

Chickasaw County Board of Health
February 13, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building on Friday, February 13, 2026. Toni Friedrich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The members were Joan Knoll, Karen Sinnwell, Jeremy McGrath, Dr. Brinkman, and Toni Friedrich

The guests were Lisa Welter, RN, Administrator; Ann Knutson, RN, Assistant Administrator; Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary; Derek Lechtenberg, Env. Health Specialist, and Dave Laudner, County Attorney

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to approve the agenda with the removal of Jhenna Barnes from Pathways. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Dr. Brinkman, to approve the January 9, 2026, Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Terry Johnson arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Dave Laudner, County Attorney, informed the board that he was to attend a Board of Health meeting. to have the members vote on FLSA-exempt employees. A motion by Dr. Brinkman, seconded by McGrath, to approve Ann Knutson and Lisa Welter as FLSA-exempt employees. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried. Dave left at 9:21 a.m.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Update

The agency's activities for January were presented. Derek completed 2 binding agreements, 1 shock chlorination, and 11 water tests. Derek signed off on 2 subdivisions, attended the IOWWA 2-day conference in Cedar Rapids and an aquatic workshop in Cedar Falls, and provided a radon workshop in Lawler.

Home Health

Home Health Update

The monthly home health update was presented. Census 65, Medicare 15, Medicare HMO 4, Medicaid 19, VA 12, Other 12, Referrals 26, Admissions 14, Failed Admits 12, Discharges 8, Unbillable 10, Nurse visits 149, Aide visits 226, Homemaker visits 172, and 100 Therapy visits.

Approve a part-time RN

Lisa informed the board that she would like to rehire Julia Shekleton as the part-time nurse. A motion by Dr. Brinkman, seconded by Knoll, to approve Julia Shekleton as a part-time nurse to start on March 9, 2026, at \$29.60 per hour. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Qtr. Chart Audits

Lisa reported quarterly chart audit was completed, and there were no issues. Fox Therapy also completed the therapy audits with no issues.

Business Operations

Monthly Claims

The claims for Public Health were \$17,789.22. The mileage claims were \$2,454.14. The total Public Health claims were \$14,516.64. Environmental Health claims were \$1,732.92 for a grand total of \$21,976.28. A motion by McGrath, seconded by Knoll, to approve the claims as presented. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Payroll Approval

A motion by Knoll, seconded by Dr. Brinkman, to approve payroll ending January 18, 2026, and February 1, 2026. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning

Lisa informed the board that the state received money from the government to use for public health to improve the agencies. Lisa will put the strategic plan for our agency on the county website and Facebook. A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to approve the strategic plan for CCPH. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Public Health

Communicable Disease Update

Lisa is following 1 latent TB.

Animal Bites

Lisa reported 1 dog bite in January. The Alabama Public Health Department called due to the dog belonging to a Chickasaw County resident. Lisa tried to contact the dog owner but they never returned her phone call.

Grant Update

Anita provided the spreadsheets included in the Board of Health packet. Lisa informed the board that she is partnering with the Iowa State Extension Office, the hospital, and Marion County. She is also doing health fairs at the library and in Fredericksburg.

The next Board of Health meeting is March 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

A motion by Dr. Brinkman, seconded by McGrath, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary

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