gerald Bybee  
**Staff Member Present:** Elizabeth Townsend Jackson County Health, Ruth Eltrich  
Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Khristian Becker at 7:03 p.m. and a quorum was established with the arrival of Nin Flagel at approximately 7:45 p.m. A sign-in sheet was distributed. Those in attendance were:

- Briana Boswell, Scott County Health Department Davenport, IA
- Jodi Jorgensen, Scott County Health Department Davenport, IA
- Michelle Cullen, Jackson County Public Health
- Jen Warren, Jackson County Public Health
- Sarah Wright, ASAC

**MINUTES:** Approval of meeting minutes from March 21, 2023. Motion by Davenport, seconded by Flagel to move minutes approval for May 16, 2023. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agency Reports**

**ASAC – Sarah Wright, Prevention Specialist**

Sarah Wright presented an update on the Tobacco Grant. The Quit Line has had sixteen referrals. It was noted that information on tobacco cessation can be provided to other area agencies for distribution.

**Community Health – Michelle Cullen**

Michelle Cullen provided an update on Town Hall meetings. The Town Hall meetings are to ask for public input on the future of health services in Iowa. Discussion followed about the future of health services in Jackson County. A handout was distributed.

**Community Health – Jen Warren**

Jen Warren presented a report from Julie Furne on the Opioid Settlement dollars. A

meeting was held with the Jackson County Board of Supervisors regarding the use of the funds. Public Health representatives are working on the steps to accomplish the major goals. Classroom education is a priority along with the creation of a medicated assisted recovery facility. Discussion followed about the need for a business plan and prioritizing spending to have the most impact in the county.

**Scott County Health Department – Jodi Jorgensen**

Jodi Jorgensen provided an update on the I-Smile program in Jackson County. The kindergarten age group has a 74% compliance rate. The ninth-grade age group has a 49% compliance rate. The overall compliance rate for Jackson County is 60%. Discussion followed regarding the I-Smile program.

**Environmental Health – Elizabeth Townsend**

Elizabeth Townsend provided an update on Grants to Counties. This year the Environmental Health Department will be offering arsenic testing for well water along with bacteria and nitrate testing. The arsenic tests will need to be sent to the state lab.

An update was provided on the Droessler Subdivision water project.

An update was provided on updating the Ordinance and Resolution 100.

An update was provided on the renewal of the septic pumper contract with the DNR. There were changes in the inspection reimbursement.

An update was provided on Environmental Health statistics.

**New Business – Application for Approval of Wastewater Effluent Discharge onto Jackson County Right of Way**

Elizabeth Townsend presented information on an application for “Approval of Wastewater Effluent Discharge onto Jackson County Right of Way”. This application would apply to a small number of properties with a space restriction or an oddly shaped lot. These types of lots would have difficulty with the space requirements for a traditional septic system. Alternative septic systems need a place to discharge. There would be a \$250.00 fee for this permit and the expectation would be that only one or two of these permits would be needed per year. The determination of need for this type of permit would be made by Elizabeth and approved by both the County Engineer and the Jackson County Environmental Health Department.

Discussion followed about the possibility of approval being required from the Board of Health and/or the Jackson County Board of Supervisors. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of accidentally damaging the system when doing roadwork, ditch digging, or plowing. The question was brought up to determine who would be responsible for fixing the system in the event of accidentally damaging the system given that it would be discharging into the county right of way.

It was decided to gather more information from the County Engineer and possibly the Jackson County Board of Supervisors before reaching a decision.

**Board Member Comments**

**Citizen's Comments**

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date: September 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn:** Motion by Flagel, seconded by Davenport to adjourn the July 18, 2023 Board of Health Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Sara Davenport		x	x		
Dr. Khristian Becker			x		
Nin Flagel	x		x		
Doug Latham					
Dr. Gerald Bybee					