

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
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DATE OF MEETING: September 17, 2026

TIME OF MEETING: 5:15 pm

Board Members present: Duane Hendrickson, Eva Powers, April Ely, and Dr. Mark Andrew

Board Members absent: Dr. Nikki Ehn

Staff Present: Pam Harklau, Brad Berg, Lori Price, and Deb Nessa

Guests Present: None

ITEM 1. **Call to Order at:** 5:16 pm

ITEM 2. **Discussion/Action:** Pam made a request to amend the agenda by adding items 13a (Personnel) and 13b (Building Families Board Opening) to the agenda. Eva made a motion to approve the amended Agenda.
1st Powers
2nd Andrew
All ayes, motion carried.

ITEM 3. **Discussion/Action:** Approve Minutes from July 16, 2026
1st Andrew
2nd Powers
All ayes, motion carried.

ITEM 4. **Open Forum:** None

ITEM 5. **Discussion:** Board Reports
a. Administrator's Report – Pam reviewed her report covering July and August and noted that the caseload is staying steady.
b. HOPES/EHS Report – Lori reviewed her Quarterly Report. 34 Admissions
c. Environmental Health – Brad reviewed his monthly reports for July and August.
Discussion only, no action.

- ITEM 6.** **Discussion/Action** – 28E Agreement with DNR – Brad reported on the new 28E Agreement and updated Well Policy.
1st Powers
2nd Ely
All ayes, motion carried.
- ITEM 7.** **Discussion:** Issues regarding septic systems. Brad reported on ongoing septic issues on two properties in Stratford. Pam noted that she and Brad have been working on process improvements. Brad will follow up with the BOH on outcomes.
Discussion only, no action.
- ITEM 8.** **Discussion** – Maternal Health Report for Hamilton County. Pam reviewed the Maternal Health Report for the seven-county service area regarding number of women served, services offered, statistics and trends.
Discussion only, no action.
- ITEM 9.** **Discussion** – Measles Outbreak/MMR Initiative. Pam reported on the measles outbreak in Iowa in August which was mainly in Amish communities among unvaccinated individuals. It is recommended that everyone has two MMR vaccines and they are being offered free of charge through Public Health.
Discussion only, no action.
- ITEMS 10 & 11.** **Discussion/Action:** Healthy Hometowns – Combat Cancer: Prevention & Screening Program Contract Amendment – Pam reviewed the proposed contract amendment which increased the contract amount to \$5,085.25 and offers incentives for uninsured individuals for navigation through lung cancer screening treatment assistance with other health partners and provided five dermatoscopes for distribution to local clinics. Pam also discussed the radon kits that we have for distribution to households in Hamilton County at no charge.
1st Powers
2nd Andrew
All ayes, motion carried.
- ITEM 12.** **Discussion: Public Health Alignment.** Pam reported on the status of the Public Health Alignment and which entities were vying for lead entity.
- ITEM 13.** **Discussion/Action:** Letter of Support of Polk County as lead entity. Pam presented a letter of support of Polk County as lead entity for the public alignment and reviewed her reasons for choosing Polk County.
1st Andrew
2nd Powers
All ayes, motion carried.

- ITEM 13a.** **Discussion/Action:** Personnel. Pam reported that Micah Meyer, whose employment status is PRN is now being terminated as she is employed elsewhere, and we had not utilized her as PRN in three months.
1st Powers
2nd Ely
All ayes, motion carried.
- ITEM 13b.** **Discussion** – Building Families Board. Pam reported that there is currently an opening on the Building Families Board with April Ely’s resignation and that it is normally filled by a Board of Supervisors member, but none are available at this time. Pam posed the question to the Board of Health asking if anyone would be interested.
Discussion only, no action.
- ITEM 14.** **Set Date for the Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for October 15, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.
- ITEM 15.** **Adjournment:** Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ely. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Nessa
Administrative Assistant