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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 10, 2026**

BOH Members Present: Greg Barnett, Joyce Dickes, Dr. Lindstrom, Chris Showalter
Absent: Deb Gayer
Others Present: Jennifer Becker, Kari Coates, Misty Kofron, Jennifer Nichols, Tiffany Stanbrough
Visitors: Wendy Noel and Lorelei Cash from North Iowa Community Action Organization (NICA0)

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the EMA Meeting Room by Greg Barnett. No public comment was heard.

The staff from North Iowa Community Action Organization gave reports on programs that they provide for Butler County residents.

Joyce Dickes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and this was seconded by Chris Showalter. Motion carried.

Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes, and this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried.

Chris Showalter made a motion to approve Appoint/Elect chair, vice and secretary to stay the same, this was seconded by Joyce Dickes. Motion carried.

The updated Financial Report was distributed. Chris Showalter made a motion to approve the following claims: 12/30/25, 1/2/26, 1/13/26, 1/20/26, 2/3/26 and 2/10/26 this was seconded by Joyce Dickes.

Misty Kofron gave the Environmental Health Report. See attached notes.

Jennifer Becker gave the EMS update. EMS Day on January 24, 2026, was successful. There were 70 people in attendance, speakers were great and plan to have another one before end of June.

Jennifer Becker gave the Program Updates as follows:

1. 325 nursing visits, 406 home care aide visits, 17 physical therapy visits, 9 occupational therapy visits, and 1 speech therapy visit since our last meeting. Referrals have picked up over the past month. VA continues to decrease the number of visits we can make whether that be nursing or home care aide visits. Recently we had to unfortunately discharge from home care aide because the VA said the patient didn't need enough assistance and personal cares.
2. Grants have not been released yet for fiscal year 26-27.
3. 125 of 200 spots for the CFY program have been filled for this fiscal year. Haven't received word on funding yet for fiscal year 26-27.
4. Tobacco Prevention grant dollars purchased mini first aid kits and have been distributing them to Butler Co. EMS crews. Nancy and I are meeting with the behavioral health people this Thursday for their onsite visit.

5. Jail services: The prisoner we have been seeing, we have been able to decrease his visits to 3 times a week instead of everyday due to his wound be almost healed.
6. MEI: We have had 32 deaths that were investigated last calendar year, this calendar year we have already had 4 for this year so far.

Budget update: The Board of Supervisors asked us to put wage increase to 3.14% instead of the 5% that was previously proposed.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Chris Showalter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Joyce Dickes seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Tiffany Stanbrough, for



Joyce Dickes