

## **JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Community Room, Jackson County Courthouse

201 W Platt Street, Maquoketa, Iowa

**Board Members Present:** Chair Sara Davenport (via Zoom), Dr. Khristian Becker, Nin Flagel (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Doug Latham, Jessica Manders, Dr. Gerald Bybee

**Board Members Absent:**

**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. Those in attendance were:

Julie Furne - ASAC

Jen Warren – Community Health

Sarah Wright – ASAC (via Zoom)

### **Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2025**

- Motion: To approve the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes.  
Motion by: Flagel • Second by: Latham  
Vote: Ayes—All. Nays—None. Motion carried.

### **Program/Department Reports**

#### **A. ASAC / Coalition Update (Julie Furne)**

- Personnel: Julie announced her resignation effective July 28, 2025. She thanked the Board for its support. Julie accepted a position with MercyOne/Genesis as Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for Region 5 (16 counties).

Board comment: Members thanked Julie for her service and county impact.

#### **B. Public Health – Communicable Disease & Programs (Jen Warren)**

- FY Closeout / Foot Clinics: FY ended with funds fully utilized. Foot care clinics will continue next year; currently 70 clients served with a >1-year waiting list (service maintained only if 6-week cadence can be met).
- Measles Update (Eastern Iowa):
  - Case: Monmouth resident; older adult, fully vaccinated (two MMR doses); modified measles presentation (fever/rash; less typical symptoms).
  - Exposures: ~12 public locations identified; ~425 potential contacts being notified and monitored.
  - Follow-up Protocols:
    - Vaccinated contacts: weekly check-ins for 21 days.
    - Unvaccinated: IGG prophylaxis within 6 days of exposure available; isolation periods 21–28 days depending on IGG.
  - Zero-Dose Guidance: Children who already received their first MMR at 12 months may receive an additional “zero-dose” ≥28 days later (does not

replace the routine 4–6 year dose); VFC covers cost. Vaccine and IGG supplies are in good shape.

- PPE/Fit Testing: N95s and gloves are available; public health working to support fit testing and training for facilities (resource limits noted).
- COVID-19: Slight early-July bump; overall well below last year's surge. Fall booster guidance pending.
- Emerging Zoonotic: New World screwworm activity at the Texas–Mexico border; federal sterile-fly release strategy discussed (situational awareness only).

### **C. Tobacco Use Prevention & Control (Sarah Wright)**

- Grant Year: New year began July 1; continuing youth education grades 3–12 on harms of nicotine/vaping.
- Trends: Increased youth use of nicotine pouches (e.g., Zyn/VELO) with poisoning concerns.
- Cessation: Quitline outreach ongoing.
- Youth Advocacy: Will continue to support school chapters and youth leadership developed with ASAP; travel opportunities may be limited.

### **D. Environmental Health (Elizabeth Townsend, Environmental Health Director)**

- HHS System Alignment: No new update.
- Private Well Grant:
  - FY25 funds fully expended; final claim approved.
  - FY26 award shows a slight decrease. Policy revised to one free test per household; a second follow-up test allowed if the first is bacteria-positive (with shock chlorination covered).
  - GeoPermits application now required; scheduling occurs within the app. Testing day limited to Mondays.
  - Planned outreach includes ads with a QR code linking directly to the application.
- Activity to Date (CY2025): 20 well permits issued; 20 animal-bite reports received (seasonal uptick noted).
- Animal Control / Quarantine Capacity:
  - County lacks a dedicated animal control function and reliable rabies quarantine facility, complicating repeat-biter cases and municipal coordination.
  - Discussion of exploring a county dog licensing model (e.g., third-party vendor such as PetData) and establishing clearer processes for repeat offenders (up to and including dangerous/vicious determinations and potential euthanasia after due process).
  - Townsend will gather information (startup/operating costs, municipal participation options, enforcement pathways) for future consideration; supervisors' role and budget implications acknowledged.
- On-Site Wastewater / Septic: 50 septic applications YTD; 2–3 inspections/week (weather delays). Soil analyses delayed due to heat/rain.
- Ordinance Work: Update to Ordinance #250 (On-Site Wastewater) is on hold pending alignment with the Zoning Ordinance rewrite (e.g., dwelling density and current county prohibition on shared OWTS between dwellings—review and coordination needed).

### **New Business**

#### **A. Vaping & Smokefree Air Act – Discussion**

- Background from prior meeting: interest in extending county tobacco-free protections to include vaping (e-cigarettes).
- Supervisors' concerns (as relayed):
  - Enforcement feasibility, particularly at venues like the county fairgrounds and across county properties; law-enforcement resourcing; practicality of citations.
  - The State of Iowa has not incorporated vaping into the Smokefree Air Act, making a county-only ordinance complex to implement and defend.
- Board Discussion/Consensus:
  - Recognized health benefits of limiting vaping but acknowledged enforcement barriers and policy capacity constraints.
  - General agreement that state-level action (adding vaping to the state definition) would be the most efficient approach; local advocacy with legislators encouraged.
  - No action taken at this time; the Board may revisit if conditions change or state guidance is issued.

### **Board Member Comments**

None.

### **Public/Citizen Comments**

None.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

- Motion: To adjourn.  
Motion by: Becker • Second by: Flagel  
Vote: Ayes—All. Nays—None. Motion carried.  
Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.