

**Chickasaw County Board of Health**  
**March 13, 2026**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Chickasaw County Board of Health met at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building on Friday, March 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, Jhenna Barnes, Pathways.

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

A motion by Knoll, seconded by McGrath, to approve the February 13, 2026, Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Public comment: none

**Environmental Health**

Environmental Health Update

The agency's February activities were presented. Derek completed three binding agreements, one time of transfer, and performed twenty water tests. Derek approved one subdivision. He also attended an online septic design webinar and a well webinar. Derek sent out 29 noncompliant maintenance agreement letters; he has received 10 responses.

Private Well Grant Amendment 2

Lisa informed the board that she requested an additional \$10,000 from the private well grant, which was approved. A motion by Dr. Brinkman, seconded by Knoll, to acknowledge her signature on the additional \$10,000 for the Private Well Grant Amendment #2 contract amendment. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

Jhenna Barnes, Pathways

Jhenna presented a PowerPoint on changes to the state behavioral health system alignment. This system started on July 1 2025. To ensure that all Iowans have access to behavioral health services, the Iowa Primary Care Association serves as a statewide administration service organization for the state's redesigned Behavioral Health System.

**Home Health**

Home Health Update

The monthly home health update was shared. Census: 64; Medicare: 16; Medicare HMO: 3; Medicaid: 19; VA: 13; Other: 13; Referrals: 21; Admissions: 12; Failed admissions: 9; Discharges: 9; Unbillable: 4; Nurse visits: 144; Aide visits: 245; Homemaker visits: 169; and 101 therapy visits.

**Business Operations**

Monthly Claims

The Public Health claims totaled \$15,654.94. Mileage claims were \$2,283.06. The total for Public Health claims was \$17,938.00. Environmental Health claims amounted to \$1,363.58, bringing the

grand total to \$19,301.58. 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 Dr. Brinkman, seconded by Knoll, to approve payroll for the periods ending February 15, 2026, and March 1, 2026. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

#### 24-hour Nurse On-call Policy

A motion by Dr. Brinkman, seconded by Knoll, to approve the 24-hour Nurse on-call Policy. Ayes: Knoll, Dr. Brinkman, Sinnwell, McGrath, and Friedrich. Motion carried.

### **Public Health**

#### Communicable Disease Update

None

#### Animal Bites

Lisa reported two dog bites in February.

#### Grant Update

Anita provided spreadsheets included in the Board of Health packet. Lisa shared that she will subcontract with Marion County on a combat cancer grant.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

A motion by Dr. Brinkman, seconded by McGrath, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

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Anita Eschweiler, BOH Secretary

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Attested by Lisa Welter, RN,  
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