

**Chickasaw County Board of Health**  
**November 14, 2025**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building on Friday, November 14, 2025. Toni Friedrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The members were Joan Knoll, Cindy Shoemaker by phone, and Toni Friedrich.

Members absent: Jeremy McGrath, Dr. Brinkman.

The guests were Lisa Welter, RN, Administrator; Ann Knutson, RN, Assistant Administrator; Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary; and Derek Lechtenberg, Environmental Health Specialist.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve the agenda. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: McGrath, Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve the October 10, 2025 meeting minutes: Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: McGrath, Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve the October 29, 2025 meeting minutes: Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: McGrath, Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

**Environmental Health**

Environmental Health Update

The agency's activities for October 2025 were presented. Derek completed 6 septic site evaluations, 10 septic site final inspections, 1 binding agreement, 4 time-of-transfer inspections, 1 well site evaluation, 1 well site permit, and 28 water tests, as well as 1 Tattoo inspection. Derek reported 2 dumping incidents. Derek signed a minor subdivision at the assessor's office on October 29, 2025.

**Home Health**

Home Health Update

The monthly home health update was presented. Census 56, Medicare 11, Medicare HMO 7, Medicaid 16, VA 11, Other 11, Referrals 18, Admissions 14, Failed Admits 4, Discharges 10, Unbillable 4, Nurse visits 150, Aide visits 249, Homemaker visits 80, and 171 Therapy visits.

Staff Evaluations

Lisa conducted one staff evaluation. It was favorable.

Home Health Service rates

Members discussed home Health rates. A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker, to leave the rates the same. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: McGrath, Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

**Business Operations**

Monthly Claims

The claims for Public Health were \$23,965.65. The mileage claims were \$2,712.50. The total Public Health claims were \$26,678.15. Environmental Health claims were \$2,005.32 for a grand total of

\$28,683.47. A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: McGrath, Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

#### Payroll Approval

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve payroll ending October 12, 2025, October 26, 2025 and November 9, 2025. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: McGrath, Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

#### Annual Report

Joan said Lisa did an excellent job on the annual report.

#### Agency Update

Radon test kits are now available at our office for \$20 each. Lisa stated she has been very busy educating people about Stop the Bleed and providing kits to teachers and bus drivers in Fredericksburg and New Hampton. She will train the roads department next week. Lisa, Joel from EMS, and Jake Hackman from BOS took part in Operation Green Light in Chickasaw County. This county was one of six in Iowa to participate and was featured on KWWL news. Public Health and EMS are collaborating on a food drive to support local pantries. Chickasaw County Public Health received recognition from the state for its strategic planning.

#### **Public Health**

##### Communicable Disease Update

There were 3 new Campylobacter cases and 1 cryptosporidiosis case in the county in October.

##### Animal Bites

Lisa reported 2 dog bites in October.

##### Grant Update

Anita provided the spreadsheets detailing the amount of grants billed for October.

The next Board of Health meeting is December 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Shoemaker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m. Ayes: Knoll, Shoemaker, and Friedrich. Absent: McGrath, Dr. Brinkman. Motion carried.

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Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary

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Attested by Lisa Welter, RN,  
Chickasaw County Public Health Agency Administrator