

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

Board Members Present: Chair Sara Davenport, Nin Flagel, Doug Latham, Jessica Manders, Dr. Gerald Bybee

Board Members Absent: Dr. Khristian Becker

Staff Member Present: Elizabeth Townsend Jackson County Health, Becca Pflughaupt
Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Davenport at 7:00 p.m. and a quorum was established. A sign-in sheet was distributed. A Zoom meeting was launched. There were three people attending via Zoom. Those in attendance were:

Parker Prohaska, Scott County Environmental Health Manager – via Zoom

Sarah Wright, ASAC – via Zoom

Chrissy Watters – via Zoom

Julie Furne, ASAC

Jen Warren, Community Health

Jodi Jorgensen, I-Smile

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 18, 2025, meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted: the word “predecessor” will be corrected to “successor.”

Motion by Bybee to approve the minutes as amended, second by Flagel, motion carried unanimously.

Agency Reports:

I-Smile Dental Screening Report – Jody Jorgensen, I-Smile Coordinator

Jorgensen presented the annual dental audit for Jackson County, including school-specific breakdowns. Highlights included:

- Kindergarten compliance: 72%
- 9th grade compliance: 54%
- Overall county compliance: 63%, above the state average.
- 291 clients were served, and 871 services provided through I-Smile.

The goal is to continue to decrease the number of children with unmet dental needs, reduce healthcare costs, and provide gap-filling services through the I-Smile program, particularly since dental services are difficult to access across the state.

ASAC Update – Julie Furne, ASAC DFC Grant Project Coordinator

- 100% compliance on two rounds of alcohol checks – a first in 11 years.
- A student-created anti-vaping PSA placed 3rd in a statewide contest.
- Ten students will attend a summer conference in Nashville.

- Discussion about expanding the Iowa Clean Air Act to include vaping. County Attorney Kies is supportive and willing to help draft an ordinance.
- Action Item: Add to July agenda for potential discussion and draft review.

Community Health – Jen Warren, RN, Community Health

FEMA Emergency Training –

- Senior Officials Workshop hosted, with wide participation including law enforcement, EMA, and public works.
- Communication and response structure were key focuses.
- Subcommittee forming to organize emergency contacts and roles.

Public Health Updates –

- Measles: Over 1,000 cases nationwide, 13% hospitalized, mostly unvaccinated. Jackson County schools identifying unvaccinated students in case of an outbreak.
- H5N1 Avian Flu: No cases in Jackson County yet; low participation in flu shot program for livestock/poultry workers despite grant funding.

Tobacco Update – Sarah Wright, ASAC Prevention Specialist

- Youth engagement through ISTEP chapters in Bellevue and Easton Valley.
- Vape cloud awareness activity held at Easton Valley.
- Quitline referrals now include a texting option.
- Partnership with pharmacies, clinics, and RMC continues to distribute cessation resources.

Environmental Health Report – Parker Prochaska, Scott County Environmental Health Manager

- One tattoo facility (Resurrection Inc.) inspected, the only one in Jackson County – no violations when inspected in January.
- Five pool facilities in Jackson County (AmericInn, Bellevue Municipal Pool, Maquoketa Family YMCA, Off Shore Aquatic Center & Off Shore Inn & Suites); all indoor facilities inspected. Outdoor inspections pending, will take place before they open for the season.
- Tattoo facilities and pools are tested once a year. Common issues seen are: water quality and testing, chemical feed equipment, safety and management notification records.

Jackson County Environmental Health Report – Elizabeth Townsend, Environmental Health Administrator

- Commercial Septic Pumps: \$6,000+ received from DNR contract for the 2024 and 2025 Commercial Septic Tank Cleaner Contracted Inspections.

- Townsend has signed up for pool inspection class and a perc test class through DMAC's EPA Grant.
- Alignment of Public Health with Iowa HHS: Video and link shared with the board; discussion ongoing regarding potential regionalization and dissolution of local boards.
- Private Well Program: FY25 funds fully used. 226 water tests, 12 well reconstructions, 12 plugging of wells & cisterns and 2 well assessments completed.
- New IWIS permitting system through the DNR to track private wells: experiencing delays.
- Rabies: 12 animal bites reported; increase expected with warm weather
- Radon: 21 test kits sold; 6 tested over EPA action levels.
- Septic Permit Applications received for 2025: 23
- Soil Analysis: Fees are included in the septic permit application and a soil push probe has been purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action to approve an additional \$25 to the current \$300 Private Well Permit Fee. Per Elizabeth Townsend. Motion by Latham, second by Bybee, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to approve the FY26 Private Well Grant Final Application. Per Elizabeth Townsend. Motion by Flagel, second by Manders, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Reallocation of \$8000 from Non-Population Health to Population Health within the FY25 Local Public Health Services Grant. Per Jen Warren & Michelle Cullen. Motion by Bybee, second by Latham, motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE

July 15, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bybee to adjourn the May 20, 2025 Board of Health Meeting second by Flagel. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.