

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2026 AT 12:00 pm

Classroom 1

Present: Jo Pankonin, Dr. Mary Murphy-Virtual, Andrea Polkingham, Annie Mello, Mick Gibbs, Amanda Willard-Virtual

Absent: Karen Tvedt,

Staff Present: Joe Kippley, Jaimie Roggenbauer, Lisa Stensland

Call to order: Andrea Polkingham called the meeting to order with a vocal roll call at 12:13 pm. _P_ Mick _P_ Mary __A_ Karen _P__ Amanda _P_ Jo _P_ Andrea __P_ Annie

A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 9, 2025, supported by Jo, seconded by Mick. Roll call: _Y_ Mick _Y_ Mary __A_ Karen _Y__ Amanda _Y_ Jo _Y_ Andrea __Y_ Annie
Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

Emergency Preparedness:

The area that is focused on is the Sioux Falls MSA and includes Minnehaha, Turner, Lincoln and McCook Counties. Partnering agencies help in planning exercises and with costs for those exercises. Partners include both hospitals and the VA, the National Guard, Non-governmental Agencies and different departments across the city.

The agencies work on Incident command readiness, Interagency coordination, communication protocols and resource availability and time a city or statewide emergency is activated. The last activation was for a widespread power outage west river that impacted 20,000 residents from 90+mph winds. The city has 25 divisions that have continuity of operations plans (COOP). These COOPs were updated in December 2025 and contain strategies to maintain essential functions during disasters or disruptions to ensure critical services continue by detailing how to respond, recover and sustain operations for up to 30 days before returning to normal. The plans cover everything from emergency procedures and alternate worksites (like telework) to protecting assets and recovering vital records, ensuring minimal downtime and service interruption for all-hazard threats.

Infectious Disease:

Key pathogens being monitored include Respiratory illnesses including Influenza A, H5, COVID, and RSV. Vector borne/ seasonal threats include West Nile Virus. Emerging or reportable diseases include measles and monkeypox.

Through our wastewater surveillance program, we could detect influenza, but we did not have any data from the hospitals if there was a correlation. We had some data regarding COVID and cases presenting at Avera in December. There will be more data to come in the next few weeks.

Based on the State data for measles, there have been 16 cases in the state with all but 8 west river. In 2025 a total of 2144 cases were reported nationally, of those cases 93% were unvaccinated, 3% with one dose, 4% two doses. 240 cases required hospitalization. 2026 has had 3 cases reported.

West Nile cases across the state totaled 88 with 36 neuroinvasive and 4 deaths. In the Sioux Falls MSA there were 18 cases (9 neuroinvasive) and one death.

These illnesses impact the community in schools/childcare with absenteeism, classroom level outbreaks, Long-term care facilities with patient outcomes and EMS and hospital strains. Staffing shortages have a ripple effect and may affect workforce or essential services.

Public Input:

None at this time

There being no further business or further discussion, the motion to adjourn was supported by Mary and seconded by Mick. Roll call: Mick Mary A_ Karen Amanda Jo Andrea Annie
Motion carried.

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