

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2025 AT 12:00 pm

Classroom 1/Virtual

Present: Jo Pankonin, Dr. Mary Murphy-Virtual, Andrea Polkingham, Annie Mello

Absent: Kari Benz, Mick Gibbs, Karen Tvedt,

Staff Present: Joe Kippley, Amy Richardson, Lisa Stensland, Dominic Miller, Jaimie Roggenbauer

Call to order: Andrea Polkingham called the meeting to order with a vocal roll call at 12:02 pm. _A _ Mick _V_
Mary __A_ Karen _A_ Kari _P_ Jo _P_ Andrea __P_ Annie

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 10, 2025, supported by Jo, seconded by Mary. Roll call: __
Mick _Y_ Mary ____ Karen ____ Kari _Y_ Jo _Y_ Andrea __Y_ Annie Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mosquito Control Update:

There have been less treatments of mosquitoes this year from April 1st to June 30th of this year vs last year at the same time. The team has done 18 sprays this year vs 41 and 3 incomplete due to weather last year. In 2024 there were zero positive pools for West Nile Virus vs 2 found this year. We could see how rainfall affected the number of mosquito complaints we received in 2024 prior to the flooding at the end of June. There were 20 complaints logged. July 1-9 (post flood) there were 440 complaints logged. Rainfall creates standing water, which provides ideal breeding sites for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.

There are 20 spray zones within the city, and each is surveyed routinely and monitored for vector and non-vector species and triggers spraying when counts exceed thresholds or if pools are positive for West Nile Virus(WNV). This targeted, data-driven approach focuses resources where public health risk is highest. During the day two-person teams typically complete up to 30 larvicide treatments per shift, weather and access permitting. Mosquito larvae eat the larvicide and stop development into adult mosquitoes.

Measles:

The US has recorded 1,288 confirmed cases of measles so far this year. Of those cases 162 were hospitalized and there have been 3 deaths. South Dakota has 4 confirmed cases, 1 hospitalization, 100% were unvaccinated.

Meade and Pennington counties each had 2 cases.

Total nationwide cases have surpassed 2019 outbreak, making this the worst Measles outbreak since 1990 and elimination was declared in 2000. Co-branded measles information has now been distributed in English and Spanish to multiple agencies in town.

Big Squeeze:

The Big Squeeze was done April – June this year, with most screenings done on those 65 +. A large portion of participants have known hypertension but are not adhering to prescribed treatments. Younger and working-aged adults are underrepresented and less likely to have regular BP checks. Documented barriers include forgetfulness, transportation and cost.

BPs were conducted at 14 different locations, including a retirement community, 2 clinics, 2 libraries, 3 churches, 2 public areas and 1 community center. 112 Females, 67 Males, 7 unknowns were tested, most of them being white.

The most successful areas were Active Generations with 30 screenings, and the SIGH clinic with 26, these two areas have demographics already interested and possibly knowledgeable about their health. We may need to consider attending events that the community is at large volumes to target people who aren't health focused to inform and educate.

Project NICE/KEEP:

This year was the 35th anniversary of the Project NICE/ KEEP clean up. This is a multi-department project that work begins in January and finishes in June. This year the city hauled away 785.25 tons of rubble, 1097 tires, 730 mattresses and 5.06 tons of scrap metal. The landfill also provided roll off dumpsters to the mobile home parks in the area to help them out as well.

Public Input:

None at this time

There being no further business or further discussion, the motion to adjourn was supported by Jo and seconded by Annie. Roll call: __ Mick _Y_ Mary ____ Karen ____ Kari _Y_ Jo _Y_ Andrea __Y_, Annie, Motion carried.
12:38

