

Meeting Minutes



Board of Health Advisory Committee January 17, 2025

Members Present: Rick Kozin, Anne Bacon, Jennifer Olson

Member Absent: Reylon Meeks

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	Board minutes from November and December approved.
<u>Director Update</u> <i>By Helen Eddy</i>	Last Board of Health meeting. Thanked everyone for the past 7 years.
<u>Deputy Director Update</u> <i>By Mandy Penning</i>	Nothing to add.
<u>Healthcare Coalition</u> <i>By Franny Medeiros, Laura Kacer</i>	- Des Moines Healthcare Coalition (DSMHCC) – One year of progress - Early efforts: research, networking, exploring other HCCs, understanding vision - Update on strategic plan and accomplishments - Plan priorities - Epidemiological Surveillance and Investigation - Mass Casualty Incident - Medical Surge - Disaster Mental Health
<u>Program Updates Disease Prevention</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	- High Path Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) H5N1 - Wide spread worldwide in wild birds, causing outbreaks in poultry and in U.S. dairy cows - Contracted by mammals as well. - Human cases in the U.S. – traced to people who work in the poultry and dairy industry. - Low rise to the public - Pertussis - Cases are slowing - Increase in respiratory illness - COVID – low, Flu – moderate - In Iowa, seeing convergence of Influenza (A), COVID, RSV and Norovirus circulating together - School illness is just going over 10% - Green Card clinic improvements continue to be made - None
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	
<u>Public Comments</u>	Stella Seney, Community Youth Concepts - Reminder concerning MLK Day event at King Elementary



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Adjournment

9:30 a.m.

Next Meeting February 21 at 8:30am

Others present:

Helen Eddy, PCHD

Juliann Van Liew, PCHD

Mandy Penning, PCHD

Heather Flaherty, PCHD

Andrea Petrovich, Asst. Polk County Attorney

Franny Medeiros, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Laura Kacer, Resiliency Coordinator, Polk County EMA

Stella Seney, Community Youth Concepts